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Nevada is the 37th State to Enact Driver's License Legislation Linked to Registration

On May 22, 2009, Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons signed into law a driver's license legislation that supports Selective Service registration. Effective July 1, 2010, men 18 through 25 renewing or applying for a state driver's license in Nevada will have the option to register with the Selective Service System.

With Nevada, Selective Service has 41 jurisdictions: 37 states, three territories, and the District of Columbia, which have enacted driver's license legislation linked to the federal registration requirement. They are as follows: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

The bill, sponsored by State Senator Bob Coffin, was introduced on March 13, 2009; passed the state senate on April 13, with 20 yeas, 1 nay and the assembly on May 16, with 40 yeas, 0 nays, and 2 excused votes; and has now been signed by the governor. Selective Service commends everyone involved in bringing



CEREMONIAL SIGNING – In the photo above, from left to right: Linda McCoy, wife of Nevada State Director; Jennifer Lazovich, Kummer Kaempfer; Selective Service Director William Chatfield; Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons; General Billy McCoy (Ret.), Nevada State Director; Erin Russell Hayes, Kummer Kaempfer; and Gina Polovina, Boyd Gaming.

driver's license legislation to Nevada, where young men will now be able to register more easily and to preserve their access to the benefits and privileges connected to the registration requirement.

Special praise goes to Erin Russell Hayes, an attorney with Kummer Kaempfer Bonner Renshaw & Ferrario; Nevada State Director Billy McCoy; Gina Polovina, Vice President, Governmental Affairs, Boyd Gaming; and Sue Cappel, Manager of the Data Management Center. Also noteworthy of recognition is the

participation of Region III Headquarters staff in adding one more state that supports the Selective Service's mission. **SSS**

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Garcia to Serve as Acting Director

As of close of business May 29, 2009, Executive Director Ernest Garcia began serving as Acting Director of the Selective Service System until the Obama Administration selects a full-time Director.

“As a former Executive Director, Deputy Director, Chief of Staff, and Kansas State Director of Selective Service, I now look forward to the opportunity to serve my country as the Acting Director.” Garcia said, “I pledge that I will steadfastly steer a course for a successful future for the Selective Service and a more secure America.”

Garcia was named Kansas State Director of Selective Service, a part-time position, in July 2001. He joined Selective Service as Chief of Staff in a full-time capacity on April 22, 2005, after a distinguished career in military and public service. He served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. After being called to active duty in support of Global War on Terrorism in August 2003, Garcia served as an operations officer with the II Marine Corps Expeditionary Forces at Camp Lejeune, NC; Director of Civil Affairs for the Combined Joint Task Force – Haiti; and as a Civil Affairs Officer for the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit in Iraq. Garcia is also a veteran of Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Before his return to active duty, Garcia served as senior assistant to the city manager of Wichita, KS. He was previously Chief Executive Officer and member of the Board of Directors of Research and Development Laboratories, a Department of Defense contractor. In 1985, Garcia was nominated by Senate Majority Leader



Mr. Ernest E. Garcia

Senate Management Board. Before his Senate experience, Garcia served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, and as Special Assistant to President Ronald Reagan.

Garcia’s military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service, and the U.S. Selective Service System’s Distinguished Service Gold Medal.

Born in Garden City, KS, Garcia earned undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in sociology and public administration from the University of Kansas. He also completed Wichita State’s University Center for Management Development MBA Program. SSS

Bob Dole (R-KS) and confirmed as the 27th Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. Senate. In that capacity, he was the Senate’s Chief Operating Officer and Chief Protocol Officer. As the Senate’s chief law enforcement officer, Garcia also served as Chairman of the Capital Police Board and member of the

Chatfield Completes Tour at Selective Service

William Chatfield completes his appointment as Director of the Selective Service System on May 29, 2009. Executive Director Ernest Garcia assumes position as Acting Director until a new director is appointed.

Chatfield was the 11th Director, nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. He has served in this position since November 29, 2004.

Among the few trademarks Chatfield leaves behind as his legacy is the promotion of a new branding of the agency at air shows across the United States, the preservation of the number of Reserve Force Officers in the field, and

the addition of four states with driver’s license legislation enacted.

On behalf of all Selective Service, Acting Director Garcia wishes Chatfield well in his future endeavors. SSS



Three Employees Retire with Combined 80 Years of Selective Service System Experience

Beverly DeLong



On January 3, 2009, Beverly DeLong, operations manager, retired from the Selective Service System after nearly 43 years. She was honored at a retirement ceremony held at her church – Friendship Baptist Church – in Fairburn, GA, on January 11, 2009.

Beverly began her career at Selective Service on April 11, 1966, when General Lewis B. Hershey was the national director. She entered the agency as an ungraded assistant clerk for the local boards in Fulton County, Atlanta, GA, making only \$4,814 per year. Beverly was selected for a clerk-typist position in the manpower division in the Georgia State Headquarters in 1969, and from there to a clerk-steno position in the classification division. She then served as the secretary to the state director until the agency went into deep standby and the state headquarters closed its doors in 1976. Beverly was asked to return from maternity leave to help close down the headquarters and was selected during that time for a position in the newly-formed mobilization training headquarters (MOTH) in Atlanta. [Later MOTH II became known as Region II Headquarters.] During her career with Region II, Beverly has also served in positions of secretary, operations staff officer, administrative officer (1984 - 2004), and operations manager.

Beverly has earned numerous awards during her tenure with Selective Service, some of which are the Selective Service Distinguished Service Award, the Selective Service Exceptional Service Award, Selective Service Meritorious Service Award, Selective Service Employee of the Quarter, 29 outstanding or higher performance ratings, numerous honorary state awards, and was nominated for Employee of the Year, Non-Scientific/Professional.

When Beverly was asked about things of interest during the time she has been with the agency, it was interesting to learn that she started her career during the Vietnam era; local boards were in every county in the state; and deferments were given if a man was married. “When word got out that the law would be changed, everyone rushed to get married before the change took effect. Then deferments were given for having children. I don’t think they had time to have children before that was effective!” stated Beverly. Other milestones she mentioned were that Reserve Forces Officers assigned to the state headquarters drilled every Monday for four hours; the lottery became operational; the draft ended, the all-volunteer force was established; the registration requirement ended; and, the registration requirement was then reinstated.

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

Beverly has been an inspiration to all who have worked with her and we are very excited to wish her congratulations for the dedicated 42 years, 8 months, and 22 days of exceptional service she has given to the Selective Service System.

Sue Surdi

Sue Surdi retired April 3, 2009, with 38 years of Federal service. She describes herself as a “workaholic” for most of her career, and has been the recipient of many awards recognizing her accomplishments. She has thoroughly enjoyed the road she’s traveled and has made many friends along the way.

Sue began her career in 1969, with the North Carolina Army National Guard as a clerk-typist and was later promoted to a payroll clerk with the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office. In 1975, she moved to Denver, CO, but could not find a Federal job. She worked in private industry as a secretary for Wang

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Laboratories for two years. In 1977, she was hired by the U.S. Air Force Finance and Accounting Center as a legal clerk in the garnishment section. Due to illness in her family, she transferred back to North Carolina, in 1979, as a secretary with the U.S. Air Force Clinic at Pope AFB. She met her husband, Chuck, that year; and, in 1980, they married and moved to Marietta, GA. She transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services as a secretary, and later was promoted to a personnel clerk. In 1984, she accepted a payroll clerk position with the U.S. Army at Fort McPherson; and, in 1986, she transferred to the Defense Logistics Agency in Marietta, as a personnel clerk. In 1989, Sue transferred to the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion Atlanta, as a clerk-typist, was promoted to a budget and accounting assistant, and later was promoted to a support services specialist. In 1991, she was promoted to a realty specialist with the U.S. Army Recruiting Brigade at Fort Gillem, GA, where she enjoyed many challenging responsibilities. In 2000, she transferred to the Region II Headquarters of the Selective Service System as a program assistant. She was promoted to secretary to the region director in 2001; and, in 2005, was promoted to board program analyst. She states that Region II has been a wonderful place to work and one where she has enjoyed her time immensely.

Sue is from North Carolina, but has lived in Marietta, GA, for the past 28 years. She is thankful to have been born into a very close-knit family, with three brothers and one sister. She has been equally blessed by 29 years of marriage to Chuck Surdi, a union in which they have reared two wonderful sons, Tony Surdi and Jason Stoudt. Sue and Chuck have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild that, of course, are precious.



Sue is excited about retirement. Her short-range goals include organizing her home, floral gardening, volunteering at her church, doing water aerobics, and taking short trips and lunching with friends. Her long-range plans include traveling through as much of this great country of ours, as possible, with her husband after he retires.

Brenda Conner

Brenda Conner's Federal career began in 1966, with the Department of the Army, formerly known as The Atlanta Army Depot (Fort Gillem). She transferred to Dobbins AFB, in April of 1969, to work in the pass and ID office until October 1977. She had a break-in-service, from 1977 to 1982, due to the birth of her daughter, Susan. Brenda reinstated her career in 1982, with the Selective Service System, Region II Headquarters, as a temporary clerk-typist in the training division. She assisted in areas of board member training and registration. This temporary position converted to a permanent position and she became the clerical assistant to the administrative officer. The position was later upgraded to the management services assistant. In 2005, she became the administrative officer and served in this position until April 3, 2009.

Awards include the Selective Service Exceptional Service Award, the Selective Service Meritorious Service Award, the Selective Service Employee of the Quarter, and many outstanding or higher performance ratings. She was nominated for the outstanding Federal Secretarial/Clerical Employee of the Year.

She stated, "She was blessed to have Beverly DeLong as her supervisor, friend, and advisor for most of her employment with the Selective Service System." They bonded from day one and Beverly has always been her mentor.

Brenda has always had the farthest drive to and from work. When she began her Federal career with Selective Service, she lived in Ball Ground, GA. This was at least one hour each way, along a two-lane highway. Upon marriage, her husband worked at Dobbins AFB, and they would carpool. However, when he worked the evening shift, she would drive alone. When a new interstate was built she thought her drive would be easier. But to her dismay, the

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Hail & Farewell

The following is the list of new Selective Service employees, employees who have transferred to another job, and employees who have retired, separated, or moved on, since August 2008 through June 2009.

National Headquarters

New Hires

Sireta Parker, Human Resources, Support Services, January 18, 2009

Stephanie L. Gordon, Financial Management, Support Services, April 12, 2009

Anthony Clark, Information Technology, Operations, May 10, 2009

Irina A. Dikasova, Information Technology, Operations, May 10, 2009

Christopher Rhodes, Information Technology, Operations, May 10, 2009

Anthony B. Richardson, Human Resources, Support Services, June 7, 2009

Tracy B. Cotton, Support Services, June 21, 2009

Transferred

Robin L. Davis, Human Resources, Support Services, August 29, 2008

Mellisa C. Ford, Human Resources, Support Services, December 5, 2008

Craig Martin, Office of the Director, January 3, 2009

Janet L. Matchett, Information Technology, Operations, February 14, 2009

Svet Jones, Human Resources, Support Services, April 24, 2009

Thomas Gresham, Information Technology, Operations, April 24, 2009

Farewell

William M. Christian, Office of the Director, January 20, 2009

Retired

Steven H. Greenspan, Financial Management, Support Services, October 3, 2008

Bernadette Peterson, Support Services, November 3, 2008

Neal Bennett, Information Technology, Operations, January 2, 2009

Rose M. Miller, Logistics, Support Services, April 3, 2009

Jennie Nash, Planning/Reclassify, Operations, May 22, 2009

Region I

New Appointment

Paul A. Raimondi, State Director, New York City, March 1, 2009

Raymond Orrand, State Director, Ohio, May 24, 2009

Separation

Michael A. Reynolds, State Director, Ohio, November 1, 2008

Thomas C. Johnson, State Director, Maryland, February 1, 2009

Region II

Retired

Beverly H. DeLong, Operations Manager, January 2, 2009

Brenda Conner, Administrative Officer, April 3, 2009

Sue Surdi, Program Analyst, April 3, 2009

Region III

New Hires

Jerry Johnson, Jr., Program Analyst, March 2, 2009

Robert Vaccarella, Program Assistant, March 30, 2009

Separation

Joseph C. Reyes, State Director, Northern Mariana Islands, August 26, 2008

Lyndon S. Worden, State Director, North Dakota, February 5, 2009

DMC

New Hires

Owen Nowak, Contact Representative, November 9, 2008

Timothy Sayles, Contact Representative, November 23, 2008

Katika M. Neal, Contact Representative, January 4, 2009

Maureen Loster, Contact Representative, February 15, 2009

Retired

Mary O. Overbey, Supervisory Data Transcriber, August 30, 2008

Constance M. Rekar, Contact Representative, January 2, 2009

Separation

Angela K. Jarrett, Program Assistant, December 12, 2008

Katika M. Neal, Contact Representative, February 2, 2009 SSS

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new interstate brought along new developments, and soon it became as crowded as the two-lane highway. She did start carpooling with another Selective Service employee, Colleen Scarlet. They would drop Susan off and pick her up daily from school in Acworth. Some mornings they would meet other office employees for breakfast before going to work. In 1999, the Conner family moved to Jasper, which added a few more miles to her daily drive to Selective Service headquarters.


Brenda has a love for children. She was the youngest of eight brothers and sisters and often became the babysitter for nieces and nephews. She taught her first Sunday school class of beginners when she was 18 years old. She has taught Sunday school and vacation bible school at her church for many years. She has had a girl's bible study for teens since 2005. Brenda has always captured the love of the babies and the little ones that visit our office. They always seem to go right to her and do their best behaving with her. When she plays games with the girl teens, she always challenges them by telling them she plays "She wins" (which seldom happens).



Brenda is a native Georgian and resides in Jasper. Her interests are going to church, reading, gardening, pursuing photography, and scrapbooking.

Brenda Conner, administrative officer, and Sue Surdi, program analyst, of the Region II Headquarters retired

effective April 3, 2009. I know many of you have worked with these outstanding ladies. As you know, Beverly DeLong, operations officer, recently retired and, with these upcoming retirements, this headquarters will lose 80 years of Selective Service experience in 90 days.

We will truly miss these ladies! 



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