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Success of Internet Registration Evident on First Anniversary

December 2, 1999, marked the first anniversary of the Selective Service System's popular Internet registration program. Its start-up received worldwide press coverage last year. More than 250,000 men have registered with Selective Service using the Internet since the program's inauguration one year ago.

Federal law requires men turning 18 who reside in the United States, citizens and non-citizens alike, to register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. About two million men are required to register every year. Male U.S. citizens reaching age 18 must register regardless of where they live, so Internet registration is especially convenient for American men who reside overseas.

"When the Selective Service System began the on-line registration program, it was an immediate success," says the Honorable Gil Coronado, Director of Selective Service. "It is gratifying to see the number of young men who are responding by logging on and registering via computers at schools, libraries, and homes, and especially those men living overseas. In fact, no other service we've provided has had more immediate impact than on-line registration. Its popularity surpasses our most optimistic expectations."

To register on-line, a man with a valid Social Security Number must connect to the Selective Service Web Site at <http://www.sss.gov>. After keying in his registration information, he clicks on the "Submit" button and instantly receives his Selective Service number. Additionally, he receives a formal acknowledgment postcard in the mail within two weeks. Men can also register by returning a mail-back registration form received in the mail, by registering at any U.S. post office, or by checking a box on government forms such as the student financial aid application. Even so, Coronado points out that the fastest and easiest way to register is through the Internet.



Director Gil Coronado throws a symbolic switch during last year's inauguration of on-line registration at George Mason High School, Falls Church, Virginia

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Director Tours General Cinema Theatre



During a recent visit to Region I and the Data Management Center, Director Gil Coronado received a tour of a General Cinema theatre. General Cinema shows slides containing Selective Service public service announcements (PSAs) before movies at 320 theaters in low compliance areas. This means Agency PSAs are shown approximately 34,000 times a week for four weeks. General Cinema is one of the largest motion picture exhibitors in the U.S., with nearly 1,100 screens in 23 states and hosting more than 53 million movie patrons annually.

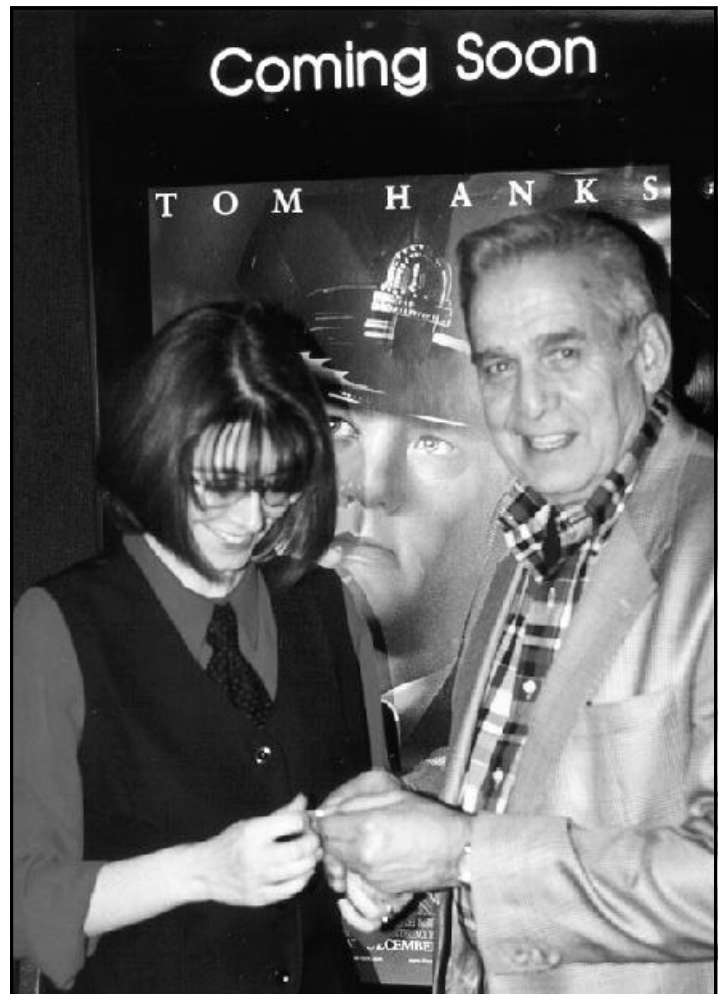
Director Coronado was greeted by Human Resources Manager, Kristen Seacreast, who proceeded to explain the facets of a motion picture theater. The tour included ticket sales, concessions, image and sound projection, and security. Director Coronado appreciated the attention he was given during the tour. "The hospitality provided by the General Cinema staff was four-star caliber," he said. "I was tremendously impressed with their operations, and I am even more comfortable than ever doing business with them. And the popcorn was great."



Director Coronado observes operations of motion picture film projection equipment.



Kristen Seacreast (far left) explains operations of a motion picture theatre to Director Coronado (center), Helen Coronado (left) and Lt. Col Glen Ford's wife, Susan.



Director Coronado presents Kristen Seacreast a Selective Service commemorative pin.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SUPPORT SELECTIVE SERVICE:

On October 29, 1999, Col. Gusto Gonzalez, Director of Operations and Capt. Alan Stout, Executive Officer in Region II, met with several executives of the Boy Scouts of America organization to discuss the importance of informing young men of the registration requirement and the possible collaboration of the two organizations on various projects.

Some of the projects discussed during these meetings included the Agency's participation in the Boy Scout Jamboree scheduled for the summer, 2001. Don Wilson, Director, Jamboree Division, said the Jamboree could support on-line registration and that he would like to schedule Director Coronado to address the scouts during one of the three general assemblies in which 40,000 scouts will be in attendance. The President of the United States is scheduled to speak during the first assembly.

In another meeting, John Dalrymple, Director of Advancement, gave his approval to the Citizenship in the Nation merit badge initiative. This initiative has been approved by the National Advancement Board and would require scouts to communicate what the registration requirement is and why it is important. Approximately 55,000 Boy Scouts earn the Citizenship in the Nation merit badge each year. Mr. Dalrymple believes the new requirement should be in print by 2001.

The final initiative discussed with J.D. Owen, Boys Life Magazine Editor in Chief, involved the possible publication of various articles about Selective Service registration in Boys Life Magazine, read by 1.3 million scouts per month.

Gonzalez presented Dave Ross, Assistant Chief Scout Executive, with a plaque in recognition of the support and cooperation given to the Agency by the Boy Scouts.



Colonel Gonzalez (left) and Dave Ross



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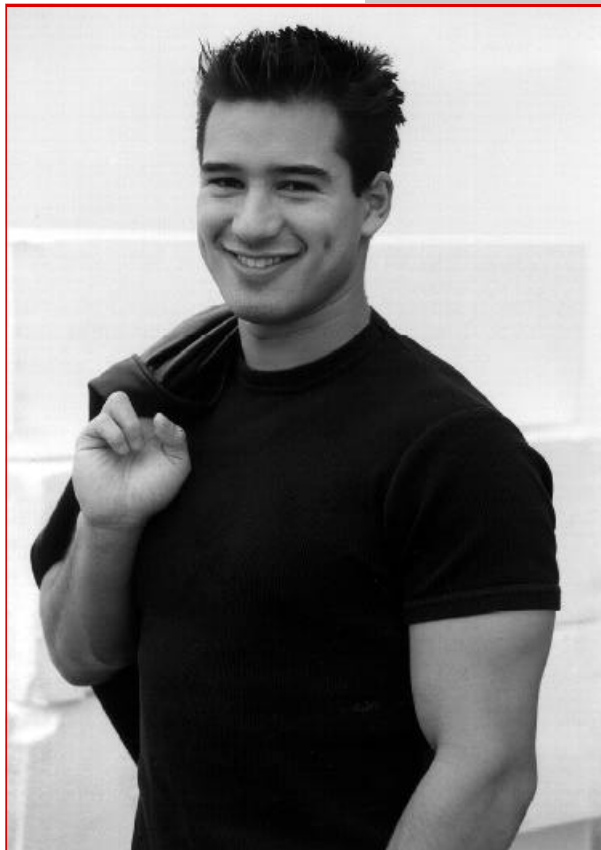


ON THE WEB...

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www.sss.gov

HIGH SCHOOL VIDEO NEARS COMPLETION



Mario Lopez

The camera rolled, the director yelled, "Action!" and the handsome young star appeared in a doorway to deliver the pitch for Selective Service registration. The location was pure Hollywood...the Warner Brothers Studio historic Hollywood lot near downtown Los Angeles.

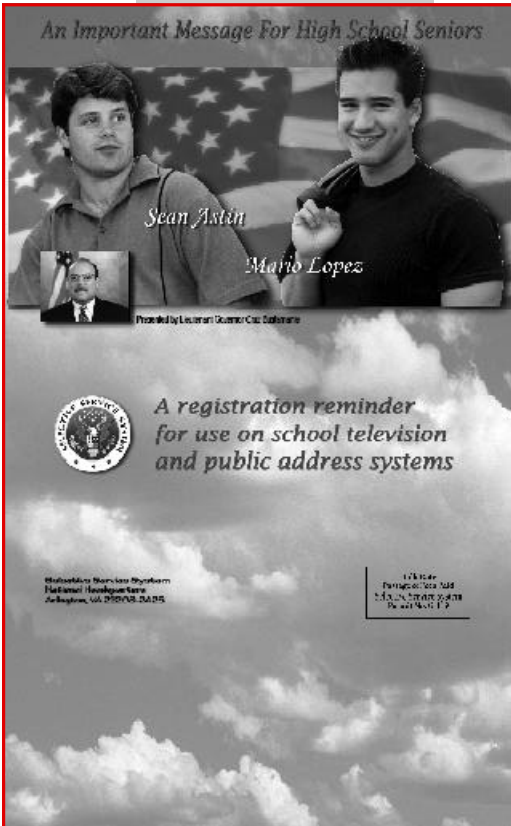
All this happened in December as the Selective Service System neared completion of a videotape that will eventually be sent to all high schools in the U.S. and its territories. The message of the tape is simple: register on-time with Selective Service and protect the many benefits connected to registration. The tape tells male high school students approaching age 18 to register using the Internet, at the post office, or by returning a form they may receive in the mail.

Mario Lopez, the actor currently starring as "Bobby Cruz" in the cable television series, "Pacific Blue," volunteered his time to record part of the public service message. Previously, Lopez starred in the TV situation comedy, "Saved by the Bell." Also appearing in the video is Sean Astin, the actor who played the title role in the hit movie, "Rudy," and had featured roles in "Encino Man," "Memphis Belle," and "The Goonies." (See The Register, September/October 1999).



Lopez and production crew watch a playback of what was taped.

Actor Mario Lopez tapes video segment in Hollywood



Office of Public and Congressional Affairs finished design of the mailing package.

In recognition of his volunteer support, Mario Lopez receives a Selective Service award. California State Director, Ron Markarian (left) and Deputy State Director, Ben Sutherland, present Lopez with an Honored Patriot plaque on behalf of Director Coronado.



Lopez tapes a scene.

Four versions of the videotape are being produced. To be released in January 2000 are copies for schools in California, Texas, and Florida, which feature introduction and closing segments taped with the lieutenant governors of those states. Later in the year, the fourth version of the tape, which features Secretary of Education Richard Riley, will be mailed to high schools in all other states.

Along with the videotape, schools will receive an audio cassette with the same message, lifted from the soundtrack of the video, for play on public address systems.



New State Directors for Region I

Selective Service System Director Gil Coronado recently signed presidential proclamations appointing two new state directors. Dennis P. Garcia and Dr. Margaret G. Labat were appointed the new state directors for New York City and the District of Columbia, respectively.



Dennis P. Garcia

Dennis P. Garcia, New York City State Director of Selective Service, was recommended for his presidential appointment by Gov. George E. Pataki. In addition to his Selective Service appointment, Garcia serves as Purchasing Manager for Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. He attended Fordham University and joined the Army in 1966 after receiving his commission

through the ROTC. Garcia was deployed to Vietnam where he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart while serving as Tank Platoon Leader with 1/69 Armor, 4th Infantry Division. He left active duty in July 1970 and retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1991. Garcia is a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Retired Officers Association.

Dr. Margaret G. Labat, Columbia State Director, was appointed by President A. Williams, officially at a ceremony held at Selective Service Headquarters in Arlington, VA. Labat served as State Director of Massachusetts in Arlington, VA. She is a Public Schools administrator, counselor, assistant superintendent, and a volunteer for numerous community activities.



Dr. Margaret G. Labat



IN MEMORIAM

BRIGADIER GENERAL TESNER
On October 11, 1999, Region I lost a valued member of the Selective Service family when Retired Brig. Gen. Arthur P. Tesner died of a heart attack. Tesner served as State Director for Michigan since 1990.

Tesner began his military career in 1950 when he joined the Michigan Air National Guard. He would eventually earn his pilot's wings and commission as a 2nd Lieutenant, as well as numerous awards, including the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal. In 1983, Tesner accepted an appointment as Assistant Adjutant General for the Air National Guard of Michigan with the rank of brigadier general. He served in this capacity until his retirement in May 1999.

In addition to his military career, Tesner was an engineer with the Ford Motor Company from 1948 to 1983.

During almost a decade of service with the Selective Service System, Tesner was honored many times for his strong commitment to the Agency. He was awarded the Selective Service System Meritorious Service Medal in 1993 and the Selective Service System Exceptional Service Medal in 1999.

Tesner will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues. He is survived by his mother, his wife, four children and one grandson.

Selective Service Thanks Governor of Georgia

On November 16, 1999, Director Gil Coronado presented Governor Roy Barnes with the Selective Service System Meritorious Award for his strong support of the Agency while serving as in the Georgia State Legislature and now as governor.



Pictured from left to right: Lt. Col. Bob Izlar, Executive Officer of Detachment 2-7, Col. Keith Scragg, Region II Director, Director Gil Coronado, Georgia Governor Roy Barnes, and Roy Yelton, Georgia State Director.



Gene H. Wing (Left) and Larry Walz

Reunion at Selective Service Initial Board Member Training

Board members Gene H. Wing and Larry Walz were reunited more than 30 years after they met during the Vietnam War. Wing and Walz first met in July of 1969 in Okinawa, Japan. Both men served as Traffic Analysts in the United States Army Security Agency. They lost contact with each other after the war. By coincidence both men became volunteer board members and ran into each other at the Selective Service Initial Board Member Training held last October 1999 in North Dakota. According to Wing, "...it was like finding a long lost brother that you separated from at an early age..."

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Bexar County Comes to Order



Pictured from left to right: Judge Cindi Krier, Commissioners Tommy Adkinson, Lyle Larson, Director Gil Coronado, Commissioners Paul Elizonda and Robert Tejada

On November 9, 1999, the Bexar County Court in San Antonio, Texas, approved an ordinance which requires men age 18-25 to show proof of Selective Service registration to be eligible for employment with Bexar County. Director Gil Coronado was in attendance for the signing and presented each member of the court with a certificate of appreciation.

South Carolina Proclamation



South Carolina Governor, Jim Hodges signs proclamation declaring November 1999 Registration Awareness Month.



Pictured from left: Capt. Will Breazeale, Lt. Col. Earl Hunter, State Director, Earle Morris, Col. Keith Scragg, Region II Director, and Maj. Debbie Lemmon.



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