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## Rep. Gerald Solomon (R-N.Y.) Visits SSS



Director Gil Coronado (l.) presents Representative Gerald Solomon with the SSS Distinguished Service Award

Congressman Gerald B. H. Solomon (R-N.Y.) visited Selective Service Headquarters this summer and addressed employees on the eve of his departure from Congress. The congressman, who has been one of the Agency's staunchest defenders, is retiring after more than 19 years as a Member of Congress.

"Mr. Solomon has been a true friend to Selective Service," said Director Gil Coronado. "In 1993, when it looked as though we might have to close down because our budget was being slashed, it was Gerry Solomon who rallied others on Capitol Hill and saved Selective Service. He will be sorely missed."

***From the Legislative Front***

With the recent addition of Utah and New Hampshire, one-half of the United States now have statutes or regulations in support of the Federal registration requirement. Utah's legislation, signed by Governor Michael Leavitt in March of this year (see photo on page 6), mandates Selective Service registration as a precondition for state student financial aid. Even more extensive in scope is the New Hampshire statute, which also has the distinction of bringing the count to 25 States. Under its provisions, a young man must be registered to be eligible for state employment or state enrollment in post-secondary institutions, including financial aid for this schooling. It was signed into law by Governor Jeanne Shaheen on July 31, 1998.

Now all eyes are on the Regions to see which one acquires the 26th State. Because with the 26th, Selective Service can rightly claim that the majority of the States are supportive of registration compliance!



Director Gil Coronado presents Louis Caldera with the Selective Service Honored Patriot Award. Caldera visited SSS Headquarters in June and viewed the institutional briefing. The Honorable Louis Caldera was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Secretary of the Army on July 2, 1998.

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## On Site with Widmeyer-Baker, SSS's New Ad Agency

"We look forward to creating a megaphone effect for the Selective Service message," said Rodney Ferguson, Widmeyer-Baker Group's senior vice president and the project manager for the Selective Service account. The firm competed successfully to become the contractor employed by SSS to develop registration awareness materials including radio and television spots and high school publicity kits.



From l. to r., Pat Schuback of SSS, and from Widmeyer-Baker: Tony Frye, Creative Director, Rodney Ferguson, Senior Vice President; and Chris Flynn, Account Executive.

This "megaphone effect" will be the result of executing "partnerships" with myriad organizations, Ferguson explains. These groups, many of which speak directly to minority communities, can help disseminate the registration message.

Widmeyer-Baker Group is a full service public relations and advertising agency in Washington, D.C. It was founded in 1988 and is still operated as an independent agency by Scott Widmeyer and Michael Baker.

"We have a lot of experience in the demographics that Selective Service needs to reach—17 through 20," Ferguson relates. "We've also done considerable work with minority

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groups, he adds, citing the National Foundation, the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Transportation as other government clients the agency handles.

"We plan to look specifically at the low registration compliance areas and see how Selective Service can effectively communicate in those areas."

### New Face in the Office of Public and Congressional Affairs

Pat Schuback joined the Office of Public and Congressional Affairs this past summer, replacing Larry Waltman, who retired. Schuback brings to SSS considerable experience in the advertising and national awareness arenas. He's worked with the Army and Navy recruiting in their advertising campaigns. He's also worked in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs where he managed the development and distribution of a wide range of advertising campaign materials, including television, radio, print, and billboard. He also managed national awareness and marketing programs.

"I'm excited about working with Widemeyer-Baker in developing a new public awareness campaign to get the Agency's message out," he says.



Director Gil Coronado (l.) presents retiring Maryland State Director Philip Sherman with a plaque honoring him for his 23 years with Selective Service (11 years as State Director, the remainder as a Selective Service Reserve Force Officer and Detachment Commander).

# Agency Conducts Lottery Exercise

"I was very proud of our employees who helped make this lottery exercise a success," said Selective Service Director Gil Coronado upon the completion of the Agency's first full lottery exercise since 1991. The exercise was the second part of the full lottery exercise and was conducted this past June 25 at the Department of Agriculture's auditorium. The first part, which consisted of drum loading, was held April 23 and 24, 1998. "While we need some fine tuning in certain areas," explained Mary Lawson, Lottery Supervisor, "it is impossible to overstate the importance of this exercise. The seriousness of our mission and our ability to react was shown to all in attendance."

Director Coronado pulled the first two capsules from the lottery drum, followed by the official observers: David Banks, Lisa Gill and Mark Levenson, all National Institute of Standards and Technology employees and Lenwood Lloyd and Jim Spivey, former Selective Service employees. The Region Directors were in attendance at the exercise. Other distinguished guests were Manual Flores, State Director for Virginia, First Lt. John D. Nagel, USAR, Det. NC2-12 and Rod Von Lipsey from the National Security Council.



Dick Flahavan takes his turn announcing "results" of the lottery drawing.



Official Observer Dr. Mark Levenson with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (far left) watches the proceedings. SSS employees l. to r.: Penny Strickland, Mary Lawson, and Cassandra Costley.



Marie Jones of the Registration Division posts the "results."



Eric Williams takes the magnetic insert for the lottery board.



From l. to r., SSS employees Neal Bennett, Renee Miller, and Master Sgt. Terrence Pope.

Few people have the opportunity to make history. Even fewer have the opportunity to make history twice! Count a member of an Alabama Selective Service Local Board among those precious few.

Novella Woodfaulk Scott, a member and past chairperson of Area Office 4/Local Board 6, recently completed her first history-making year as a member of the Union Springs, Ala., City Council. When she was first elected in September 1996, she became the first black woman in history to serve on the council.

Scott also made history 25 years ago when she became the first black clerk in the Bullock County Probate Office. Along the way, this SSS Board Member served

10 years on active duty in the U.S. Army. Scott is a mother of three, and is employed as a medical clerk at the Tuskegee Veterans Administration Medical Center in Tuskegee, Ala.



Novella Scott

## SSS Partnership with Ohio Schools

Ohio Selective Service State Headquarters and the Columbus public schools are working together to make sure high school dropouts are registered.

After an agreement this past spring, school officials produced address labels for suspected dropouts, 17 to 19 years of age. Region I Headquarters produced an informative mailer, including SSS Form 1Ms. During the June drill, State Director George T. Willard, Capt. Rick Shaw from National Headquarters, and the members of Detachment 1OH affixed labels to approximately 2,000 mailers.

Deputy State Director Col. Mark Storer said "this project was a great example of the school system and the Selective Service System working together."

## Spotlight on Georgia Board Member

Mary Frazier Long, a member of Local Board 11 in Gwinnett County, Ga., volunteered to be a Local Board Member because "it sounded interesting and is a way to serve my country. My husband is from a family where he and four brothers served in the military during WWII and the Korean War. My son served in the U.S. Navy."

Mary was a school teacher in Georgia for over 30 years. Even though she left the ranks of the employed six years ago, the word retirement doesn't exist in her vocabulary. A peek at her weekly calendar usually reveals from one to four speeches she is scheduled to make to various groups in Georgia and surrounding states, on anything from the Civil War to Georgia outhouses.

Yes, that's right . . . outhouses. Long and her husband, Dean, co-wrote "Old Georgia Privies," and have been making the rounds from Georgia to the Carolinas, talking about all the old outhouses they have seen and photographed in their travels.

The Longs occasionally dress as Uncle Sam and Betsy Ross and deliver history lessons. As Uncle Sam, Dean Long discusses the Continental Congress and the American Creed, while Mary, as Betsy Ross, talks about the history of the American flag.

Since 1993, Mary has written a column for the local newspaper on "People, Places and Events." Like the fees from her talks, the money she is paid by the newspaper goes to scholarship funds for students.

Once a month the Longs volunteer for the Gwinnett County Juvenile Court on the Juvenile Diversion Panel, a group of citizens who deal with first-time juvenile offenders. "These are kids who have committed misdemeanor crimes like shop-lifting and because it is a first offense do not appear before a judge," she explained. "We work with groups that assign consequences such as community service or short courses designed to help deter further crime."

If staying busy is a prerequisite for a long life, then Selective Service can count on having Mary as a local board member for many years. She is a lady who believes in getting things done and in doing all she can to help others. We can see why she was named Gwinnett County Senior Citizen of the Year!



Board Member Mary Frazier Long and her husband Dean.

## In from the Garden State . . .



Ellen Fruscione, (center) of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, is presented with a Selective Service System plaque in appreciation for her help to the New Jersey State Headquarters, N. J. The award was presented by Maj. Gen. Paul J. Glazar, (l.) the Adjutant General of New Jersey, and Col. Thomas R. Spivey, 1NJ Detachment Commander (r.).

**The deadline for the Nov-Dec issue of  
The Register is October 13!!  
Please contribute! Send your submission via  
e-mail to Editor Barbi Richardson (brichards@sss.gov),  
or submit it via your Region Headquarters.**

## SSS Registrar Makes a Difference

"For a young man, registration is a rite of passage. And as an American, it's something that is important to do," says Rita Brockway, of Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, Mich. Brockway is a high school registrar for Selective Service in addition to her many other duties as the administrative secretary for the class of 1999. She "joined" the class when



*Rita Brockway*

they were freshmen, and continues to attend to their needs through their four years of school. When they graduate, she will join another class in a similar capacity.

Brockway sends birthday cards to members of her class, and on their eighteenth birthday, she encloses a note reminding them about Selective Service registration (and voter registration, too).

Her efforts have won recognition from the local board of education. In addition to her work in the school, Brockway also is a representative for voter registration in her county.

## Shakedown by Six

In preparation for the Readiness Exercise planned for next year (REX-99), prototype exercises were conducted in six states — Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Minnesota, New Hampshire, and Wisconsin — to determine what changes may be required for the one-step Health Care Personnel Delivery System (HCPDS) and the two-step Time-Phased Response process. The last Mobilization Exercise (MOBEX) was in 1993.

With changes to the standard untrained manpower delivery requirements, and the added requirement to test delivery of trained health care personnel, the Readiness Division (OPM) of the Office of Operations felt it was necessary to conduct a "shakedown" for next year's full-blown nationwide REX. The idea for a Prototype Exercise was developed during last year's National Conference in New Orleans. Iowa State Director Myron Linn offered to help test new manpower delivery procedures, and OPT Division Manager Barbara McConaghy suggested a "prototype" exercise be conducted in the state. It was expanded to six states for broader representation.

The results of the prototype exercise were outstanding and helped fine tune many changes to activation procedures introduced in two new major publications, the HCPDS Manual and the Registrant Integrated Processing System (RIPS). Col. Sam Thiessen of Region III served as the exercise controller in Iowa. "REX-99 will be a much better exercise thanks to conducting this prototype," he said.



Iowa conducts the prototype exercises. Pictured from l. to r., RFOs Maj. Randy Catron, Maj. Floyd Miller, Lt. Col. Bill Adams, Iowa State Director Myron Linn, Lt. Cmmdr. Luann Schetky, Col. Sam Thiessen of Region III, 1st Lt. Patrick Kenaley, and Maj. Jack Loney.

## Back to “Basiks” for Region II

“Basik” training took on a whole different meaning for one family in Naples, Fla.

Larry and Anita Basik raised six children—five boys who became involved in the military in one way or another, and a daughter who works for the government. Three of the five Basik brothers now work for the Selective Service System.

Jeff Basik, Commander of Florida Detachment 2-6 and Region II Officer of the Year, went to the Air Force Academy, and rose to the rank of Captain before leaving active duty. He fulfilled his goal of playing Division 1-A football and is now a major in the Air Force Reserve. Unfortunately, he was unable to realize his dream of being a pilot when a month before graduation, a test showed he was color blind.

At the time Jeff was diagnosed with color blindness, the second Basik son, Brian, (now a member of Kentucky Detachment 2-8) was a sophomore at the Air Force Academy. A feeling of dread came over Brian when he learned about Jeff’s test, mainly because he also wanted to be a pilot and possibly involved in the space program. When Brian discovered he suffered from the same problem, he decided to stay at the Academy even though there was no hope of a flying career.

Dan, the third brother, decided to follow a different course. He headed for Berry College in Rome, Ga., after graduating from high school. He decided he wanted to enjoy his college time as opposed to dreading it! But he couldn’t escape the military influence. He soon became involved in ROTC and is now a captain in the Army Reserve.

Keith, the fourth brother, elected to play Division 1-A football at a service academy like his older brothers. But he did it at West Point. Keith is now a member of Florida Detachment 2-5.

The last Basik child, Kevin, headed for the Air Force Academy after graduation. He remembers taking trips to see Jeff play football as a child. Kevin became the fifth Basik boy to earn the rank of captain when he received his masters degree from Virginia Tech.

The Basik brothers don’t really know why they were drawn to the military, except that they have always been competitive and their Dad was always somewhat of a disciplinarian.



A family of officers (from l. to r.): Dan, Keith, Kevin, Brian, and Jeff Basik.

All of the six Basik children are now married and scattered across the United States. While Jeff and Keith are involved with financial businesses in Southwest Florida, Laura works for the Department of the Interior and Brian manages a health care company, both in Kentucky. Dan started his own business in Birmingham, Ala., and Kevin works as a military consultant in San Antonio.

While Larry and Anita are happy that their kids made good choices, they’re even more pleased with the results, including their 11 grandchildren. “I’m proud of what they accomplished,” Anita said, “but I’m even prouder of the people they’ve become.”



Utah Gov. Michael O. Leavitt (l.) and State Rep. Bryan Holladay (center) are recognized by Region III Director Col. Wayne McDonald for their help in supporting the legislation requiring that Utah’s male students be registered with Selective Service to receive state financial aid for school.

## TRAINING NOTES

National Headquarters Training Division is currently updating the Board Member Handbook, as well as other Board Member training materials such as the Board Member Scanner, Information Booklet, and pamphlets. These Board Member training materials will incorporate the "two-step, examination and induction process" now included in the newly published Registrant Information Processing System (RIPS) Manual.

The RIPS Manual spells out exactly how SSS would operate in a draft under the "two-step, time-phased response" scenario. However, RIMS (Registrant Information and Management System) will be kept on the shelf in the event of an emergency mobilization. Under RIPS, a registrant who is ordered for examination, under most circumstances, will not be allowed to file a claim until after he has been qualified for induction. This and other interesting information will be covered during FY-99 Continuation Training Package next year.

### Registration Awareness in Baltimore



Baltimore Selective Service representatives accept a mayoral proclamation declaring May 1998 "Selective Service Registration Awareness Month." Pictured from the left is Maj. David Branham (MD 1-5), Capt. Jeff Mitchell (1MD), City Council Member Rochelle "Ricki" Spector (LB 8), Dr. Stanley Hilbert (LB 1), Region I Sr. Operations Officer Lt. Col. Tom White, Capt. Ed Hoke (1MD), City Council Vice President Agnes Welch, Detachment Commander Maj. Nancy Pope (1MD), Detachment Commander Maj. Maria Nowack, (MD 1-5), and Jacquelyn Cornish (LB 7).

### DMC Employee of the Quarter

"I was shocked when I was announced as the winner," said Blanca Colon, the most recent DMC Employee of the Quarter.

Born in Puerto Rico, Colon and her family moved to Illinois when she was a teenager. She excelled at school and was a member of the National Honor Society. In 1987, shortly after graduating, she began work as a DMC data transcriber. In 1991, she became a member of the DMC's Incentive Keying Program. This elite group maintains an error rate of no more than 3 errors per 10,000 keystrokes. Savings to the Agency are realized because members' work is not verified by another employee. Colon continues to be a part of this elite group, currently consisting of three employees. Said supervisor Mary Overbey, "Blanca is an extremely hard worker. During the period, she averaged over 15,200 keystrokes per hour, with a phenomenal accuracy rate of 99.99983% or 1.7 errors per 10,000 keystrokes.



Blanca Colon

Colon said keying comes easy to her. She likes helping customers. "We are fortunate to have employees of Blanca's caliber," said DMC Manager Lyle Wilkes. She keeps salary costs down and turnaround at a minimum. I am confident that the performance of some other employees has improved because of the example set by Blanca." When not at work, Colon stays busy raising her five-year-old son Jiovanny, taking care of her home in Waukegan, Ill., and being active in her church. In honor of her exemplary performance, Colon received a handsome plaque, a \$100 cash award, and a reserved parking space for 90 days.

# High School Registrar Program Passes with Honors

Several states—notably Wyoming, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and Utah—are taking the High School Registrar Program VERY seriously—and they have results to show for it.

Wyoming may be at the end of the alphabetical list of states, but it has one of the largest land areas. And it boasts Yellowstone National Park and the majestic Grand Teton Range. In addition, there's one more distinction in Wyoming, and that's Detachment 3WY, and they have never been more distinctive than being the first ever to achieve 100 percent participation in the High School Registrar Program.

Under the leadership of State Director Lloyd Flynn, excellent teamwork and individual responsibility have always been a hallmark of Det. 3WY. Major Mark Hunt, CPT Daryl Stone, 1LT Chuck Sharp, and CW4 Bob Rockhold all worked diligently to achieve 100 percent participation in each of their Area Offices. Participation in the program stayed in the 70 percent range for most of FY 1998 and took a jump into the 90 percent range in the spring with only four schools not participating.

Two months ago, reaching 100 percent was not looking particularly good because one principal had been approached on a number of occasions to participate and had always declined. However, Major Ed Webber, Detach-

ment Commander, said he'd give it another go on annual training (in spite of distance-resistance factors) and was successful in getting the last four appointments in August. Without Major Webber's personal, face-to-face contact (and irresistible sales pitch) the goal would not have been achieved.

Puerto Rico might be called the "come-back" kid. The commonwealth now has a participation rate of 95 percent, with registrars appointed to 203 of 214 schools. But Puerto Rico's big story is that just 15 months ago, its participation was a mere seven percent!

"Detachment 2PR and State Director Walter Perales have done a wonderful job," said Region II Director Keith Scragg. "They conducted an intensive mailing to every high school and those not responding were contacted personally.

Utah weighs in at 94.4 percent of its schools participating, or 118 out of 125 schools. "Detachment 3UT has been working hard to get the appointments and still striving for 100 percent," notes Chris Bitzer, Region III Program Analyst.



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