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Registration Awareness Soars

What do patriotism, air shows, and the Director of Selective Service have in common? The answer is heightening of peacetime Selective Service registration awareness.

To brand the real Selective Service, as it performs its daily public business of registering men, Director William Chatfield approved a new initiative last year that harnesses the power, passion, and patriotism of air shows with his vision of a more service-oriented Selective Service. He has been traveling across the country, attending a sample of 14 total air shows to spread Selective Service's new public service message and educate influencers of young men.

Flashback to the evening of Saturday, April 22, 2006, the scene is Louisville, KY, and the sky is lit up with a large display of fireworks wrapping up the "Thunder Over Louisville" festival where Selective Service manned a booth among many other supporters. The show featured the Navy's Blue Angels and dozens of military and vintage aircraft performing demonstrations and flybys above more than 800,000 people on the banks of the Ohio River.



Blue Angels soar above the crowds at Andrews AFB, May 19 - 21.

The annual festival has always been known to have a patriotic theme. However, this year's program was enhanced by Louisville city officials' partnership with the Department of Defense's "America Supports You" program, which highlights ways "everyday Americans and the corporate sector show support for the men and women serving in the nation's armed forces," reported American Forces Press Service.

Allison Barber, deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, was quoted by the American Forces Press Service as saying, "I think that when you go to an air show today, it gives

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Selective Service booth at Louisville air show, April 22 and 23.

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Director Speaks at Annual ANAVICUS Meeting

Late February, Director of Selective Service William Chatfield was a guest speaker at the Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans in Canada and the United States (ANAVICUS) mid-winter annual breakfast meeting. Following the program, attendees were invited to attend the wreath-laying ceremony at Gen. Lewis B. Hershey's grave site in Arlington National Cemetery.

Before a gathering of over 400 people, Director Chatfield spoke of American and Canadian patriots' distinguished service and devotion to duty and service and their common goals. Chatfield said, "Together, we have a great purpose in common, and this is promoting and supporting adequate national security for our nations." He added, "You know from experience that peace and freedom are highly perishable commodities in an uncertain world. ... Our nations must always be prepared to back up the right with might, because the price of freedom truly is eternal vigilance."



Director William Chatfield with Kenneth Henderson, Dominion President, Army, Navy, & Air Force Veterans in Canada (center), and Robert Spanogle, National Adjutant, The American Legion.

After the breakfast meeting, the commander of the American Legion, Canadian president of ANAVICUS, U.S. Unit president, and others joined a convoy of private vehicles and motored to Arlington National Cemetery for the commemorative wreath-laying ceremony at Gen. Lewis B. Hershey's grave site.

The Canadian and U.S. presidents placed the ANAVICUS wreath at Hershey's grave. Then, Director Chatfield and an Old Guard escort walked up and placed the Selective Service wreath beside the grave. Once the wreaths were placed, the Old Guard played Taps and a hand salute was rendered.

The Hershey Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association remembers Gen. Hershey annually by laying wreaths at his grave in Arlington Cemetery. Among those who are members of

the Hershey Chapter and were part of this year's event are current Associate Director of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs Richard Flahavan and former long-time employees of Selective Service Dorothy Alvey and Mark Wilson, who both served under Gen. Hershey.

ANAVICUS was formed after World War II to maintain the bond that was established between veterans in Canada and the United States during the war. The organization has a history of distinguished members from both the military and diplomatic professions. Many current and former Selective Service employees and board members are active members in the organization. [SSS](#)



Old Guard plays Taps as honorary attendees pay respect to General Hershey.

Director Chatfield explained that our common goal of preserving the vigilance and readiness is why the Selective Service System remains in business. "Its perennial mission stands today as valid as it was when General Lewis B. Hershey began his tenure in July of 1941," said Chatfield. For 29 years, Gen. Hershey's name became synonymous with the U.S. Selective Service System. Hershey was also a notable ANAVICUS and American Legion member.

As the Selective Service Director from 1941 to 1970, Gen. Hershey led an agency which enabled tens of millions of men in the U.S. to answer the call to duty and serve their country. Draftees served throughout the Hershey years, in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and all the periods in between.

Kenneth Fuson Named State Director

Kenneth G. Fuson, Chief Warrant Officer 2 (Ret.), Kansas Army National Guard, has recently been named Kansas State Director. Governor Kathleen Sebelius nominated Mr. Fuson for this presidential appointment, which was signed by Director William Chatfield.

As Kansas State Director, Mr. Fuson will provide liaison between the Selective Service System and the governor's office and will represent the governor and Director Chatfield on Selective Service matters in Kansas. This intermittent position would become full-time in the event of a future draft. Mr. Fuson is a former member of the U.S. Marine Corps. At the time of his retirement in January 2006, Mr. Fuson was an antiterrorism force protection officer with the 69th Troop Command for the Kansas Army National Guard. His military awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement

Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, and the Kansas Army National Guard Service Ribbon.

A 50-year resident of Wichita, Kansas, Mr. Fuson is currently sales and marketing director for Envision. Among the many civic and professional positions Mr. Fuson has held are supervisory probation officer for the Sedgwick County Juvenile Court, director of corrections for the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, a police officer with the Wichita Police Department, president of the Kenze Corporation, and division general manager for the Ritchie Corporation.



Chief of Staff Ernest Garcia and Region III Director Debby Bielanski flank Kansas State Director Kenneth Fuson holding his certificate of appointment signed by Director Chatfield.

Mr. Fuson graduated in 1969 from Wichita State University with a bachelor of science degree in administration of justice. [SSS](#)

Registration Awareness Soars (cont. from front page)

you a new sense of respect for what the men and women of our military are doing in this global war on terrorism." She added, "They're defending our freedom across the globe...."

Reinforcing the patriotic partnership with the American people is exactly what the Director Chatfield is pursuing.



Selective Service booth increases registration awareness.

Because Selective Service has had a venerable history of public service which spans over six decades of hot war, cold war, and peace, and because there has not been a military draft since 1973, many people believe incorrectly that our Agency has been disestablished and its important work terminated. Others believe, innocently but erroneously, that its programs would operate in the future just as they did during the Vietnam era.

Selective Service has the perfect opportunity to convey its message at the Selective Service booth positioned at these air shows selected in high priority markets with lower registration compliance rates. The patriotic platform gives Selective Service the means to register on-site as many eligible young men as possible, educate the influencers/mentors, and engage in a dialogue with air show audiences about the Agency's mission, creating a win-win relationship. And, what better way to kick off the Selective Service air show tour than with a great display of fireworks. [SSS](#)

Director Visits Ohio Detachment

Director William Chatfield traveled to Columbus, OH, early this spring to meet with Selective Service Reserve Force Officers (RFOs) and several Ohio board members. He was also invited by Ohio Selective Service Detachment Commander LTC Brad Willette to be the keynote speaker at the detachment's annual alumni banquet.

Upon arrival at Port Columbus International Airport, Director Chatfield was taken to Lane Aviation for media coverage with an NBC-affiliate television station. Region I Director Tom White, Ohio State Director Col. (Ret.) Michael Reynolds, Selective Service's Ohio Detachment Executive Officer Maj. Ryan Ruehle, and two Ohio board members made up a panel asking the Director questions concerning a future draft if mandated by Congress and the President and the role of the Selective Service System.

Thereafter, the Director went across town to attend several meetings, first with Ohio's RFOs at Selective Service State Headquarters, and then with board members who came into town to meet with the current director of the Selective Service System. Director Chatfield had the opportunity to be briefed on the current state of affairs in Ohio and network with Selective Service's Ohio representatives. Former Ohio State Directors Thomas Farrell and Robert Clouse were also in attendance.



NATIONAL DIRECTOR VISITS OHIO STATE DETACHMENT — During a local television station recording, Director William Chatfield discusses the current state of affairs with a panel of Ohio board members, RFO, and state and region directors.



OHIO DETACHMENT ALUMNI BANQUET GUESTS — From left to right, special guests and hosts of the Ohio State Detachment banquet: Ohio State Director, Col. (Ret.) Mike Reynolds; Ohio Detachment Commander, LTC Brad Willette (recently retired); Director William Chatfield; Ohio Detachment Executive Officer, Maj. Ryan Ruehle; and Region I Director Tom White.

Later that evening, in reviewing his day in Ohio, Director Chatfield remarked in his keynote address at the state's annual banquet that he enjoyed being in the company of "true patriots" who are committed to public service and believe in a strong defense. "It signifies that Selective Service is alive and operating," Director Chatfield added.

He reported on the current national state of affairs regarding a future draft and the Selective Service System during a period of streamlined budget cuts and demands.

Director Chatfield also shared with the audience his new initiative, harnessing the patriotic spirit of air shows with his vision of a more service-oriented agency as it continues its daily business of registration. He discussed Selective Service readiness plans and the goals for the immediate future. Last, but not least, Director Chatfield thanked everyone for their continued support and service to Selective Service and sharing the common goal of protecting and defending the United States.

Nearly 50 current and former state directors, RFOs, and guests, including Region Director White, State Director Reynolds, the Ohio Detachment RFOs hosts, and board members attended the Selective Service Detachment Alumni Banquet recognizing outstanding and dedicated RFOs. 

Draft Talk at New Jersey College

New Jersey college students heard first hand from the Agency's National Director the chances of a draft happening in the near future, the purpose and mission of the Selective Service System, and his vision.

Director William Chatfield visited Ocean County College at the request of a Marine and friend of his, Alan Smith, who led a spring class on western civilization at the college. Director Chatfield discussed his role as a political appointee heading the Selective Service System and the current Administration's



photo: Tim McCarthy/Asbury Park Press

Director William Chatfield in New Jersey.

position concerning reinstatement of a draft. He also talked about his experience in government service.

Director Chatfield was quoted by the Asbury Park Press as saying, "The mission of the Selective Service is preparedness." Chatfield added, "We see ourselves as the third line of defense." He explained to the students that if a need were to arise, neither he nor the President could reinstate a draft and that it would take an act of both houses of Congress.

Part of the Director's public awareness initiative is to get out and spread the word about the Selective Service System and to dispel any misconceptions, while assuring the public, and these students at Ocean County College, that there is no draft looming. The requirement to register is still in effect, however, as mandated by federal law. He also points out that Selective Service does not make policy; it only operates under existing policy. [SSS](#)

News from Region III —

New Officer / State Director Training



Region III hosted a New Officer / State Director training class held in Denver, CO, April 3-6, 2006, with National Headquarters Chief of Staff Ernest Garcia (seated, left) and Mr. Gus Jakowitsch (standing, first row, left), program analyst from Operations Directorate's Training Division, in attendance. Region III Director Debby Bielanski is also seen here seated, center.

U.S. Army War College Visit

In May, about a dozen students and faculty from the U.S. Army War College traveled to National Headquarters for briefings on the Selective Service System. The annual meeting which has been in place since the early 1980s, is designed to educate future military leaders on Selective Service's role in the national security and its mission to be ready to supplement the all-volunteer armed forces with conscripted men in the event of a national emergency.

Richard Flahavan, Associate Director of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, greeted and welcomed the visitors from the Army War College and gave an initial overview of the Agency. Rick Moore, head of the Registration Division, followed with a presentation on Selective Service's registration and compliance programs. Then, public affairs specialist Dan Amon talked on the Agency's public awareness efforts. Next, Cassandra Costley, head of the Training Division, explained the two-part Selective Service mission, which includes being ready to administer an alternative service program in lieu of military service for men classified as conscientious objectors.

Director William Chatfield stopped in and introduced himself and country singer Michael Peterson, who is assisting the Director with the Agency's new branding initiative. The Army War College students shared views with the Director and asked questions concerning the role of Selective Service in today's environment and in the future.

This group represented the Army War College's model strategic thinkers in identifying, developing, and addressing future strategic issues critical to the Army. The College prepares its students to assume strategic leadership responsibilities. Upon program completion, many graduates begin operating in the national or theater strategic environment—either directly or as advisers to the senior leadership of the Armed Forces, the Department of Defense, other governmental agencies, or in foreign militaries. A select number of graduates eventually will assume the most senior leadership positions within their organizations. [SSS](#)



Army War College guests review registration materials and alternative service brochures while being briefed on the registration, public awareness, and alternative service programs.

National African American History Month Commemorated

Iwo Jima Veteran Shares His Experience

During National Headquarters' National African American History Month Program, special guest speaker Frederick Gray, an Iwo Jima veteran and founder of the Black Iwo Jima Veterans Association, gave an awe-inspiring presentation. He captivated his audience with stories of his time as a 1st Sergeant assigned to the 476th Amphibious Truck Company. This outfit ferried supplies from ship to shore and evacuated the wounded in World War II battle for the Iwo Jima.

Throughout his talk, Mr. Gray repeatedly said, "War is hell." And, he knows this from personal experience. Born in rural Southern Maryland, he was a young black laborer from the town of St.

Leonard in Calvert County, working construction with his father when he was drafted into the Army in 1943. En route to the South Pacific, Mr. Gray got word that his older brother, Norman A. Gray, Jr., who was also drafted, was killed in Italy in September 1944.

Mr. Gray landed on Iwo Jima at 0900 hours on the morning of the invasion, February 19, 1945, four days before the historic raising of the Flag on Mount Suribachi. As a member of the 476th Amphibious Truck Company, a component of the 43rd Amphibian Battalion assigned to the 4th Marine Division on Iwo Jima, Mr. Gray was one of 177 black enlisted men. These men fought alongside the Marine Corps during the battle for Iwo Jima. They were often thought of as Marines, which at that time was a segregated corps.


Mr. Gray recalled while serving on Iwo, he became friends with a young Marine, and the two decided to go into business together when they returned home. Just at that moment, he recollected, the young Marine was cut



Clockwise from left: Frederick Gray, Iwo Jima Veteran; 476th Amphibious Truck Company, 177 enlisted, and 6 officers assigned to the 4th Marine Division on Iwo Jima; a photo of a "duck," half boat and half truck.

down by enemy fire, in front of his own eyes. Mr. Gray survived the battle and made it home to Maryland, where he became a police officer.

In the years following the war, Mr. Gray sought to bring attention to the sacrifices made by African Americans on Iwo Jima. In 1979, Gray's 476th Amphibious Truck Company, consisting of African-American soldiers, received the Navy Commendation Ribbon that the rest of the American forces at Iwo Jima had been awarded. "Even though it took 34 years to be recognized," Mr. Gray said, "I am proud to have served on Iwo."

Gray is the founder of the Black Iwo Jima Veterans Association, an organization that seeks to bring attention to the significant role of African-Americans in the invasion of Iwo. 

Director Races For Selective Service

Hot Fun, Chilly Pads, Tractor Race, and Selective Service —

Wherever there's a record-setting attendance and an event abuzz with family activities and celebrity-filled competitions, Director of Selective Service William Chatfield is sure to be there to spread the Selective Service message. In this case, it was at the CMA (Country Music Association) Music Festival in Nashville. A record-setting attendance of more than 161,000 people over the course of four days, June 8 – 11, provided the perfect backdrop for the Selective Service Director to be seen and heard.

The way this opportunity began was when Director Chatfield connected with country singer Michael Peterson in pursuit of his new branding initiative for Selective Service. As part of his efforts to spread the word that Selective Service is still alive, the Director wants to ensure that no man who must register with Selective Service misses out on any of the benefits and programs linked with the registration requirement. At the CMA Music Festival, the Director of Selective Service's partnership with Peterson included being invited to share an exhibit booth during the Wrangler Fan Fair (Exhibit Hall) at the Nashville Convention Center and participating in the Michael Peterson / New Holland Celebrity Tractor Race.

Participants in the tractor race included recording artists Deborah Allen, Bering Strait and Tanya Tucker; singer/




Director William Chatfield jests with country singer and supporter Michael Peterson.

songwriters Woody Bradshaw, Bobby Pinson, Colt Prather, Billy Yates and Bekka Bramlet; actors Alan Dysert and Scott Getlin; and Army Captain Bruce Bailey, a veteran of the Iraq war. The winner of the first ever Michael Peterson / New Holland Tractor Race was Wade Hayes, with a time of 54 seconds, beating second-place champion Captain Bailey by just one second.

Director Chatfield's time was not mentioned; but, he proved his agility and aptitude, maneuvering between the bales of hay and bright orange cones on the obstacle course.

All competitors and fans left hot, sweaty, and smiling, with chilly pad sports towels that were stamped with the Selective Service message, "Be Cool ... REGISTER with Selective Service," designed by Selective Service graphics designer Laurie Zaleski.

Director Chatfield was interviewed by Chuck Zimmerman, of AgWired. The Director talked about how beneficial it is to have the support of entertainers like Michael Peterson and companies like New Holland and Frogg Toggs. He explained how he first met Peterson and how they started working together to incorporate Selective Service registration message in with Peterson's patriotic and motivational efforts during this four-day event. The Director stated his admiration and appreciation of Peterson's sponsorship and continued support. 



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Director Chatfield corners an obstacle with smooth agility.

Observing Women's History Month

Back by popular demand, Kate Campbell Stevenson came to National Headquarters to give another stellar performance of "Women: Back to the Future." In observance of Women's History Month, Campbell Stevenson delivered an outstanding one-woman show depicting the historical female role models of Abigail Adams, Sacagawea, and Marian Anderson.

Writer, director, actress Campbell Stevenson brought to life the character of these distinctive women. Through Campbell Stevenson's mastery of song, monologue, and movement, Selective Service employees experienced each woman's dreams, frustrations, struggle, and victories.

In her final act, Campbell Stevenson sang and signed "Reach Out for a Star," hoping to awaken the power within each person.

"I am grateful to the many women, past

and present, whose incredible stories and assistance continue to encourage and inspire me. I am proud to sing out their messages of hope to new generations," Campbell Stevenson wrote in her personal message regarding "Women: Back to the Future." [SSS](#)



Clockwise from above: Kate Campbell Stevenson portrays Abigail Adams, Sacagawea, and Marian Anderson.

News from Region II —

Louisiana Board Member Retires After 20 Years Service



Mr. Paul Connick, Louisiana district appeal board member, retired after 20 years of outstanding service to Selective Service System and the country. He served in the Navy during World War II and spent most of his life as a public servant to local governments. He was a chairperson of both a Selective Service local and district appeal board. He is also the uncle of actor / singer Harry Connick, Jr. [SSS](#)

Louisiana State Director Everett Bonner (right) presents Mr. Paul Connick a Selective Service medal and retirement certificate commemorating his service as a 20-year board member.

Willie Blanding Awarded the Gold

As Associate Director of Mobilization, Mr. Willie Blanding, Jr. was presented the Selective Service System Distinguished (Gold) Service Award at an award ceremony held at National Headquarters, May 2, 2006.

Mr. Blanding was recognized for his distinguished service from February 11, 2002, to April 19, 2006. During this period, Mr. Blanding was commended for his leadership within his directorate and the other directorates. The citation adds, "His ability to lead and motivate resulted in significant contributions in exceeding agency goals for readiness, training, and registration. His deliberate action planning coupled with his development of agency objectives and associated concepts of operations contributed to the Agency's campaign to promote the passage of state driver's [license] legislation requiring men under age 26 to be registered with the Selective Service System as a precondition for eligibility for a state driver's license."

Following the reading of the citation by Chief of Staff Ernest Garcia, Director William Chatfield pinned the gold



Director William Chatfield with Willie Blanding and his wife, Madeline Blanding, during the award ceremony at National Headquarters.

service medal on Mr. Blanding's lapel and congratulated him for his dedicated service as Associate Director and for his continued support at Selective Service. Deputy Director Eric Benson also thanked him for his contributions and guidance. [SSS](#)

Grant Taylor is Recipient of Distinguished Service Award

On the eve of his retirement, Mr. Grant Taylor was given the Selective Service System Distinguished (Gold) Service Award during an all-hands meeting at National Headquarters, by Director William Chatfield. As the accounting officer for Selective Service, Mr. Taylor was recognized for his exceptionally meritorious service from July 16, 1989, through June 30, 2006.



Director William Chatfield congratulates Mr. Grant Taylor upon his conferment of the Selective Service System Distinguished Service Award.

Chief of Staff Ernest Garcia read the award citation as follows:

While serving as the accounting officer for the Selective Service System during this extended period, Mr. Taylor demonstrated extraordinary technical, management, and leadership skills in executing his assigned duties. ... Mr. Taylor spearheaded the Agency's integration and implementation of the Federal Financial System in 1993, and the newly deployed Oracle Federal Financial System in 2006. His expert accounting acumen is directly responsible for the Agency receiving two consecutive "unqualified" audit opinions in the financial statements audit proceedings for 2004 and 2005. ... Mr. Taylor has effectively managed and monitored the execution of the Agency's budget for the last 17 years without experiencing a statutory violation of any nature. Mr. Taylor's outstanding accomplishments, exemplary service, and professional ethics reflect great credit upon himself, the Selective Service System, and the United States of America. [SSS](#)

SSS Employees Recognized at All-Hands Meeting

Director William Chatfield opened with welcoming remarks and highlighted the year's current state of affairs concerning the Selective Service System. More importantly, the Director said, the purpose of this meeting is to give recognition to Selective Service employees under his leadership.

Director Chatfield called an all-hands meeting for June 28, 2006, to recognize several employees for their length of service and dedicated contributions, totaling more than 100 years. Associate directors introduced new employees in their respective directorates, and acknowledged departing employees. Region directors and the acting director of the Data Management Center briefed employees at National Headquarters on their areas. The Activities Committee program manager Carlo Verdino commended committee members for their assistance throughout the year. Finally, the Director presented a special award to the accounting officer on the eve of his retirement.

Length of service certificates were awarded to Renee Miller for 20 years; Benay Rye, 25 years; Robin Shaw, 30 years; and Grant Taylor for 34 years of service.

Other associate directors then announced personnel changes in their directorates. Beginning with the Financial Management Directorate, Associate Director Bill Reese reported that Ms. Akisha Brown had departed and Mr. Taylor's last day was that Friday. He introduced the staff



Director William Chatfield presents Renee Miller a length of service recognition certificate for 20 years of service.



Thirty years of service recognition is awarded to Robin Shaw.

to the new accounting officer, Donnie Morris, and the two summer employees, Mr. Michael Herrington and Mr. Corneil Montgomery, son of Calvin Montgomery, head of the Logistics Division in Support Services.

Mr. Herrington and Mr. Montgomery are both first-time summer hires at National Headquarters. Mr. Herrington is a junior at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA, pursuing a degree in business marketing. Mr. Montgomery is an ROTC scholar and junior at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro. He is a political science and pre-law major.

Financial Management's new accounting officer, Mr. Morris comes to National Headquarters from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office of the Audit Executive as a senior internal review evaluator. He had spent the last several months on a special assignment in Afghanistan. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Morris worked in the Los Angeles District.



Benay Rye is recognized for 25 years of service.

shared responsibility for duties at the Sacramento, CA, office.

Before joining the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mr. Morris was with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Columbus, OH, and Lexington, KY.

Originally from Kentucky, Mr. Morris is a 1981 graduate from National University San Diego, with a BBA degree in accounting. He completed his degree while serving on active duty in the U.S. Navy.

Associate Director of Support Services Ed Blackadar noted a returning summer employee in his department. Raised in Houston, TX, Taria McAfee is a graduate of Vanderbilt University with a B.A. degree, and received her J.D. degree from The George Washington University

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Employees Recognized at All-Hands Meeting (cont. from p. 11)

Law School in May. In July, McAfee sat for the Maryland Bar.

Scott Campbell, Associate Director of Information Technology, stated that Tremell Warren would be leaving Selective Service for a new position in Washington, D.C., and will be missed. Mr. Warren turned around and introduced Darius Beckett, who works for the Information Technology Directorate as a summer hire and mans the "Help Desk." He is a graduate from Hampton University, VA, with a degree in computer information systems, and plans to go to California in October to further his education and experience.

Region I Director Tom White, Region II Director Keith Scragg, and Region III Director Debby Bielanski, and Data Management Center (DMC) Acting Director Sue Cappo then briefed employees on what's happening in their respective areas, acknowledging both their key players and the cooperation they receive from National Headquarters.

Region Directors White, Scragg, and Bielanski and DMC Acting Director Cappo presented Mr. Taylor with

Welcome, Eric Persons —


Mr. Persons joined National Headquarters in July 2006. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2005, after completing 20 years of active duty service in the Quartermaster and Adjutant General Corps. Originally from Arkansas, Mr. Persons held a variety of staff positions throughout his career with assignments in Korea, Germany, Hawaii, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and Georgia. Mr. Persons completed studies at Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, FL, in Liberal Arts, and is pursuing additional studies at the University of Maryland. Welcome, Mr. Persons!



Summer employees at National Headquarters: Corneil Montgomery (left) and Michael Herrington, of the Financial Management Directorate.

a personal plaque of their own, each thanking him for his support and wishing him well on his retirement.

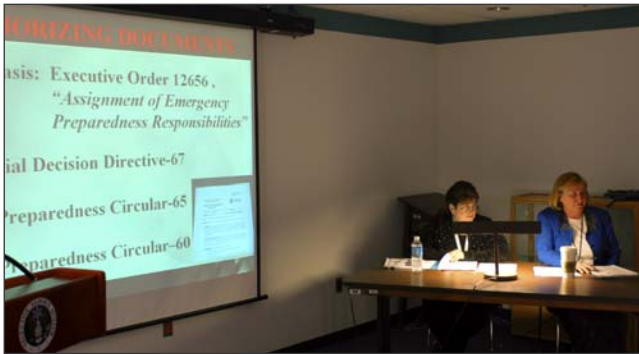
Mr. Carlo Verdino, Special Assistant, IG, EEO Officer, and Activities Committee chairperson, presented certificate of appreciations to employees who dedicated time and effort in the past year raising funds for the annual Christmas luncheon and summer picnic. Special thanks were given to committee members Tremell Warren, representing Information Technology; Gus Jakowitsch, from Mobilization (now Operations); Akisha Brown, from Financial Management; Jennifer Burke, Public and Intergovernmental Affairs; Sheila Taylor, Office of the Director; and Cindy Allen, Support Services.

Director Chatfield also introduced Carl Boggs, a 2005 *summa cum laude* graduate from Pfeiffer University with degrees in political science and pre-law. Among various administrative and liaison functions, Mr. Boggs also serves as the Administrative Assistant to the Director. Since graduating from Pfeiffer, Mr. Boggs has been an independent consultant for Billet Group International, Inc., doing marketing research, feasibility studies, proposal writing, grant request CAD drawings, and tech-data packages. While completing his studies, he was an intern for Congressman Wally Herger, and press assistant and website manager for "Whit for Congress" of North Carolina. 

Emergency Management COOP Training

In the wake of 9/11 terrorist attacks, subsequent biological weapon incidents, and occasional warnings of potential terrorist incursions, government organizations across the board have given renewed attention to continuity of operations (COOP) matters.

Selective Service has completed its Agency-wide COOP training for the fiscal year. The COOP team, Jennie Nash and Sharon Toon, traveled to each Region Headquarters to present the training before wrapping it up at National Headquarters. The half-day course provided an overview of COOP, the benefits of COOP planning, the elements of a viable COOP capability, and how a COOP event might affect you and the Selective Service System.



Sharon Toon (left) and Jennie Nash, COOP Team Leaders, complete COOP Training at National Headquarters, the three region headquarters, and the Data Management Center.

A COOP plan, which is federally mandated for executive branch departments and agencies, enables agencies to continue their essential functions across a broad spectrum of hazards and emergencies. It ensures that the capability exists to continue essential Agency functions and ensures the continuation of vital government services



Calvin Montgomery, head of the Logistics Division

that protect the public by reducing loss of life and damage to critical infrastructure. The plan includes instructions and procedures for keeping employees safe during the course of an emergency and protecting facilities from further damage. A viable COOP plan also ensures that a succession of qualified leaders is ready to step in and provide continuity of leadership if principal leaders are unavailable.

In the second part of the National Headquarters' COOP training, Calvin Montgomery, head of the Support Services' Logistics Division, briefed employees on the Agency's Emergency Evacuation Plan. [SSS](#)

News from Region II —

RFO to Support Operation Noble Eagle

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mark Kelsey, a Selective Service Reserve Force Officer (RFO) from Texas, supporting Region II, graduated from the Casualty Notification / Assistance Course at Ft. Hood, TX, on July 21, 2006.

Chief Kelsey volunteered to be mobilized for 365 days in support of Operation Noble Eagle to better serve Army soldiers and their families as a casualty notification / assistance officer. He will perform his duties in the greater North Texas area. [SSS](#)



Mr. Charles Green (right), the III Corps Adjutant General, presents the graduation certificate to CW3 Mark Kelsey.

News from the Region II Headquarters

Memorable Closure to a Military Career

On March 18, 2006, COL (Ret.) Robert Izlar brought closure to his 30-year Army career in a most fitting and memorable way. He laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. When asked about the circumstances that led to this event, COL Izlar gave the following insight, "I first visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as a Boy Scout in 1964. You could get much closer to it then. I was impressed by the guards in full dress uniform in the July heat.

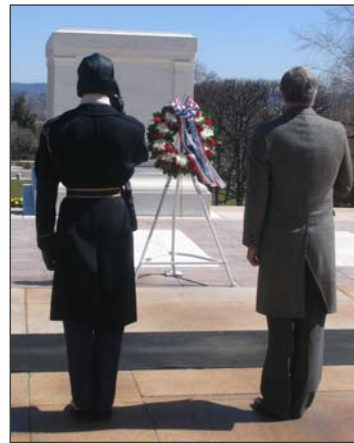



COL Robert Izlar prepares to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

Over the years, I've known people I served with and other fellow service members who are now buried there. I'm very proud to have had the distinct honor to serve my country in uniform. There were times when I thought I'd never live past Second Lieutenant. Other friends have not been so fortunate.

I requested the wreath laying ceremony to bring closure to my 30-year military career and to honor all who have sacrificed for their country. It was an extremely emotional ceremony. Lest we forget."


COL Izlar was assigned to the Selective Service System for over 23 years, initially serving as a Reserve Force Officer in Jackson, MS. He transferred to Georgia Detachment 2-7 in 1989, and culminated his career with Selective Service as Commander of that Detachment.



Region II is extremely proud of this soldier and his dedication to the United States of America. 

COL Izlar (right) gives respect during the at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier wreath-laying ceremony.

Recognizing 60 Years Government Service

Congratulations are in order to two employees from Region II: Sue Surdi, senior state coordinator (left), and Jeanice Broxton, program analyst (right), for their dedicated federal service totaling 60 years. Shown here with Region II Director Keith Scragg, Sue received a certificate for 35 years of government service and Jeanice was recognized for 25 years of service. Sue and Jeanice have diligently served the Agency with dedication and enthusiasm. We are honored to have them as part of the Region II Team. 



Beverly DeLong Gives 40 Years of Exceptional Service



Beverly DeLong, operations manager for Region II, has served 40 years as an employee of the Selective Service System. Beverly began her career on April 11, 1966, when General Lewis B. Hershey was the National Director. She entered as an ungraded assistant clerk for the Fulton County Local

Boards in Atlanta, GA, making only \$3,814 per year. Beverly was selected for the position of clerk-typist in Georgia State Headquarters' Manpower Division in 1969; from there went to clerk-steno in the Classification Division. She then served as secretary to the state director until the Agency went into deep standby and the State Headquarters was closed in 1976. Beverly was asked to return from maternity leave to help close down the Headquarters and was selected during that time for a position in the newly-formed Mobilization Training Headquarters II (MOTH) in Atlanta. [Later MOTH II became what is now known as Region II Headquarters.] Beverly has served in Region II as secretary, operations staff officer, administrative officer (1984 until 2004); and currently holds the position of operations manager.

Beverly has earned numerous awards during her tenure with the Selective Service System: the Selective Service Exceptional Service Award, Selective Service Meritorious Service Award, and Selective Service Employee of the Quarter. She had 29 outstanding or higher performance ratings, numerous honorary state awards, and was nominated for employee of the year, non-scientific / professional.

When asked about things of interest during the time she has been with the Agency, Beverly started her career during the Vietnam era; local boards existed in every county in the state; and deferments were given if a man was married. "When word got out that the law would be changed, everyone rushed to get married before the change took effect. Then deferments were given for having children. I don't think they had time to have children before that was effective," stated Beverly. Other milestones she mentioned were that Reserve Force Officers assigned to the state headquarters drilled every Monday for four hours; the lottery became operational; the draft ended, the all-volunteer military began; the

registration requirement ended; and, the registration requirement was then reinstated.

"Many times we would get word from the FBI that someone would be demonstrating against the Agency and they would be in front of our building the next day. We would have to get to the office before daylight and in the back door the next morning!!! We were lucky – we never had any major problems, unlike some of the offices throughout the United States where they had major demonstrations with offices and records burned," Beverly said.

Beverly has been an inspiration to all who have worked with her and we congratulate her for the dedicated 40 years of exceptional service she has given to the Selective Service System. [SSS](#)

The Way it Was in 1966

U.S. President: Lyndon B. Johnson
 U.S. Vice President: Hubert H. Humphrey
 U.S. Population: 196,560,338
 Life Expectancy: 70.2 years
 Dow Jones: High, 950; Low 744
 Unemployment: 4.5%
 Cost of a new home: \$23,300
 Cost of a first-class stamp: 5 cents
 Cost of a gallon of regular gas: 32 cents
 Cost of a dozen eggs: 60 cents
 Cost of a gallon of milk: 99 cents
 1966 Academy Award for Best Picture: The Sound of Music
 Medicare began July 1, 1966
 First U.S. space probe lands on the moon June 2, 1966
 World Series: Baltimore d. LA Dodgers (4-0)
 NBA Championship: Boston d. LA Lakers (4-3)
 Stanley Cup: Montreal d. Detroit (4-2)

In Memoriam —

Former State Director Harold “Charlie” Brown passes away


Former West Virginia State Director Harold “Charlie” Brown passed away on May 21, 2006, after a long battle with Alzheimer’s disease. With his passing, Region II has lost a valued member of the Selective Service family, one who served the Agency for 45 years.

Mr. Brown was an Army inductee in 1950, serving in major campaigns in Korea as a Battalion Sergeant Major in the 25th Infantry Division. In 1953, Mr. Brown began his long career with Selective Service as an assistant clerk of Local Board 37. In 1957, he transferred to the Operations Division at West Virginia State Headquarters in Charleston. After serving as deputy state director, he became state director in 1973. He continued to serve in that capacity until his retirement from federal service in 1977, after Selective Service went into “deep standby.” Mr. Brown continued to serve as state director on an intermittent basis until December 1998. Following his federal service, he was the director of administration for the law firm of Love, Wise, Robinson, and Woodrow. He also served as a human resources specialist for the West Virginia Division of Personnel. Always an active individual, Mr. Brown was involved with the West Virginia National Guard, Beni Kedem Shrine, Masonic Lodge, and the Optimist Club of Charleston.



Mr. Brown’s accomplishments were recognized repeatedly throughout his military and civilian careers. His military awards included the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, and three Presidential Unit Citations. The Selective Service System recognized Mr. Brown with two Meritorious Service Awards; an Exceptional Service Award; and a Distinguished Service Award, the Agency’s highest recognition for civilians and military officers. Other honors

received include the West Virginia Meritorious Medal from the West Virginia Adjutant General, and the Distinguished West Virginian Award by the State’s Governor. He was a Kentucky colonel, an admiral in the Cherry River Navy, an honorary mountaineer brigadier in the West Virginia State Militia, and an honorary brigadier general in the West Virginia National Guard.

Mr. Brown is survived by his daughter, Kathryn; son-in-law, Michael Reed; and two grandchildren, Ava and Maryn Reed. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Ellen Windon; his brother, Robert W. Brown; and his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Keeney Meece. 



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