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Selective Service System Registration Drive

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Every day, thousands of young men put their future in jeopardy by failing to register with Selective Service. Registration is the law, and young men who don't register may find themselves permanently ineligible for:

- Student loans and grants
- Job training and government jobs
- U.S. Citizenship for male immigrants

The Selective Service System is asking registrars, teachers, and others who touch young men's lives to support the first-ever national registration drive. We'd like you to take part in any or all of the following activities during the period of September 11-22, to remind men ages 17-25 that registration is important to their future:

- Pass out registration cards in home room.
- Hold an Internet registration day in computer class or study hall. Have young men log on to www.sss.gov.
- Play the special reminder video featuring Secretary of Education Richard Riley, or your state's lieutenant governor in your classroom.
- Present a lesson in your class from the newly revised Selective Service Teacher's Guide.
- Hold an assembly for eligible men with a guest speaker to explain Selective Service and all the benefits that are attached to registration.
- Organize a lunchtime sign-up drive.
- Encourage any young man you know to think about his future and register with Selective Service today.

Special Registrar's



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High School Registrar Profiles

Rolando Rodriguez **Florida**

Rolando Rodriguez is dedicated to the students at Barbara Goleman High School in Miami, Fla. He serves as both guidance counselor and Selective Service Registrar at the school. "It is vitally important to have a sense of pride about our country and we must understand what education can and will do for our young folks," says



Rodriguez

Rodriguez. He continues, "...I wouldn't want our children to miss out on any opportunities, or be hindered from working with the federal government in the future because they failed to register."

Rodriguez has been instrumental in informing his students about the Selective Service registration requirement. For the past two years, during the Agency's Registration Awareness drives, Rodriguez has assembled and registered more than 3,000 students with Selective Service. His school was also profiled on the local TV news when on-line registration made its debut on December 2, 1998.

Committed to improving the informational process within his school, he ensured the school network has a dedicated web page showcasing the Selective Service System and links to the Agency's Internet site. He was also responsible for coordinating the recording of a TV Public Service Announcement featuring Selective Service System Director Gil Coronado, in use within the Miami-Dade School System.

Rudy Gonzales **Colorado**

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 is 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 male student, make him aware of the requirement, and then suggest he get it done right now," he said. "I invite them to register on-



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

line at school so they won't 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.

U.S. Secretary of Education Riley Recognized

Director Gil Coronado presented U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley with the Selective Service Distinguished Service Award on May 17, 2000, during a brief ceremony at the Agency's news conference to announce educational partnerships and state-by-state registration compliance rates.

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. The message of the tape, delivered by Secretary Riley, actors Sean Astin and Mario Lopez, and lieutenant governors from Texas, Florida, and California, is simple: register on-time with Selective Service and protect the many benefits connected to registration.

Along with the videotape, schools received 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.

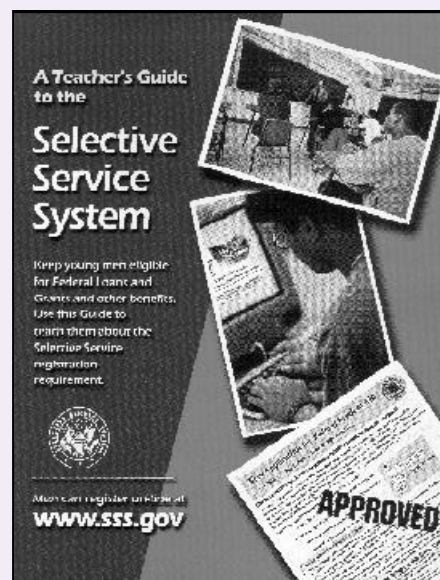
Download the Selective Service System Icon

You can now create a "hot link" to the Selective Service System (SSS) web site. Go to <http://www.sss.gov/regist.htm> and download the (SSS) Register On-Line logo to your web site.



Teacher's Guide 2000

The Selective Service System Teacher's Guide presentation pages can be downloaded instantly for your classroom use from the Internet as either a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation or as an Adobe PDF file at www.sss.gov/tg2000.htm.



For copies of the guide itself, send your request to: Selective Service System, Attn: Office of Public and Congressional Affairs, 1515 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209.

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 Service Award by Director Coronado during last year's national training conference.

Help your students win the big game: LIFE

Support the Selective Service Registration Drive
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Men living in America must register with the Selective Service System within 30 days of their 18th birthday. It's the law. If they don't they may find themselves permanently ineligible for:

- Federal college loans and grants
- Student aid in most states
- Job training
- Federal and many state jobs
- Citizenship for male immigrants seeking citizenship

Now, 17-year-old men can submit registration information early. When they turn 18, they are automatically registered. Contact your young men to register with Selective Service.

Direct your young men or ask your state director for more information.

REMINDER:
For display in
teacher's lounge

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