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Driver's License Legislation Enacted in Michigan

Michigan is the 35th state to join the list of states and territories that have enacted driver's license legislation supporting Selective Service registration. On January 4, 2007, Governor Jennifer Granholm signed the bill into law, effective October 1, 2010.

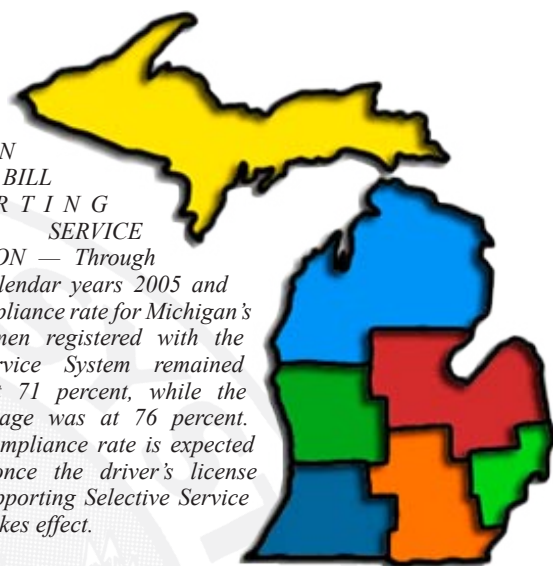
The bill was introduced in the Senate on February 6, 2003, by State Senator Valdemar Garcia. It was referred to the State Committee on Transportation. On December 14, 2006, the amended driver's license legislation passed with an overwhelming majority of votes.

Once implemented, every male applicant under the age of 26 who applies for a Michigan driver's license may opt to have his information transferred to Selective Service.


On January 17, 2007, Director William Chatfield presented Senator Garcia with the Selective Service Distinguished Service Award for his lead role in passing the driver's license legislation in Michigan. [See the article "State Senator Awarded Gold," on page 3.]

As of February 16, 2007, 35 states, 3 territories, and the District of Columbia have enacted driver's license laws supporting Selective Service registration. They are: (1) **Enacted and Implemented** - Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia; (2) **Enacted But Not Yet Implemented** - Maryland and Michigan.

According to the Agency's Data Management Center, driver's license legislation accounted for the largest individual source of registration, at 38.3 percent, in fiscal year 2006. Since



MICHIGAN PASSES BILL SUPPORTING SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION — Through the end of calendar years 2005 and 2006, the compliance rate for Michigan's 18-year-old men registered with the Selective Service System remained unchanged at 71 percent, while the national average was at 76 percent. Michigan's compliance rate is expected to improve once the driver's license legislation supporting Selective Service registration takes effect.

Delaware became the first state to implement driver's license legislation supporting Selective Service registration in March 2001, the number of registrations obtained through driver's license legislation has increased substantially; from one percent in FY 2001, 15 percent in FY 2002, 25 percent in FY 2003, 34 percent in FY 2004, and 37 percent in FY 2005. 

BREAKING NEWS: At the time of publication, Selective Service was notified that driver's license legislation was passed by Indiana Senate. More on this story in next issue of the Register.

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Ernest Garcia Confirmed as Deputy Director

The White House confirmed Mr. Ernest Garcia as Deputy Director of the Selective Service System on January 25, 2007. In addition, he was promoted to the SES level. As Deputy Director, Mr. Garcia is the first assistant to Director William Chatfield, and in his absence, assumes the full responsibility of the Director's position, including day-to-day operations, interaction with the Congress, the White House, Department of Defense, and other federal agencies as required. Prior to being assigned to serve as Deputy, Mr. Garcia served as the Agency's Chief of Staff.



DEPUTY DIRECTOR — Ernest Garcia was officiated as the Agency's Deputy Director on January 25, 2007.

Before his appointment as Chief of Staff, Mr. Garcia served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. In

July 2003, he was called to active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism. During his activation, he served as a South American area operations officer with the II Marine Expeditionary Force, Director of Civil Affairs for the Combined Joint Task Force-Haiti, and as Commander of Civil Affairs for the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit in Iraq. Mr. Garcia is also a Desert Shield and Desert Storm veteran.


Prior to active duty in 2003, Mr. Garcia served as a city management executive in Wichita, KS. In 1985, Mr. Garcia was nominated by U.S. Senate Majority Leader, Senator Bob Dole, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, to be the 29th Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate. In that capacity, he was the Senate's Chief Operating Officer and Chief Protocol Officer. As the Senate's chief law enforcement officer, Mr. Garcia also served as Chairman of the Capitol Police Board and member of the Senate Management Board. Prior to his Senate experience, Mr. Garcia served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. He also served as White House Special Assistant to President Reagan. Before his appointment to the Agency, Mr. Garcia was the Kansas State Director for the Selective Service System serving since July 2001.

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Deputy Director Named Special Hero

Deputy Director Ernest Garcia was honored as the recipient of the Special Hero Award by *VISTA Magazine*, the largest monthly bilingual publication with a readership base of one million.

VISTA Magazine hosted its first awards ceremony November 16, 2006. The awards were established to recognize and honor Hispanics who have excelled, professionally and personally. *VISTA* noted the recipients represent men and women who have not only performed in an exemplary way in their chosen fields, but whose contributions to their community and profound concern for others have set them apart.

Major General Cornell A. Wilson, Jr., USMC, presented the award to Colonel Ernest Garcia. Maj. Gen. Wilson is Director, Reserve Affairs Division, Manpower & Reserve Affairs, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, in Quantico, VA. 



VISTA SPECIAL HERO AWARD RECIPIENT — Col. Ernest Garcia, VISTA Magazine's Special Hero Award recipient, is flanked by award presenter Maj. Gen. Cornell Wilson, Jr., USMC, and VISTA award ceremony host Poncho de Anda, a Spanish radio and TV personality. (Photo courtesy of VISTA Magazine.)

State Senator Awarded Gold

Selective Service Director William Chatfield presented the Agency's Distinguished Service Award to State Senator Valdemar Garcia at National Headquarters on January 17, 2007. Senator Garcia was awarded the "gold" in recognition of his continuous extraordinary efforts in getting the driver's license legislation enacted in Michigan. The bill supports Selective Service registration within his state.

A colonel in the Army National Guard, Senator Garcia serves as a Reserve Force Officer (RFO) for Selective Service in his capacity as the detachment commander for Michigan's Detachment 1, in Lansing, MI. He was in the opportune position to assist in getting the bill enacted.

Region I Headquarters, whose region covers parts of the Midwest and the northeastern states including Michigan, credits Senator Garcia for being instrumental in briefing Michigan's Adjutant General, staff, and several legislators on Selective Service's driver's license legislation initiative. Senator Garcia was praised for working "tirelessly up to the time of the actual vote to persuade legislators to support the bill."

The award citation highlights Senator Garcia's accomplishments for the period December 1, 2001, through December 21, 2006, commending him for being "directly responsible for securing passage of driver's license legislation in Michigan." Wearing both hats as state senator and Selective Service detachment commander



SELECTIVE SERVICE AND MICHIGAN JOIN FORCES — State Senator Valdemar Garcia presents to Director William Chatfield a copy of the bill signed by Governor Jennifer Granholm. The enacted bill supports Selective Service registration through driver's license legislation.

and RFO, Senator Garcia was able to convince the state representatives of the bill's importance. The citation adds, "His ability to articulate the connection between Selective Service registration and young men's jobs and college opportunities was exceptional. With less than two hours to go before the legislative session ended, the bill passed with 94 out of 110 Representatives voting for it."

Following the awards presentation, Selective Service employees and senior staff congratulated Senator Garcia for pursuing and getting the driver's license legislation passed in Michigan. **SSS**

Deputy Director Garcia Confirmed (Cont. from pg. 2)

Mr. Garcia's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service, and the U.S. Selective Service System's Exceptional and Distinguished Service Medals. Mr. Garcia is also the recipient of the 2006 *VISTA Magazine* Special Hero Award for his distinguished service in the U.S. Marine Corps. [See "Deputy Director Named Special Hero" for story on page 2.]

Born in Garden City, KS, Mr. Garcia earned undergraduate and postgraduate degrees from the University of Kansas. He also completed Wichita State's University Center for Management Development Mini MBA program and Harvard Business School Executive Education Program on Corporate Governance. **SSS**

Selective Service Recognitions

Maj. Lee Presented with Joint Service Commendation Award


Major Anthony P. Lee, U.S. Army Reserve, a Reserve Force Officer in Detachment 1-6, Waterford, MI, received a Joint Service Commendation Medal for the period August 10, 2002 through November 15, 2006. Director William Chatfield officially presented the medal at an awards ceremony held at National Headquarters February 7, 2007, in recognition of Major Lee's outstanding support of Selective Service's mission.

Major Lee volunteered for five tours of Active Duty Special Work at the Pentagon's Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs Office to support the Army Reserve Force Policy Committee. As the Detachment's lead trainer and training officer, Major Lee was recognized for being able to obtain a no-cost training site and audio/visual equipment through his civilian employer for both Selective Service's Initial Board Member Training and Local Board Continuation Training. He proposed, arranged, coordinated, and conducted multiple no-cost joint local board training sessions to conserve scarce Region resources.

Major Lee was also commended for being instrumental in recruiting, interviewing, and processing a substantial



JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL RECIPIENT — Director William Chatfield presents the Joint Service Commendation Medal and certificate to Maj. Anthony Lee for his support of the Agency's mission as a Reserve Force Officer in Michigan.


number of potential local board members, culminating in the highest level of local board readiness this year with all local boards filled. 

Rene Thompson Awarded the Bronze



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT — Region II Director Keith Scragg presents Mrs. René Thompson with the Meritorious Service Award.


Congratulations to Mrs. René Thompson, senior state coordinator for Region II, who recently received Selective Service's Meritorious Service Award with Bronze Medal. During the past twelve years, Mrs. Thompson has diligently served as the region secretary and board program analyst, providing stellar guidance and support to the region and field personnel. She has provided the highest quality of customer service, at all levels, in support of Agency programs. Mrs. Thompson consistently engaged in the resolution of complex decisions associated with board membership, and has put forth enormous effort in the implementation of training and board program requirements to enhance mobilization readiness.

Mrs. Thompson continues to exhibit a commitment to excellence in all she does, and is a valued member of the Region II staff. 

Selective Service Board Activated!

Over a total of three full days, Ernest Garcia (Chair), Ed Blackadar, Sue Cappo, Cassandra Costley, Dick Flahavan, Bill Reese, and Keith Scragg reviewed the rating packages for all Selective Service full-time employees to recommend Agency performance awards to the Director. Director William Chatfield was most interested in ensuring that all FY 2006 awards were evaluated in a uniform and consistent matter across the Agency, based upon fairness and the supervisor's written justification. The goal was to ensure that the write-up justified the award, whether a percentage of annual salary, time off, or a QSI (quality step increase).


The awards board was concerned only with performance awards; it had no authority to review or recommend any change to the appraisal rating approved by the supervisor. Performance awards are granted by the Director and are not mandatory. Each rating package was evaluated by at least three board members and the final recommendation to the Director was arrived at by consensus. A board member could not and did not review any ratings from his own office or any which he authored. All board members practiced the principle that Selective Service should recognize and reward the truly stellar employees. The board, with representation from the regions, Data Management Center, and National Headquarters,

reviewed 126 appraisals. 



AWARDS BOARD
— *Selective Service Senior staff make up the new board selected to review each recommendation for performance awards at the management level.*

Dinner With a Moon Walker, Capt. Gene Cernan

Former Reserve Force Officer Brad Willette (Ohio Army National Guard, Ret.), from Region I's Ohio detachment, had a chance to meet and chat with the last man to walk on the Moon in 1972. "Capt. (U.S. Navy Ret.) Gene Cernan was at our local aviation meeting/dinner last week [in early November 2006] as a guest speaker here in Columbus, OH. He later talked about what it was like to walk on the Moon and had a fantastic PowerPoint presentation," said Lt. Col. Willette. He added it was "really cool to meet one of the few." 

MEETING MOON WALKER CAPT. CERNAN — *Former Selective Service Reserve Force Officer Brad Willette (left) meets moon walker, Capt. Gene Cernan. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Bob Lewis, a friend of Lt. Col. Willette.)*



CFC Kick Off with the Stars

On October 4, 2006, Selective Service employees gathered in the training/conference room at National Headquarters for the annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) kick off. As the CFC Chairman, Director William Chatfield announced that Al Turner was appointed vice-chairman and Vanessa Lyde, the campaign manager. He welcomed the guests and handed the torch to Mr. Turner, who then handed it to Mrs. Lyde.

With a strong, clear voice, Ms. Lyde began the program with a song and clapped her hands as she sang:

*This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine,
Let it shine,
Let it shine.*

Ms. Lyde proceeded with sharing her personal life story, telling how grateful and blessed she felt given that little "light." With this light of hers, she asked each and every one of us to give what we can.

Next, she introduced our special guests who spoke in turn, two CFC loan executives Ms. Monica Suraci and Mr. Tyrone Lassiter, followed by Mr. Steve Dolbow, Director of Marketing, CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation. All told their significant stories.

Vince Micone, Chairperson of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee, CFC of the National Capital Area, said in his letter inside the cover of the Catalog of Caring, "By making a contribution, by serving as a volunteer, or by giving from your heart to help those in need, you bring light into someone's life. Through your selfless actions and overwhelming generosity, you stand behind those organizations working to improve the lives of others." His words go hand in hand with this year's campaign theme is "Be a Star in Someone's Life! Support CFC."




Mother Theresa: “It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.”

CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. It continues to be the largest and most successful workplace fundraising model in the world. With a tradition of commitment to the community through the selfless efforts of federal employees, the CFC has its roots in the many charitable campaigns in the early 1960s. Seeing a need to bring the diversity of fundraising efforts under one umbrella, the CFC was created – one campaign, once a year. In 2005, federal employees around the world raised more than \$268 million for charitable causes.

“If you haven’t got charity in your heart you have the worst kind of heart trouble.” ~ **Bob Hope**

Selective Service wrapped up its CFC contribution early in 2007. With 84 percent employee participation, the average contribution was \$374.12 with a per-capita of \$313.77. Selective Service’s goal was \$20,422, and a total of \$19,455 was collected. “It was a good year,” said Ms. Lyde, “we thank all for their generosity to shine in someone else’s life.”

Selective Service System received the Agency Presidential Award and the Agency Leadership Award from CFC. 

CFC Fair Featured:

Alzheimer’s and Aging Research Center
 American Foreign Service Association
 American Red Cross
 Arlington Street People’s Assistance Network
 Arthritis and Cancer Pain Research Institute
 BISA
 Book, Bears, & Bonnets
 CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation
 DC Campaign to Prevent Teenage Pregnancy
 DC Children Trust Fund
 Food and Friends
 HOSPICE
 Meals on Wheels
 Multiple Sclerosis National Research Institute
 NAACP
 National Cancer Foundation
 PKD Foundation
 Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association
 The Mountain Institute
 United Negro College Fund
 Urban Outreach



News from Region III —

National Congress of American Indians

First Lieutenant Duane Tadlock, Reserve Force Officer from Region III, met many people while manning the Selective Service System's exhibit booth at the National Congress of American Indians held October 2006, in the Sacramento Convention Center. Along with Reserve Force Officer, Major Paul Villegas, 1st Lt. Tadlock spent a week providing information to those who visited the booth. Visitors were interested in learning more about the Selective Service board member program, registration requirements and benefits, and Selective Service in general.



NATIONAL OUTREACH & PUBLIC AWARENESS INITIATIVES — Maj. Paul Villegas (left), Selective Service Reserve Force Officer, discusses registration and board member programs, as well as Selective Service in general with visitors from the National Congress of American Indians, held in Sacramento, CA.

During the National Congress, Local Board Member Keith “Heavy Runner” from Montana stopped by the booth and introduced himself to Maj. Villegas and 1st Lt. Tadlock. Also, Sarah Moses, editorial assistant with the publication *Indian Today*, offered to put in a public service announcement in their newspaper. *Indian Today* is the Nation's leading American Indian news source.

Each year, Selective Service mans an exhibit booth at 14 leading community and educational annual meetings across the United States. Reserve Force Officers

supporting Selective Service provide the manpower for these booths, along with region staffers. The exhibit programs has been ongoing for several years providing the opportunity to reach grassroots leaders who carry back the registration message to their local communities, furthering Selective Service national outreach and public awareness initiatives. **SSS**

California State Fair Draws Registrations

State Director General Ronald Markarian coordinated an exhibit at the California State Fair held in Sacramento, CA. First Lieutenant Duane A. Tadlock, from a California detachment (CA-3CA), is shown here registering a young man with the Selective Service System during the fair. **SSS**



Supporting Operation Noble Eagle

RFOs Share Experience as Casualty Assistance Officers

A number of Selective Service's Reserve Force Officers (RFOs) are currently mobilized as casualty assistance officers supporting Operation Noble Eagle. As casualty notification/assistance officers, they are assigned to assist family members in the event of a soldier's death or status as missing in action.

When a soldier dies on active duty, while training or performing funeral honors duty, the Armed Forces will provide a death gratuity and care and disposition of remains. Illinois' Operation Home Front web site on death and casualty assistance describes the service as "... one of the most demanding and sensitive additional duties a soldier or airman will ever have during his/her military career. Duty as a CAO [casualty assistance officer] takes precedence over all other obligations and responsibilities. The mission is to provide assistance to the primary next-of-kin and/or the person authorized direct disposition during the period following a soldier or airman being declared missing or deceased. The assistance provided demonstrates the concern of the United States Armed Forces for the welfare of its military members and their families."

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle."

~ *Abraham Lincoln*

From Region II, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Maddox, Jr., is detailed supporting Operation Noble Eagle in the area from Melbourne, south to Key West and west to North Port, south of Sarasota, FL. He has served as a Selective Service RFO since 1990, and at the time of mobilization he was the Commander of Florida Detachment 2-6.

Lt. Col. Maddox responsibilities include handling funeral/burial arrangements for fallen soldiers, as well as the benefit payments to those who have lost loved ones in the Global War on Terrorism. In a note to Director William Chatfield, Lt. Col. Maddox wrote that his assignment as a CAO has "changed me so much."

Lt. Col. Maddox's conduct during two casualty cases received letters from the families of soldiers Jason Walker and Jason Johns acknowledging and thanking him for his professionalism and compassion. In a letter to Lt. Col. Maddox, Ms. Barbara Pope, a member of former Governor Jeb Bush's staff and close friend of Specialist Jason Walker's family, wrote:

"...I wanted to say thanks for everything you've done; for them [the Walkers], for me, and especially for Jason. You absolutely do have a way with people and you are great in this job. ... Not for one minute did I, or anyone else involved, find you to be anything but sincere. At this horrible time, that was much appreciated by everyone. And thanks for giving me a confidence boost about the uniform and the protocol. ... And, whenever we talk about Jason, you will be included in our thoughts because although it wasn't an easy week, you made it a lot more bearable."



Lt. Col. Maddox is currently serving as a CAO in Florida.




Selective Service RFO CW3 Mark Kelsey serves as a CAO for North Texas.

Army Reserve Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mark Kelsey, another RFO from Region II, is a CAO serving in the greater North Texas area. He and others were interviewed by Associated Press reporter Jeff Carlton. He is quoted in an article of USA Today, "Holidays bring little relief to families of fallen soldiers," published December 22, 2006.

When asked about his experience, CW3 Kelsey stated, "Certainly, holidays are harder than other times. Think of me as an Army grief counselor. You have to have the mind-set that you want to help people at their worst possible times."

Lt. Col. Maddox was activated in August 2006 and CW3 Kelsey in July 2006. Other RFOs serving Operation Noble Eagle are Major Gaston Bernier and Captain Drew Techner, from Region I, and Major Michael Cepe, from Region III. Major Paul Villegas, from Region III, completed his tour in February 2007. These officers volunteered to be mobilized as a casualty assistance officer for a year.

Director Chatfield speaks for all of Selective Service when he said he is very proud of these officers and their dedication to this very difficult mission. 

In Memoriam —

Gen. Jack Kaufman, Former State Director and Region Director, Dies

Jack D. Kaufman, a retired Maryland National Guard brigadier general who had headed the Maryland Military Academy and was a former state and region director for Selective Service, died October 3, 2006. The longtime Pikesville, MD, resident was 86.



Born and raised in Baltimore, MD, General Kaufman was the son of Morris Kaufman, who had served with the 110th Field Artillery in Europe during World War I.

General Kaufman was a 1937 graduate of City College and enlisted in the Maryland National Guard's 110th Field Artillery, 29th Division, in 1940. Called to active duty in 1942, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1942, and was assigned to Fort Sill, OK, as a gunnery instructor.

He joined the 130th Field Artillery and was sent to Europe, where he saw combat. He had attained the rank of captain when he returned to the U.S. In 1946, he stepped down from active duty and continued to serve as a reservist.

In 1951, General Kaufman was called to active duty as an adviser to the West Virginia Army National Guard. From 1952 to 1953, he served in Korea with the 57th Field Artillery Battalion of the 7th Infantry Division. He was also an adviser to the Republic of Korea's 91st Field Artillery Battalion.

During his Korean War service, General Kaufman was decorated with the Bronze Star and earned three battle stars.

From 1955 to 1959, he was assigned to the Maryland National Guard's 224th Field Artillery and later held assignments with the 110th Field Artillery and became training officer with the 29th Division in 1962.

He was later promoted to lieutenant colonel and appointed commandant of the Maryland Officer Candidate School. In 1971, he was assigned as the first commandant of the newly formed Maryland Military Academy.

He was Selective Service state director for Maryland from 1972 until 1976, when he was appointed director of Region I for the Selective Service System, a position he held for two years until becoming operations and training officer for the Selective Service System in Washington, D.C.

In 1979, General Kaufman was placed on the Army's retired list, and he was promoted to brigadier general by the Maryland National Guard in 1994.

General Kaufman was a member of the Battery A Association, and the 29th Division Association, Post 110. He had been treasurer for 27 years and was a past president of the Association of the United States Army.

"Altogether, General Kaufman proudly served his country for 21 years on active duty and 18 years of service in the Maryland National Guard and reserve," said Jim Gilbert, president of the Francis Scott Key Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. "We have lost a great soldier and patriot."

"He was a colorful and dedicated officer who was an exceptional administrator. He had strong beliefs and wasn't afraid to express them," said Philip Sherman, a Baltimore lawyer and retired Maryland National Guard brigadier general.

"At his funeral, one of his brothers said in the eulogy that he was a general when he was 6 years old because he loved telling people what to do and ordering them around. He really was a good man," Sherman said.

In retirement, General Kaufman was a docent at what is now the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore for 22 years, and he was one of the first volunteers to bring the Zoomobile to local schoolchildren.

He also volunteered with the Pets on Wheels program, taking one of his dogs to area hospitals and nursing homes to visit patients.

General Kaufman also earned a degree in adult education from the University of the District of Columbia and was a graduate of the General Staff College and the Army War College. He was a member of Chizuk Amuno Congregation and its Brotherhood.

He was married for 63 years to the former Beatrice Matzlover, who died September 2006.

General Kaufman is survived by his daughter, Ruthanne Kaufman of Pikesville. A son, Michael B. Kaufman, died in 1983. SSS

~ Excerpted from the Baltimore Sun, October 7, 2006

Col. William Brooks, Jr., Passes Away

William Dandridge Brooks, Jr., a former professor and patent examiner who later became a senior Selective Service official, passed away on July 28, 2006, in Silver Spring, MD. A resident of Washington, D.C., he was 93 at the time of his death.



Born in Washington, D.C., Colonel Brooks graduated from Dunbar High School in 1930, and, in 1934, from Howard University, where he was a member of the ROTC. He taught physics for two years at Howard while studying for his master's degree.

Upon completing his master's degree in 1936, Colonel Brooks went to New York University to study for his doctorate in physics from 1937 to 1940. During that period, he was also working as a legal librarian at Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. He taught electrical engineering at Florida A&M University before being called into the Army as an infantry officer soon after the U.S. entered World War II.

Colonel Brooks received the Bronze Star Medal for valor in combat, serving in the Pacific, New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, and the Philippines.


After the war, Colonel Brooks returned to teaching, this time at Phelps Vocational High School in Washington, D.C. Shortly thereafter, he became one of the first African

American patent examiners in the U.S. Patent Office, where he worked from 1947 to 1950. He examined geometrical instruments during the day and attended law school at night. In 1950, Colonel Brooks graduated from Robert H. Terrell School of Law in Washington, D.C.

In 1951, Colonel Brooks was recalled to the Army during the Korean War and was assigned to the national headquarters of the Selective Service System in Washington, D.C. He remained on active duty throughout his Selective Service years, first as a training officer for 12 years and later as assistant chief of the administrative division from 1963 to 1970. He also held position of safety director for four years. When Colonel Brooks retired in 1970, he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Colonel Brooks was a member of many scientific and professional honor societies, including the American Physical Society and the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Colonel Brooks was also known for his long volunteer work in Washington, D.C. with the Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, and other organizations.

His wife of eight years, Juanita M. Brooks, died in 1952. Survivors include two children, Maxie Ellard of Atlanta, GA, and William D. Brooks III, of Washington, D.C.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. 

~ Excerpted from the Washington Post, August 12, 2006.

A Presidential Proclamation Observing Women's History Month

This month, we honor the spirit, leadership, and hard work of American women.

Throughout our history, the vision and determination of women have strengthened and transformed America. As we celebrate Women's History Month, we recognize the vital contributions women have made to our country.

The strong leadership of extraordinary women has altered our Nation's history. Sojourner Truth, Alice Stone Blackwell, and Julia Ward Howe opened doors for future generations of women by advancing the cause of women's voting rights and helping make America a more equitable

place. In 1855, Dr. Mary E. Walker became one of the first female physicians in the country. Dr. Walker volunteered her medical services during the Civil War and became the only woman in United States history to receive the Medal of Honor. Vivian Malone Jones stood her ground in the face of great injustice and helped integrate the University of Alabama, breaking down the racial barriers to higher education and becoming the school's first African-American graduate.

Our Nation is a land of great opportunity, and women are seizing that opportunity and shaping the future of

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America in all walks of life. A record number of women are serving in the halls of Congress, and the number of women-owned businesses continues to grow. The women of our Armed Forces are making vital contribution to our Nation's security by serving the cause of freedom and peace around the world. And by giving care and guidance, America's mothers are helping to build the foundation for the success of our Nation's children and strengthening the character of our country. NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim March 2007 as Women's History Month. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that honor the history, accomplishments, and contributions of American women.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first. SSS

GEORGE W. BUSH



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM — Jennie Nash, manager of the Planning Division, Operations Directorate, recites a poem for National Headquarters Women's History Month Program held March 15, 2007.



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