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Selective Service System Holds News Conference

With U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley at his side, Agency Director Gil Coronado announced the results of its first-ever state-by-state analysis of registration compliance during a news conference held on May 17, 2000, in Washington, D.C. Coronado also announced new partnership efforts with the U.S. Department of Education and key education organizations to bolster on-time registration.

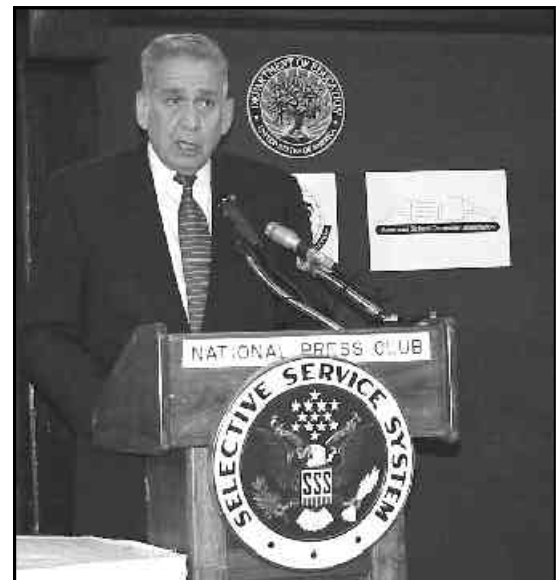
The state-by-state analysis was presented as a report card, listing states by letter grade (A, B, or C) according to the percentage of their resident young men born in 1980 who are registered. The report card theme was used to tie in the partnership between the Selective Service System and education organizations.

Reasons for the news conference were two-fold: to address the problem of declining registration compliance rates and to raise awareness of the registration requirement among young men. According to Director Gil Coronado, "Over the past several years, registration compliance rates have been declining by about 1 percent a year, because many men do not know they are required to register."

Men who do not register are in danger of losing certain benefits that Congress has tied to the registration requirement. "Unless we can reach all young men with our registration reminder message, we risk inadvertently creating a permanent underclass of men who will miss out on these programs and benefits that may be the key to their future," noted Coronado.

Together with the education community, the Selective Service System hopes to reach the more than 5,000 young men in this country turning 18 every day. In announcing his agency's support for the outreach effort, U. S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley commented, "Throughout the history of our nation, our schoolhouses have been more than just places where children learn their 'Three Rs.' They are places where young people learn both their rights and their responsibilities as citizens of a free society."

U.S. Representative Steve Kuykendall, R-Calif., member of the Military Manpower Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee also



Director Gil Coronado

applauded the Agency's efforts to encourage young men to register through partnerships instead of legal means. "...I think they have chosen a far better course, and that is to enter into these partnerships, partnerships with people like the California State University System and the California State College System..."

Media coverage of the news conference was extensive. Reporters from major newspapers attended, including *The New York Times*, *Chicago* (cont. on pg. 6)

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Rep. Duke Cunningham Leads Effort To Save Agency Funding



Cunningham

For the second year in a row, the House of Representatives considered whether the nation needed to retain the ability to conduct a military draft in a future crisis. If not for prompt action by Representative Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., next year's funding for the Selective Service System might have been deleted by legislative action in the House.

Cunningham assembled House members to defeat planned amendments to the FY 2001 VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations Bill (H.R. 4635) aimed at eliminating or slashing funding for Selective Service. In May, as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Cunningham debated and rallied support against a Committee amendment by Reps. David Price, D-N.C., and Joseph Knollenberg, R-Mich., that would have "zeroed out" the Selective Service budget and transferred its funding to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Cunningham was backed in his effort by virtually all of the nation's veterans groups. Armed with letters from the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Military Coalition

and other organizations representing veterans, Cunningham convinced his colleagues that the price tag for enriching VA programs must never be at the cost of terminating a vital national security program like Selective Service. The Appropriations Committee voted 19 to 36 against the Price-Knollenberg Amendment and the bill moved to the floor of the House of Representatives with Selective Service funding intact at \$23 million.

The Selective Service System budget is a small portion of the \$101 billion bill which funds the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, as well as some 30 independent agencies, such as NASA and the Environmental Protection Agency. On June 21, 2000, shortly before the bill reached the House floor for consideration and debate, additional amendments to strip money away from the Selective Service were filed by Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore.

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U.S. Secretary of Education Riley Recognized

Director Gil Coronado presented U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley with the Distinguished Service Medal during a brief ceremony prior to the start of the Agency's news conference on May 17, 2000.

Riley, who is featured in the Selective Service High School video, also committed his agency's future support to the Selective Service System and its outreach efforts to increase registration compliance.

The videotape was sent to all the high schools in the U.S. and its territories in June. The message of the tape is simple: register on-time with Selective Service and protect the many benefits connected to registration.

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.



Education Secretary Richard W. Riley (left) and Director Gil Coronado

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Justo Gonzalez, Jr., Named Director of Operations

Justo Gonzalez, Jr., has been named Director of Operations for the Selective Service System. Gonzalez occupied the position for the past four years during an active duty tour from Ft. Bliss, Texas. He successfully competed for the job when it was converted to a civilian position.



Gonzalez

As Director of Operations at National Headquarters, Gonzalez is responsible for developing the SSS national readiness, registration, and training programs to meet manpower needs of the Armed Forces. He also oversees the Alternative Service Program and maintains operational control over the three Region Headquarters and the Data Management Center.

Gonzalez grew up in San Antonio, Texas. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate from Texas A & M University with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas in El Paso.

Commissioned in the Army in 1970, Gonzalez served on active duty until 1976, and moved to the Army Reserve as a captain. He served in Vietnam and had a tour in Panama from 1988 to 1990, which included "Operation Just Cause." He is a graduate of the Army Management Staff College and the Army War College. His decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star, and a Superior Civilian Service Award.

Gonzalez and his wife, Martha, have two grown children.

William Delaney Named Director of the DMC

William F. Delaney has been named Director of the Data Management Center (DMC). His appointment was effective June 4, 2000.

As Director of the DMC, Delaney is responsible for the management of registrant files and associated databases and computer systems. He oversees the receipt, control, input, processing, and correction of registrations and potential registration violators. Additional responsibilities include, letter processing, management of the Agency's National Call Center and various Internet functions.

Delaney joined the Selective Service in 1982 as a computer specialist and was promptly promoted to manager of the DMC's Computer Support Branch later that same year. He was responsible for all aspects of the computer processing functions for the DMC, while also serving as its Deputy Director.

Delaney's career in government began with the Department of the Navy's Electronic Supply Office where he worked for ten years. After working in the private sector for a brief period with Encyclopedia Britannica, he returned to government service with the U.S. Department of the Army at Fort Sheridan, Ill. He later transferred to the Department of Labor

in Chicago where he worked for six years prior to joining the Selective Service System.

Throughout his career with Selective Service, Delaney has received many performance awards, citations, and commendations. In 1998, he earned the Exceptional Service Award with Silver Medal for his tireless devotion to his job while promoting the same in his staff. In 1999, he received the Meritorious Service Award with Bronze Medal for his efforts in bringing the on-line verification program to fruition before the deadline.

Delaney holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from De Paul University. He and his wife Judy live in Chicago and have two children. In his spare time he enjoys golfing, traveling, and attending various activities held in the Chicago area.



Delaney

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

Region I News

New Hampshire gets 100 percent

Thanks to the efforts of New Hampshire State Director retired Brig. Gen. Robert Dastin and his Reserve Force Officers, New Hampshire now joins Wyoming and the Northern Mariana Islands with 100 percent of their high schools participating in the Selective Service High School Registrar Program.

New Hampshire's proactive registration awareness program is one of the key reasons it leads the nation in registration compliance. Dastin and his officers work tirelessly to promote awareness of the registration requirement among the young men of their state.



Retired Brig. Gen. Robert Dastin (right) was presented with the Selective Service Exceptional Award by Director Coronado during last year's National Conference.

Region II News

Reserve Force Officers meet with Texas Senator's Staff

Maj. Kurt Neufang and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mark Kelsey of Texas Detachment 2-20, recently met with Mary Fae Kamm of Senator Kay Baily-Hutchinson's, R-Texas, office.

Senator Hutchinson has been a strong supporter of the Selective Service System and her staff welcomed the opportunity for a briefing on current SSS activities.



Left to right: Maj. Kurt Neufang, Ms. Mary Fae Kamm and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mark Kelsey.

Board Member Profile: Charles Mazander

Charles Mazander, Chairperson of Area Office 006, Local Board 019 in Benton, Ark., has been an active member of the Board since 1981. He is also very active in the political arena.

Mazander recently co-hosted a fund raising luncheon with Texas Governor George W. Bush in Little Rock. He has also served on the Arkansas Governor's Advisory Council on Highways and Transportation. In June, he was elected to be a delegate at the Republican National Convention being held July 30 – August 4, 2000, in Philadelphia.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Mazander has a bachelor's degree from Henderson State University and a master's from the University of Arkansas. In addition to his Local Board Member activities, Mazander sits on the board of the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and is a 40-year member of the Boy Scouts.



Gov. George W. Bush (left) and Charles Mazander.

Mazander and his wife Mary have four children and four grandchildren.

Region III News

Registrar Profile: Rudy Gonzales

Rudy Gonzales of Colorado Springs, Colo., is a man of many hats. In addition to his duties as a high school guidance counselor, Gonzales is a Selective Service Registrar at Mitchell High School and a Local Board Member with Local Board 013 in Colorado Springs.

When most high school staff members are enjoying the summer break, Gonzales is still on the job. In June he had the privilege of registering, via the Internet, one of Mitchell High School's outstanding students, Marc J. Sandoval.

Gonzales has been in the education field for 28 years and is committed to the youth of this country. He strongly believes they must comply with the law and register when they turn 18. "I contact each student, make him aware of the requirement, and then suggest he get it done right now," he said. "I invite them to register on-line at school so they won't



Rudy Gonzales (standing) and student, Marc J. Sandoval.

lose out on either the opportunity to go to a state college in Colorado or to receive funds for Job Training. I also remind them about the bottom line, it's the law." A newlywed, Gonzales' wife, Nora, is also a strong supporter of the Selective Service System.

Grinton is DMC Employee of the Quarter

The Data Management Center (DMC) recently named Robert Grinton the DMC's Employee of the Quarter for the period ending March 31, 2000. The award was presented to Grinton at a recent staff meeting.

Grinton, a research assistant at the DMC, said he was surprised. "It's nice to receive recognition for any job, especially one I enjoy doing."

"Rob quickly mastered the requirements of the position," says Daisy Santiago, Grinton's supervisor. "He handles customers well, dealing with each in a concise and congenial manner."



Robert Grinton (left) with Lyle Wilkes, Former DMC Director.

During the award period, Grinton answered nearly 7,000 phone calls, processed 2,000 correspondence units, and over 4,000 database transactions. In addition, he maintained a productivity rate over 95 percent. Patricia Miller, Branch Manager, added, "The numbers Rob puts up are impressive, but don't fully illustrate his value to the Agency. He's eager to help, and always volunteers to put in additional hours to keep backlogs manageable. His sense of humor is one of a kind, which provides a boon to the DMC morale."

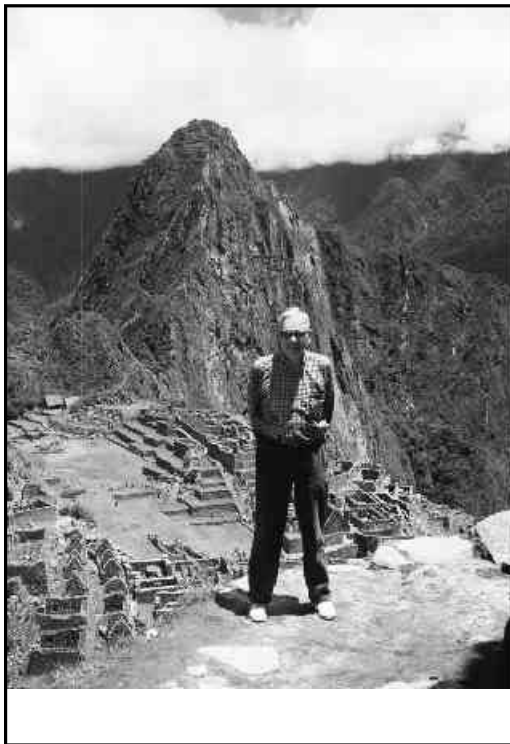
A native of Illinois, Grinton was born and raised in Chicago. He joined the Marines after high school and served for four years, attaining the rank of corporal (E4). After his discharge, he attended Joliet Junior College where he earned an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement. He was also the student vice president for the Association of Criminal Justice. In 1999, Grinton joined the Selective Service System as a contact representative at the DMC.

Grinton plans to have a long career with Selective Service. "My first objective is to get the hang of the new Research Assistant position," he said. He continues, "Eventually, I'd like to get a 'cushy office job' with a window view." Grinton and his wife, Diane, live in Gurnee, Ill., with their dog, Jasper. When not at work, he can usually be found fishing with Jasper on Lake Michigan.

Old Directors Never Die, They Just Climb Mountains

Former Selective Service Director Samuel K. Lessey Jr. (1987-91), who has been Chairman of the Board of the National Stroke Association for the past six years, is also a world traveler and mountain climber.

Last February, Lessey traveled to Bolivia. While there he visited Machu Picchu, "The Lost Providence of the Incas" in Cuzoc, Peru. Lessey traveled 11,000 feet up the Andes Mountains by train and bus for nearly four hours to the Machu Picchu Historical Sanctuary. He then climbed to the highest point of the ruins (pictured below).



According to Lessey, the ruins were discovered by Harvard explorer, Hiram Bingham, in 1911 and are renowned for 170 species of orchids and its wild bird life.

A West Point graduate and avid skier, Lessey maintains an active life style, often straying far from his Hancock, N.H., home.

News Conference *(cont. from pg. 1)*

Sun-Times, and The Washington Times. Coronado also was featured in a live interview on C-SPAN prior to the news conference.

Countless media inquiries were received (and continue to be received) at the Office of Public and Congressional

Affairs at National Headquarters, as well as at the Regions, and at the offices of the State Directors. These inquiries have generated hundreds of newspaper articles. Requests for interviews with Director Coronado continued for more than a month after the news conference.

The media coverage has also sparked inquiries from the general public, including parents concerned that their sons were not registered. Many calls were received from young men who wanted to know when, where, and how to register.

Coronado stated that the ultimate goal of Selective Service is increased registration compliance and that continued outreach efforts are key. "...with the support of these partners, with our plans to increase our outreach into other communities, and with continuing efforts on the state, local, and national levels, we will ensure that all young men are aware of their responsibilities and benefit from all of the opportunities due them."

Cunningham *(cont. from pg. 2)*

However, Cunningham, with the help of Rep. John Murtha, D-Penn., tirelessly rallied bipartisan congressional support for maintaining a strong and viable standby draft system. Many other members stood ready to follow their lead in the anticipated floor debate, including Solomon Ortiz, D-Texas; Steve Buyer, R-Ind.; Floyd Spence, R-S.C.; James Moran, D-Va.; Gene Taylor, D-Miss.; California Republicans Duncan Hunter and Steve Kuykendall; and several other national security-minded members of Congress—all of whom were ready to speak and vote against the amendments. But surprisingly, when the time came, the DeFazio amendments were not introduced.

"I guess we scared him off," Cunningham said. "The Selective Service System is vital to our national security needs. The system isn't just about the draft. In time of national emergency, such as a chemical or biological attack, we could call upon medical personnel with the skills to help. America needs the Selective Service System."

The VA-HUD Appropriations Bill now moves to the Senate for consideration. It is one of 13 spending bills debated and passed annually by the Congress to fund the operations of the Federal Government.

"The nation owes Duke Cunningham a debt of gratitude," noted Lew Brodsky, Director of Public and Congressional Affairs at the Selective Service System. "He steadfastly fought as champion for survival of the Selective Service System last year, and again this year. Almost single-handedly, he preserved a key component of America's national security preparedness. Thanks to lawmakers like Duke Cunningham, our country stays militarily ready for any contingency and remains strong and free."

The Register Readership Survey

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13. Additional comments: _____

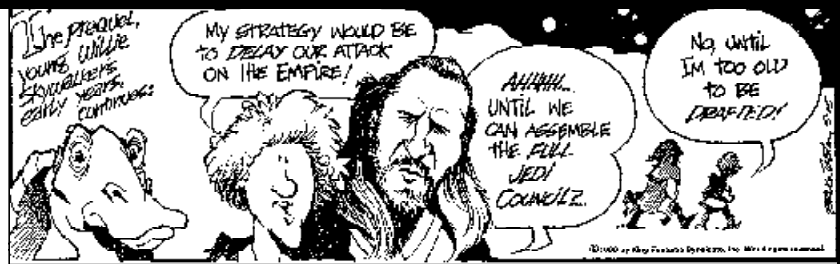
Oklahoma Drivers License Legislation



On June 1, 2000, Governor Frank Keating (seated) signed into law a provision that requires young men, 18 through 25 years old, to show proof of Selective Service registration when applying for a state driver's license or license renewal. The provision goes into effect on November 1, 2000, as part of recent changes to the Department of Public Safety law by the state legislature covering driver's license applications and proof of identity. The new law does not affect men younger than 18 or older than 25.



...IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY, THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM SURVIVES THE BUDGET PROCESS AND LIVES ON TO REGISTER YOUNG MEN THROUGH THE CENTURIES.



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