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Mobilization Readiness Plan Assessed

Selective Service’s primary mission is to serve the emergency manpower needs of the military by conscripting untrained manpower, or personnel with professional health care skills, if directed by Congress and the President in a national crisis. Selective Service provides the only time-tested mechanism to backup the all-volunteer military when needed. The Agency, including its field elements, must be ready to mobilize, which in turn requires that the Agency frequently assess its readiness plans in today’s ever changing environment.

Change is a constant, whether due to technology, automation of human tasks, constrained resources, operational priorities, or world events. The sum of these evolving changes dictates how the Agency ought to respond. Management’s charter is to identify the situation,



IDENTIFYING GOALS — Assistant co-chairs Rick Moore, lead of Registration, and Region II Director Keith Scragg (standing left and right) head the roundtable discussion identifying goals for national headquarters mobilization readiness plan. Sitting left to right are Region I Director Tom White, Associate Director of Support Services Ed Blackadar, Associate Director of Information Technology Scott Campbell, Associate Director of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs Richard Flahavan, and Region III Director Debby Bielanski.

craft responses, and update the Agency’s readiness plans and procedures.

During a national headquarters workshop assessing Selective Service mobilization readiness in February 2006, Mr. Willie Blanding, Associate Director of the Mobilization Directorate, said, “We don’t go to war without practicing war. By the same token, Selective Service cannot mobilize without practicing mobilization.” It is only when practicing mobilization that the Agency can effectively identify and resolve issues that need to be fine-tuned so that Agency mobilization plans remain ready for today and tomorrow.



CALL TO ORDER — Readiness assessment workshop host Willie Blanding, Associate Director of Mobilization, welcomes visiting region directors and highlights the workshop agenda.

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Rhode Island State Director Named

Brig. Gen. (retired) Joseph N. Waller, Rhode Island National Guard, has been named Rhode Island State Director of Selective Service. Gov. Donald Carcieri nominated General Waller for this presidential appointment, which was signed by Selective Service Director William Chatfield.




Joseph Waller

As State Director, General Waller is the liaison between the Selective Service System and the governor's office. He will represent the governor and Director Chatfield on Selective Service matters in Rhode Island.

General Waller has 39 years of military service. At the time of his retirement in 1998, he was the Assistant Adjutant General and Deputy Commanding General for Rhode Island Air National Guard. His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air

Force Achievement Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with one silver and one bronze oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two hourglass devices, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, the Rhode Island Star, and Rhode Island National Guard Service Medal with eagle device.

In January 1996, General Waller retired from his civilian job with the Combat Systems Department within the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC), Newport, RI. During his 25-year tenure at NUWC, he held positions as design engineer, technical manager, division head, program manager, and chief engineer responsible for the definition, design, development, and deployment of various submarine combat Systems.

General Waller graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a bachelor's of science degree in electrical engineering in 1969. His academic accomplishments include induction in the Tau Beta Pi Honorary Engineering Society and the Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society. 

Hail and Farewell

Since the Fiscal Year 2005, a number of Selective Service employees have retired, others have transferred elsewhere in government, and new people have joined the Agency:

National Headquarters:

Retired

Tom Hornada, January 31, 2006, 16 years of federal service
Joyce Davis, January 3, 2006, 40 years
Sue Durrance, January 3, 2006, 35 years
Margaret Palmer, January 3, 2006, 30 years

Transferred

Kim Britt
Brian Kohler

Region I:

Transferred

Yulana Floyd
Constance Nance

Arrivals

Joseph Waller—State Director for Rhode Island
(*See article above.*)

Region II:

Retired

Jo Ann Farrell, February 27, 2006, 30 years

Arrivals

Joe Johnson—State Director for South Carolina
(*See article on page 3.*)

Region III:

Arrivals

Alan Smith—Administrative Officer, from the U.S. Army, Major, Personnel Officer
Benjamin Sutherlin—Deputy State Director for California

Data Management Center:

Retired


William F. Delaney, October 1, 2005, 44 years

Joe Johnson Named State Director

Joe Johnson III, newly appointed State Director of South Carolina, was presented his commissioning certificate by Selective Service Director William Chatfield, on October 17, 2005, in Sun City, SC.

Lt. Col. (retired) Johnson is no stranger to the Selective Service family. He was assigned to the Agency in August 2003, as Commander of the South Carolina Guard Detachment. Colonel Johnson has served successfully during the past year in the dual capacity of Detachment Commander and Acting State Director for Selective Service.

His civic and professional contributions includes volunteer with Civil Air Patrol, Board of Directors SC Citizens for Responsible Government, Board of Directors SC Youth Challenge Academy, Board of Directors Pawleys Plantation Country Club, former Georgetown County Planning Commissioner, as well as service on numerous other civic and corporate boards and commissions.

As State Director for South Carolina, Colonel Johnson 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 South Carolina. 



STATE DIRECTOR NAMED — State Director Joe Johnson III, with his wife, Susanne, and son, Matthew, flanked by Selective Service Director William Chatfield (right) and Region II Director Keith Scragg (left).

Mobilization Readiness Plan (cont. from front page)


Former Senator William S. Cohen said in January 1994, "Readiness is not something that can be stored on the shelf indefinitely. It decays with time."



To date, a significant amount of work has been accomplished by all Selective Service directorates to bring its national

THINK TANK — Associate Director of Support Services Ed Blackadar (center) gives his input during the roundtable discussion as Region I Director Tom White (left) listens.


readiness plan up to par. The plan is specific to each subordinate field element, laying out staffing, property, budget priorities, and responsibilities of all offices. Once the national headquarters' portion of the plan is updated, it will be used as a model to update region, state, and area / alternative service components.

The two-day workshop coordinated all echelons for a full discussion of all aspects of the task and achieved consensus on particular issues. 

NHQ Kicked Off Successful Campaign

In October 2005, National Headquarters kicked off its Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), featuring two guest speakers during its program: Susan Mayo, who was Selective Service's Loaned Executive for the CFC of the National Capital Area, and Kirsten Feyling, a representative from the Food and Friends charity organization.

Many federal agencies provide the Campaign with Loaned Executives, who are federal employees on detail, to work with other agencies in planning and operating their campaigns. These volunteers work hard to make events like kickoffs, employee meetings, agency tours, and special CFC communications succeed.

Food and Friends is one of many federation and member organizations of the United Way of the National Capital Area. They provide home-delivered meals, groceries, and nutrition services to individuals and families living with HIV / AIDS and other life-challenging illnesses. All their services are free to clients. 



CFC GUEST SPEAKERS — Susan Mayo (right), Loaned Executive, CFC of the National Capital Area, and Kirsten Feyling, representative of Food and Friends charity organization.

NHQ Surpasses its CFC Goals


Special Thanks to All CFC Contributors!

At the end of the 2005 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), National Headquarters CFC Vice-Chair and campaign manager Carlo Verdino reported that Selective Service achieved 109% of its goal, contributing a total of \$21,960 to charities, with 81% employee participation.

In observance of the national theme, "Be an everyday hero," Mr. Verdino said, "The events of the past year made us realize what a tremendous sense of community we have. That sense of community was the driving force of the campaign."

Selective Service Director William Chatfield added, "Thanks to you, we can make a difference. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated, and remember that your selfless generosity will make a big positive difference in the lives of those we know or may never know."

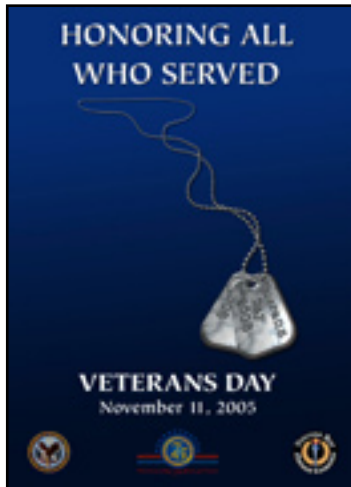
The CFC of the National Capital Area remains the largest and most successful employee workplace giving campaign in the world, with more than 47% of federal employees in the Washington metropolitan area contributing. The 2005 campaign marked the third consecutive year of unprecedented growth. More than 167,500 contributors and close to \$58 million brought the campaign to a new level. Not only were the total dollars greater than in any year prior, but the average gift was at an all-time high.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "The reward of a thing well done is having done it." Selective Service employees can say they truly did it, when they met the call to giving. 



Director Gives Veterans Day Address

Director William Chatfield was the invited guest speaker at the Veterans Day program held at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, November 6, 2005.



Recognizing not only the 25 million living veterans today, but also the more than 48 million Americans who have served in the military during war and peace since 1776, Director Chatfield commended these men and women for their duty, honor, and pride. "These simple words reflect the spirit of generations of Americans who have sought to defend

the rights and freedom of others," remarked Director Chatfield.

Against the backdrop of a walkway lined with numerous memorials that honor America's veterans, Director Chatfield spoke of the dedicated service and sacrifices of our Armed Forces men and women who have given so much for their country in the name of freedom. In return, he said, "And, just as veterans whom we commemorate were willing to sacrifice, so too must we, by giving of ourselves ... by building the kind of America for which they struggled, a land of liberty and justice for all, a decent and tolerant society, a community of civic friendship, a leader in freedom's cause in the world."

In conclusion, Director Chatfield quoted President Ronald Reagan who said it best, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free."

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery is the sixth national cemetery in Texas, and the 118th in the national cemetery system. The cemetery, which is situated on a 638.5-acre parcel of land overlooking Mountain Creek Lake, was dedicated and opened for burials on May 12, 2000. [SSS](#)

Director Chatfield Swears In New Texas Board Member

Director William Chatfield issued the oath of office to one of Selective Service's newest local board members, Rose Cannaday, of Irving, TX. Director Chatfield had just given his address at the Veterans Day program held at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, when he was asked to conduct the oath.

Director Chatfield commented, "It is always a pleasure for me to personally welcome outstanding, civic-minded people like Rose Cannaday into the Selective Service System. As Rose takes this oath, she continues the proud tradition of all our volunteers who serve their community and country as local board members."

The Agency's workforce is chiefly comprised of its local, district, and national appeal board members. The patriotic men and women serving on these boards are uncompensated citizens who are appointed and trained in their own communities.

Mrs. Cannaday and other new board members attend an eight-hour Initial Board Member Training session, and then participate in annual training. [SSS](#)




OATH OF OFFICE — Director William Chatfield swears in local board member Rose Cannaday during the Veterans Day program.

Director Chatfield Speaks at U.S. Postal Service Ceremony

As an invited speaker, Selective Service Director William Chatfield provided inspirational comments at the U.S. Postal Service Dallas District's "These Colors Don't Run" Veterans Ceremony. The ceremony honored postal employees who served in Iraq and families who have lost loved ones during the Iraq Conflict.

Tribute was paid to approximately 80 postal employees in the Armed Forces, who have served or are currently serving in Iraq in support of the war on global terrorism. Each of the invited speakers presented the honorees and the families of "Fallen Heroes" a certificate and letter of appreciation, as well as a medal commemorating their service.

The theme of the ceremony, "These Colors Don't Run," originates in the last phrase of a poem, "It's the Soldier," by Charles M. Province.

"So the battle of the Flag this day was won
By a tired OLD SOLDIER with a rusty gun,
Who for one last time, had to show to some,
THIS FLAG MAY FADE, YET THESE COLORS DON'T RUN." 



U.S. POSTAL SERVICE VETERANS PROGRAM — Left to right: Director of the Selective Service System, William Chatfield; Dallas / Fort Worth Selective Service Detachment Commander, Maj. Linda Norwood; and U.S. Postal Service Dallas District Manager, Carl January, Jr.

Scott Campbell Appointed Associate Director

Selective Service Director William Chatfield presented Scott Campbell with a certificate of appointment as the Associate Director of the Information Technology Directorate during a ceremony held at Selective Service's National Headquarters, October 19, 2005.




ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OFFICIATED — Left to right are Selective Service Director William Chatfield and Associate Directors Scott Campbell, Richard Flahavan, and Willie Blanding.

Mr. Campbell joined the Selective Service System in September 2004, as the Agency's first Chief Information Officer. His responsibilities included all information technology services used to support the Agency's mission. Due to the complexity and enormity of his staff's efforts and duties, the Information Technology Directorate was established in March 2005, with Mr. Campbell as its head.

On October 1, 2005, Mr. Campbell assumed management control of Selective Service's Data Management Center in North Chicago, IL, aligning the Agency's technical infrastructure.

Prior to joining the Agency, Mr. Campbell served as the administrator for the Office of Information Services for Maricopa County, AZ.

Mr. Campbell served in the U.S. Marines Corps from 1973 to 1979, receiving a Certificate of Commendation for his tactical management efforts during *Operation New Arrival*. Later, he attended Marine Drill Instructor School and spent the next two years training recruits in becoming U.S. Marines. 

Hispanic Heritage Month Observance

Each year, from September 15 to October 15, America recognizes the significant contributions Hispanic Americans have made, and continue to make, to our country by observing National Hispanic Heritage Month. For one month, the service, traditions, and sacrifices of the Hispanic community are highlighted in ceremonies and activities across the Nation.

During its annual observance of the Hispanic Heritage Month, National Headquarters hosted keynote speaker Frank Beserra, Chief of Staff of the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, U.S. Department of Energy. Mr. Beserra was appointed to serve as a member of President George W. Bush's Administration on December 15, 2001. Prior to coming to U.S. Department of Energy, he worked in various capacities with the Department of Justice's Immigration and Naturalization Service, which is now part of the Department of Homeland Security. He began his federal career in 1980 serving in President Ronald Reagan's Administration as the Special Assistant for Congressional Affairs to the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

A native of New Mexico, Mr. Beserra was born in Albuquerque. He attended the University of New Mexico, in the Bachelor of University Studies Program, for students who develop a unique program of study. In 1975, the Governor of New Mexico subsequently appointed him as Executive Director to the State of New Mexico Human Rights Commission. Prior to this position, he served as a state leader directing the League of United Latin American Citizens National Education

Service Center. Mr. Beserra and his family have been long-time leaders in the Hispanic community in New Mexico and Washington, DC.


Mr. Beserra's talk went hand in hand with the Hispanic Heritage Month's theme, "Hispanic Americans: Strong



Frank Beserra, Chief of Staff, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, U.S. Department of Energy.

and Colorful Threads in the American Fabric." By appreciating our differences in heritage and culture, we can realize our own national identity. And, by recognizing the many roots within our society, we develop and grow in our collective culture, noted Carlo Verdino, EEO director for Selective Service's National Headquarters.

Today, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 41 million people in the United States are of Hispanic origin, representing 14% of the American population. Other facts from the Census Bureau include: of every two people added to the U.S. population between July 1, 2003, and July 1, 2004, one was Hispanic; in 2050, it is projected that Hispanics will constitute 24% of the Nation's total population; and the Nation's Hispanic population has doubled since the 1990 census.

In a Presidential Proclamation, President George W. Bush, wrote, "America's cultural diversity has always been a great strength of our Nation. The Hispanic-American community has a long and important history of commitment to our Nation's core values, and the contributions of this community have helped make our country great." 



Organization of Chinese Americans Exhibit

Selective Service exhibited at a convention for the Organization of Chinese Americans held in Las Vegas, NV. Maj. Bridget Johnson, of the Nevada Reserve Detachment, and Brenda Nightingale, program analyst / state coordinator for Region III, represented the Selective Service System as one of the 51 exhibitors at the convention.

To an audience of more than a thousand attendees, Maj. Johnson and Ms. Nightingale greeted and spoke with many about Selective Service, answering their questions and addressing their concerns. Most were not aware that the Selective Service System still existed. Many confused registration with the draft. These attendees were then educated about Selective Service registration, and the laws and penalties associated with registration. Others, who walked by the booth, not stopping to talk, said they had already registered.

Maj. Johnson and Ms. Nightingale took note of some of the attendees' questions and responses:

A former Selective Service local board member from California, who had served 20 years, said he had an issue with ministerial claims regarding primary vocation. He asked, "What constitutes primary vocation? Is it based on money or time?" He added he was outvoted on a ministerial claim because he felt primary vocation should be based on time. [National Headquarters is currently in the process of rewriting their manuals. Issues such as this are being addressed, according to Jennie Nash, Manager of the Reclassify Division at National Headquarters.]

Several Vietnam veterans came by Selective Service's booth to talk about the draft and the Vietnam War. One veteran, of Asian descent, felt that the Vietnam draft was unfair to the registrants who could not afford to go to school in order to get deferred, and felt it especially discriminatory towards blacks. Maj. Johnson and Ms. Nightingale explained to him how the draft has changed to be more fair and equitable today. He was given the Selective Service postcard that compares the Vietnam-era draft and to a future draft.

One lady thought registration with the Selective Service System was for voting purposes.



SELECTIVE SERVICE EXHIBITORS — Maj. Bridget Johnson (left) and Brenda Nightingale at the Selective Service exhibit booth at the Organization of Chinese American Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

A young man was not aware of the requirement to register with Selective Service. He was then given the web site address and informed that the quickest way to register and receive a registration number is through internet registration. He was especially concerned about not qualifying for student loans because he failed to register with the Selective Service System. He was planning to register online as soon as he got home.

A board member from New York felt that the lottery (draft) should be reinstated because, he feels, it is not fair to the families of the men and women who are volunteers to leave their families and carry the burden of the war in Iraq.

One man, who stopped at the booth and saw the posters in Chinese on display, said he was very surprised that Selective Service's booth had materials in languages other than English.

Another man wanted to know who activated the lottery.

One man said his graduating class of 1980 was the first to register with the Selective Service System.

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State Director Inducted Into Veterans Hall of Fame

Nathan Agostinelli, Selective Service State Director for Connecticut, was honored as the first veteran to be inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame. He was chosen for this honor based on his years of public and military service. Nominated by the Manchester, Connecticut, town manager and mayor, Brig. Gen. Agostinelli was commended for significant contributions to his town, state, and country.

General Agostinelli was drafted in 1952 as a private during the Korean War. Because he had scored well on the military entrance processing exam, the Army officials suggested that he go into officers training program. Therefore, he did not see combat in Korea. General Agostinelli went on to serve 25 years in the military, beginning as an artillery lieutenant in the regular army. In 1960, he left active duty and joined the Connecticut National Guard, retiring as a Brigadier General.

While in the National Guard, General Agostinelli also served as a civil servant, first for Manchester, then for the state. General Agostinelli ran for the Board of Directors at a friend's urging and obtained the highest number of votes. The candidate with the highest number of votes was not only elected to the board, but was also appointed mayor. From there General Agostinelli's civil career progressed quickly.

He ran the state's 1972 presidential campaign for Richard Nixon and the state's 1980 presidential campaign for Ronald Reagan.

General Agostinelli's service to the State of Connecticut has been extensive. He has served on a number of boards and commissions that have developed public policy on the state and federal level, to include banking commission, bonding commission, executive committee on human rights and opportunities, and the advisory committee for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Awards and recognitions have been numerous. General Agostinelli awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Marine Corps League's Distinguished Service Award, and the Minute Man Award for Exemplary Patriotism's Person of the Year. In his professional career, he was the Leukemia Society's Man of the Year, voted outstanding state official, and received a presidential commendation.


General Agostinelli credits the military for teaching him "the most important thing anyone could learn – discipline." He added, "How to work with others, how to respect others and their property, and how to speak in front of people."



Nathan Agostinelli, Selective Service State Director for Connecticut

In an article, published in the Manchester

Reminder, General Agostinelli is described by staff writer Michael Panicello as saying "he wants today's youth to understand the freedoms we have are a result of the men and women who served their country and those that paid the ultimate sacrifice."

"I think it's very important to realize that the United States of America belongs to all of us ... if we respect each other's backgrounds and religious choice, that is how we become an American," said General Agostinelli. 

Staff writer Michael Panicello's article, "Agostinelli is first veteran to be inducted into Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame," appeared on the cover of the Manchester Reminder, November 22, 2005.

Texas Board Members Retire After 20 Years of Service

Upon retirement from Selective Service, Texas board members Joe Cordova, Gilbert Mares, and Margarita Munoz from the El Paso area were recognized for 20 years of service. Lt. Col. Mark Ross, Commander of Texas Detachment 2-17, presented certificates and medals for their dedicated service to the Selective Service System. Lt. Col. Ross commended the three board members for their long-time commitment and duty serving as volunteer local board members for their country and for being outstanding citizens, promoting patriotism to all Americans.

From the Houston area, Mr. Donnie Martin was presented a 20-year service certificate of appreciation and Selective Service medal for serving as a board member



HOUSTON BOARD MEMBER HONORED — Capt. Michael Kinzel presents Mr. Donnie Martin a certificate of appreciation upon his retirement of 20 years of service with Selective Service as a board member for the Houston area.



EL PASO BOARD MEMBERS COMMENDED — Left to right are Margarita Munoz; Lt. Col. Mark Ross, Commander of Detachment TX 2-17; Joe Cordova; and Gilbert Mares.

in the State of Texas. While serving his 20th year, Mr. Martin underwent emergency surgery for a clot in his aorta. In doing so, he was not able to attend the retirement ceremony held during continuation training. A week after surgery, Capt. Michael Kinzel, of Texas Detachment 2-21, met with Mr. Martin at his home to present his certificate and medal, where the wives of Mr. Martin and Capt. Kinzel were also present during the ceremony. Mr. Martin was commended for serving with loyalty and dedication during his long tenure with Selective Service. **SSS**

Chinese Americans Exhibit **cont. from pg. 8**

Many other exhibitors came by Selective Service's booth to advertise, thus providing the opportunity for Maj. Johnson and Ms. Nightingale to speak to them in turn about the Selective Service System.

Several people who stopped by the booth had sons or nephews who needed to register with Selective Service. They were given one of Selective Service's brochures with the web site information to pass along.

Since many of the exhibitors were federal employers, Selective Service representatives visited their booths to inform them of the role Selective Service plays in young men's lives when applying for federal employment and job training.

Each year, Selective Service exhibits at more than ten major conventions where attendees serve minority or disadvantaged youths, or have a proven track record to reach a large number of young men, as well as at conventions where the attendees are considered influential "educators" or role models of the male population. **SSS**

Two Hundred Twenty Years of Federal Service Recognized

During Selective Service Chief of Staff's visit to Region III, Mr. Ernie Garcia had the opportunity to present a certificate of recognition to Ms. Karrie Valdez for her 30 years of federal service. Ms. Valdez is currently a secretary at Region III Headquarters.

In addition, several employees at National Headquarters were recognized for their dedicated years of federal service. The years of service listed below includes military service for those who served in the Armed Forces:

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| Tom Hornada | 35 years |
| Jim Porter | 35 years |
| Jennie Nash | 30 years |
| Margaret Palmer | 30 years |
| Janet Matchett | 25 years |
| Salim Balbed | 20 years |
| Robin Davis | 15 years |



LENGTH OF SERVICE RECOGNITION – Chief of Staff Ernie Garcia and Region III Director Debby Bielanski flank Ms. Karrie Valdez, the recipient of a 30-year length of service certificate.

NHQ Officials Visit Region I and DMC



Selective Service's Chief of Staff Ernie Garcia and Associate Director of Information Technology Scott Campbell traveled to Region I and the Data Management Center in North Chicago, IL, February 2006.

Reflecting on the visit, Region I Director Tom White said, "Chief of Staff Garcia gave a very timely and beneficial Agency status update. Mr. Campbell gave a presentation on his information technology plans and goals, and then entertained questions from the staff. We enjoyed having them both." SSS

NHQ OFFICIALS VISIT FIELD — Left to right: Chief of Staff Ernie Garcia, Region I Director Tom White, and Associate Director of Information Technology Scott Campbell.

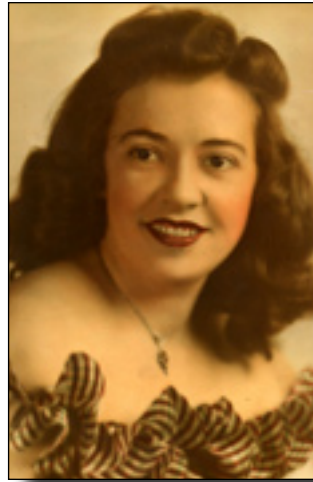
Former Employee Lois Bonano Dies

A long-serving, dedicated former employee of the Selective Service System, Mrs. Lois Reymond Bonano, passed away March 18, 2006. She was 83 years old.

She began her career as a clerk with Selective Service before World War II and served through the draft years and the beginning of the all-volunteer military until her retirement in 1977. Mrs. Bonano was the Assistant Adjutant and third in command of Selective Service Louisiana State Headquarters with 37 years of service.

In commemorating Lois Bonano's passing, Selective Service Director William Chatfield said, "As an operations staff officer, Mrs. Bonano served under General Hershey's leadership at a critical time in American history and her name and contributions will not be forgotten."


The Louisiana State Headquarters was responsible for 68 parishes in the state, although only 66 had draft boards. Mrs. Bonano's primary duty was to maintain the rules and regulations for Selective Service Louisiana State Headquarters, with some 17 volumes of regulations on her desk. She personally updated these regulations as changes were disseminated from National Headquarters in Washington, DC.



Lois Reymond Bonano

Mrs. Bonano was the recipient of many awards for her outstanding performance. She received commendations and letters of appreciation from general officers, including Generals Tom Bonner and Lewis B. Hershey, the Director of the Selective Service System. At the time of her retirement, Mrs. Bonano was personally commended by General Hershey. Her awards included the Silver Award of Excellence for civilian service. She was appointed

a Colonel on the governor's staff and received the Keys to the City of New Orleans.

Lois Bonano is survived by her husband, Warren; her son, Guy Wood, Sr.; four grandchildren, Wendy Wood Wallis, Tracy Wood, Jonathan Wood, and Guy Wood, Jr.; and five great-grandchildren. 



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