

Selective Service System

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# Agency Recognizes Lt. Col. Hinrichsen's 13 Years of Service

Lt. Col. Thomas H. Hinrichsen, manager of the Selective Service training division, retired after nearly 13 years of service to the Agency and an equally distinguished career of 23 years with the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserve.

Lt. Col. Hinrichsen came to the Selective Service in October, 1991. He was responsible for the development, monitoring, and evaluation of instructional methods and course materials used to train state directors, Reserve Force Officers, retired noncommissioned officers, and uncompensated personnel.

During his ten previous years on active duty, Lt. Col. Hinrichsen was stationed in Turkey, England, and the states of Washington and California. While on both active duty and reserve status, he was an operations officer for a services squadron, and was involved in all aspects of mobility and readiness training.



Acting Director Jack Martin, left, congratulates Lt. Col. Thomas Hinrichsen on the occasion of his retirement after 13 years with the Selective Service System. Behind them is Lt. Col. Hinrichsen's Distinguished Service Award.

Lt. Col. Hinrichsen holds the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal (w/oak leaf cluster), Air Force Achievement Medal, the Selective Service Distinguished, and Meritorious Service Medals.

Before joining Selective Service, Lt. Col. Hinrichsen worked for the General Electric Company in their Procurement Division in

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Schenectady, NY. As a prime contractor for the Navy, he was involved with procurement activities associated with the Seawolf Submarine Program.

Lt. Col. Hinrichsen earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Business Administration from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he participated on the varsity wrestling team for four years. He also earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration at

Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, and is a graduate of the Air Force Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College. He is also a graduate of the Air War College.

Lt. Col. Hinrichsen was born in Fayetteville, NC, and was raised in Clinton, IA. He, his wife Nancy, and two daughters, Kayla and Olivia Rose, reside in Fairfax, VA.

## **RFOs Deployed**

Reserve Force Officers (RFOs) assigned to assist the Selective Service System all know that they are subject to military necessity.

The Military Selective Service Act authorizes the use of National Guard members as well as reservists from the military services. These **RFOs** conduct readiness training. serve as contacts with state and local governments, and help distribute information about the SSS to local schools and the news media. If the draft were ever required, the RFOs would open area offices nationwide.

But they also understand that military life could place you in Montgomery, Alabama, one day, and Qatar the next day. Or in Iraq, Afghanistan, or Bosnia.

Among the nearly 30 SSS Reserve Force Officers (RFOs) deployed overseas are these four Army Reserve officers who proudly display the Agency logo. Pictured are, from left, Major Howard Dunn and Captain Adam Chase of Pennsylvania, Major Joan Salinas of California, and Major Mark Cecere of Florida.

Thirty RFOs like Capt. Tina Lewis from Selective Service are all either overseas or assigned to the Pentagon in support of such overseas deployments. That means putting aside their SSS readiness duties temporarily and deploying to wherever a U.S. commitment abroad

requires their skills and talents. With that many RFOs deployed, their paths are bound to cross. That's what happened recently in Iraq to four other Army officers,

Captain Adam Chase and Majors Howard Dunn, Joan Salinas, and Mark Cecere.

from Major Dunn. Pennsylvania Detachment 1-13 and ten-year veteran with the SSS, is serving in Iraq as a military orders manager with the Multi-National Force. Major Salinas, from California Detachment 3-2, will be serving as liaison with South Korean forces in Iraq. She has been with the Selective Service for five years. Major Cecere, from Florida Detachment 2-6, is the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics with the Multi-National Force in Iraq. He has been with

the SSS for 11 years, including service in Arizona. Captain Chase, from Pennsylvania Detachment 1-15, is serving as C3 Operations Executive Officer with the Multi-National Force in Iraq. He has been an RFO for seven years.

### RFOs Deployed (cont. from pg 2)

Until early this year, Captain Lewis was assigned to Alabama Detachment 2-2 in Montgomery. She is now serving in Qatar as a Joint Mortuary Affairs Officer.

Like many other deployed servicewomen, Captain Lewis also spent Mother's Day away from her children, Zavier, 7, Mae, 5, and 4-year-old Jake.

"You are a mom first and soldier always," says Captain Lewis, who said focusing on her mission helps keep her mind off what she is missing back home. She relies on the telephone and Internet to stay in touch with her children. Her natural concern for her children, Captain Lewis says, is balanced somewhat by a concern for the troops deployed with her.

At some point, Captain Lewis and other RFOs received orders from the human resources commands of their military branches, worded something like this:

"Pursuant to Presidential Executive Order of 14 Sep 2001, you are relieved from your present reserve component status and are ordered to report for a period of active duty not to exceed 25 days for mobilization processing. Proceed from your present location in sufficient time to report by the date specified. ... If, upon reporting for active duty, you are found to satisfy medical deployment standards, then you are further ordered to active duty for a period not to exceed (see period of active duty below) days, such period to include the period (not to exceed 25 days) required for mobilization processing."

The Army is structured under a "Total Force" policy, which makes the Army National Guard and Army Reserve equally integral parts of the Army with the active component. In order to accomplish its various missions, the Army must often draw upon all of its resources. Many of those resources are in National Guard and Reserve units.



### **Cam Burke Retires**

Camilla G. Burke retired earlier this year after 22 years with the Selective Service System, and 29 years of Federal service.

"Cam," as everyone here called her, joined the SSS on April 12, 1981, after having served in several other Federal Agencies, such as the Council on International Economic Policy, Council on Economic Advisors, Office of Management and Budget, Department of Treasury, and Department of Defense.

Her duties at SSS included the development and implementation of registration programs nationwide.

#### **Student Video**

A short student-produced video on registration with the Selective Service took first place in an area high school competition, reports Local Board Member David Dicken from North Carolina.

Mr. Dicken said that Ms. Geraldine Doyle, registrar at Cary High School in Cary, North Carolina, used "A Teacher's Guide to the Selective Service System" to suggest students choose registration as the theme for their student video project. The video was produced and then shown on the school's daily TV news. The video was then entered in a county high school video contest, and took first place in the "Responsibility" category.

"I am very proud to be a part of this winning team at CHS," Ms. Doyle said. "Helping to get the word out to our students regarding their responsibility towards Selective Service really made me feel like I was doing what I could for my country."



Left to Right, Lt. Col. Gary Wilder, Detachment Commander 2NC; Dr. Dave Coley, Principal; Mr. David Dicken, Local Board Member; Mr. Kalled Shanab, Senior (Talent); Mr. Anthony Nixon, Senior (Camera), reported to the Army June 2004; Mrs. Darcus Whitley, Video Teacher; Mrs. Geraldine Doyle, Registrar (Student Services Coordinator); and Mr. Matt Lamons, Senior (Talent) and not pictured is Jon Enteen, Senior (graduated in December 2003).

Those involved in the project received Region II SSS Certificates of Appreciation.

#### Lottery

Just before retiring, Mary B. Lawson, foreground at bottom left, turned over direction of the periodic Selective Service lottery drills to Sharon Toon, background, second from right. Also participating in the drill were Judy Dellinger, Darren Lloyd (seated) and Master Sgt. Jacqueline Yearby-Wade, left photo, who opens one of the practice capsules.





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