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Selective Service System Receives Funding for FY-2001

The Selective Service System (SSS) received its Fiscal Year 2001 budget on Oct. 27, 2000, when President Clinton signed into law H.R. 4635, the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations Bill. The signing ended a long budget process that began in June when the House passed a version of the Appropriations Bill containing \$23.0 million, \$1.48 million less than requested by the Agency. However, this was a better situation for the Agency than last year, when the House Appropriations Subcommittee VA, HUD and Independent Agencies voted to slash the Agency's budget to \$7 million and terminate SSS operations.

On Sept. 13, 2000, when the Senate VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Subcommittee received the FY 2001 bill, H.R. 4635, from the House, it was quickly passed and sent to the Senate Full Committee, where it was also approved. Both Committees voted to fund the SSS at \$24,480,000, as part of the \$86.1 billion VA, HUD Bill. This was the full amount requested by the Agency in its OMB-approved budget submission.

The normal course of events would have been for the VA, HUD Bill to receive an identifying number and be brought to the floor of the Senate for debate and a vote. However, this did not happen. In an unusual step, the Senate leadership kept the bill off the Senate floor and took it directly to an "informal" Conference Committee with the House Appropriators. In a "closed" session (not open to the public), the conferees reached compromises to resolve differences in the two versions of the bill.

The process took a little longer than hoped and by Oct. 3, 2000, the House and Senate negotiators were still holding "informal" conference sessions, "trying to work out differences in the two versions of the bill." Additionally, the negotiators were meeting with Administration officials to make the bill more acceptable to President Clinton by adding funds for new HUD housing vouchers. As a result of the delay and because Fiscal Year 2000 ended on Sept. 30, 2000, the Congress



The United States Capitol

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Director Coronado Launches Registration Week at his Alma Mater

Selective Service System Director Gil Coronado returned to his alma mater, Sidney Lanier High School in San Antonio, Texas, on Sept. 11, 2000, to launch the National Selective Service Registration Drive.

The national drive took place Sept. 11-22 and saw high schools throughout the country conducting events to raise awareness of the Federal law requiring virtually all young men living in the United States to register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. The drive also highlighted the important opportunities young men forfeit if they do not register.

The "Registration Drive" was the first in a series of events the Agency is conducting to reach out to young men through new partnerships with important constituencies, such as the U.S. education community. High schools across the country participated in the drive by organizing activities that included Internet registrations, lunchtime registration drives, classroom discussions, and assemblies featuring local celebrities and civic leaders.

"It is tragic to see young men potentially missing out on future opportunities because they just do not know they are required to register," Coronado said. "But even more tragic is that our experience shows the young men most likely to miss the message are those from poor and underrepresented populations – the very men who often stand the most to gain from these opportunities."

Selective Service also enlisted the help of Secretary of Education Richard Riley and several leading national education organizations, e.g., the National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Association of State Boards of Education, Center for Civic Education, and American School Counselor Association, to encourage principals, teachers, counselors and other



Director Gil Coronado at his alma mater, Sidney Lanier High School in San Antonio Texas

in-school influencers to remind students that registration is the law, and that failure to register can have a severe impact on a young man's future. Secretary Riley praised Selective Service for the effort of educating Americans about their civic responsibilities, and expressed concern for the future of young men who do not register. "As we know, financial aid in many instances is the difference between furthering one's education or being left behind," he said.

Coronado concurred. "Our mission as an Agency is to ensure that registration compliance is as high as possible so that we can do our job in a fair and equitable manner," he said. "But we are equally committed to seeing to it that no young man in America misses out on important future opportunities that may make the difference in his having a successful and fulfilling life."

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Training Video Awards

The Selective Service System Initial Board Member Training (IBMT) video, "A Night with the Board," was recognized during the 2000 Videographer Awards Ceremony. The IBMT video received the "Award of Distinction" in the training video category.

The Videographer Awards, one of three categories in the Communicator Awards, are part of an international competition honoring video productions. Winning the "Award of Distinction" is the video equivalent of winning an "Emmy" or an "Oscar."

The Communicator Awards, which also include competitions in audio and print media, were founded by communications professionals to recognize individuals and companies in the communications field whose talent and creativity achieve a high standard of excellence and serve as a standard for the industry.

The award winning IBMT video was filmed last year to replace the old training video, which had not been updated in more than 20 years. The new video reflects revisions made in Agency policies and procedures and includes such technical advances as closed-captioning. The appearance of the Local Board Members was also updated to reflect the growing racial and ethnic diversity in America.



Cassandra Costley, Program Analyst, Selective Service System Office of Operations and Lt. Col. Tom Hinrichsen, Acting Manager of the Agency's Training Division.

The Agency's video went up against some very stiff competition. Other contestants included American Association of Retired Persons, AT&T Media Services, General Electric, Quaker State, and Time Warner Communications, who were major players in this competition.

Cassandra Costley, Program Analyst, Office of Operations Training Division, served as Executive Producer of the video. Lt. Col. Thomas Hinrichsen, Acting Manager of the Training Division, noted, "We always strive for excellence in the Training Division; it's nice to have outside acknowledgment of our efforts."

National Appeal Board Members Visit Selective Service System Headquarters

On Oct. 24, 2000, Members of the National Appeal Board (NAB) visited the Selective Service System's National Headquarters in Arlington, Va., for their first Continuation Training Session.

The four-hour training covered the duties and responsibilities of the NAB and provided an overview of various activation scenarios.

It is a five-member board of volunteers appointed by the President, who in the event of a draft, serve as the final authority in deciding claims appealed to the President. NAB Members in attendance included, Ms. Barbara White from Austin, Texas; Ms. Jane Macon from San Antonio, Texas; Mr. Jan Scruggs, from Annapolis, and Ms. Betsy Levin from Washington, D.C.



Left to right: Barbara White, Jan Scruggs, Betsy Levin, and Jane Macon.

Public Affairs

High School Video

Members of the Pace Freestyle Motorcross recently took time from their electrifying performances at the Baltimore Arena in Maryland to appear in a new Selective Service System TV public service announcement (PSA). The PSA will feature young men performing death-defying jumps and acrobatic stunts on competitive dirt bikes. This new TV PSA will capture the attention of young male viewers by using exciting "extreme sports" visuals.

Public Service Announcement

The newest version of the Selective Service System high school video is nearing completion. This version, which features remarks from Lou Holtz, Head Coach at the University of South Carolina and formerly Head Coach at Notre Dame, will eventually be sent to high schools in the United States and its territories.

The message of this version is the same as the previous one: register on-time with Selective Service and protect the many benefits connected to registration.

The Agency hopes to score a touchdown with the addition of Holtz, who is also a world-renowned motivational speaker. It is hoped that Holtz's reputation as a leader will influence teachers, guidance counselors, and principals, those with significant contact with young men, to play the video.

A 30-second television public service announcement featuring Holtz was also recorded. It will be distributed to TV stations throughout America with the request that it be aired in free, public service time.



Photo #1: Kenny Bartram, Motorcross freestyle rider.

Photo #2: Bartram performing stunt.



Lou Holtz

NHQ Says Farewell to Rick Shaw

On Nov. 1, 2000, employees at the Selective Service System's National Headquarters said farewell to Maj. Richard A. "Rick" Shaw who is being transferred to Region III Headquarters in Denver, Colo. Shaw's new assignment is Executive Officer of Region III.

Shaw, who has been with the Agency since 1995, was presented with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal by Deputy Director Willie L. Blanding, Jr. "Rick will be greatly missed here at National Headquarters, but we are happy for him," said Blanding.

While in Readiness Division of NHQ, Shaw was responsible for the Health Care Program and was the liaison with the Office of Information Management for mobilization-related automated programs. He developed impact statements and functional descriptions for the automated support systems. He was also responsible for the Office of Operations Intranet pages, and worked with the U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command (MEPCOM) to maintain the automated systems for the delivery of manpower to the Department of Defense.



Pictured left to right: Deputy Director Willie L. Blanding, Jr. (left), Mrs. Debbie Shaw, older son Trey, Maj. Rick Shaw, and younger son Alex.

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

Region I News

Initial Board Member Training

The Connecticut Army National Guard (CTARNG) Detachment for the Selective Service System (SSS) recently sponsored Initial Board Member Training (IBMT) in Mystic, Conn. The two-day training session was attended by 29 people from all over Connecticut and surrounding New England states.

In the event of a draft, Local Board Members would be activated to decide who among the young men registered in their communities would receive deferments, postponements, or exemption from military service based on each man's circumstances and beliefs.

The session ended with a ceremony honoring Local Board Member Paul Nezuh, whose father also served as a Local Board Member appointed by President Truman. "This is a fine example of the time-honored principle of service to one's country," remarked retired Brigadier General Nathan Agostinelli, SSS State Director for Connecticut. Agostinelli personally recognized the Nezuh family's commitment to the Selective Service System and the Nation by presenting Nezuh with his father's appointment proclamation.



Brig. Gen. Nathan Agostinelli, Selective Service State Director for Connecticut.

The attendees also recognized the commitment of Local Board Member Alfred Potocki who recently passed away. "Mr. Potocki was one of the most loyal and dedicated Local Board Members in Connecticut," said Agostinelli. "He was very supportive of the many initiatives of the SSS, and gave many extra hours of his time to help improve registration awareness and compliance. He will be sorely missed."

Region II News

The Honorable Roy E. Barnes, Governor of Georgia, signed a proclamation proclaiming the month of September as Registration Awareness Month in Georgia.



Pictured left to right: Col. William A. Thomas, Commander 2GA; Col. Keith A. Scragg, Region II Director; Gov. Barnes; retired Col. Roy J. Yelton, Georgia State Director; Col. Jack S. Hill, 2-7GA, and Lt. Col. Robert L. Izlar, 2-7GA.

New State Director In Region II



Thomas Ramsey

Thomas G. Ramsey, Arkansas State Director for the Selective Service System (SSS), was recommended for his position by Gov. Mike Huckabee and accepted his appointment on April 19, 2000. Ramsey, however, is no stranger to the Selective Service System family. He began his career with the Agency in 1983 as a member of Detachment 2-3 and retired as the commander 17 years later.

A native of Benton, Ark., Ramsey earned a bachelor's degree from Henderson State College in 1972. He obtained an associate of arts degree from the University of Kentucky. He is also a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

Ramsey's government career includes 12 years with the Arkansas Department of Human Services and 10 years in law enforcement. He served 3 years on active duty with the Army with the 101st Airborne Division as the Executive Officer with the 101st Military Police Company. He also served 8 years with the Arkansas National Guard as a military police officer.

During his military career, Ramsey earned numerous awards, including the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault Badge, Department of Defense Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Joint Services Achievement Medal. For his work with the SSS, he received the Selective Service Exceptional Service Award with Silver Medal and the Selective Service Meritorious Service Award with Bronze Medal.

Ramsey, who also serves as a police officer with the Benton Police Department, is married to the former Kathy Thompson of St. Louis, Mo. They are the proud parents of four children: Summer, Nick, Zach, and Candice.

Region III News

RFO Holds T-shirt Contest

As a part of the Selective Service System's registration drive, Maj. Lyndon Wordon, a Reserve Force Officer for the Selective Service in North Dakota, came up with an original idea to encourage young men in his area to register.

Wordon designed and produced T-shirts with the Agency's web address on them. He then held drawings for the shirts at nine of the largest high schools in Targeted County, N.D. He set up a registration booth at each school and the names of all young men who registered with Selective Service were entered into the drawing.

A shirt was awarded to one young man from each school. As a result of Wordon's initiative, a total of 226 young men registered during the promotion.



T-shirt design



Maj. Lyndon Wordon, designer of T-shirt.

Data Management Center News

Sadowski is DMC Employee of the Quarter

The Data Management Center (DMC) named Lynn Sadowski the DMC's Employee of the Quarter for the period ending June 30, 2000. DMC Director William Delaney presented the award to Sadowski at a staff meeting.

Sadowski, a research assistant at the DMC, said she was "really surprised" to hear she had won such an award. "There are many good employees here, and to be selected for this award is truly an honor. I won this award in 1987 when I was just a kid, but the thrill is still there."

Sadowski joined the DMC in 1985 as a research clerk and it wasn't long before she mastered the requirements of the position. In 1987, she became a contact representative and two years later was promoted to her current position as a research assistant.

During the award period, Sadowski researched or verified 6,500 Status Information Letter requests, corrected 3,300 records which were rejected during processing, updated 1,600 database records, and answered 1,600 telephone inquiries. Daisy Santiago, Sadowski's supervisor, says, "Lynn has a strong work ethic and excels in her job. Her contributions enable us to maintain acceptable service levels. She is a team player, and helps out wherever necessary."



Lynn Sadowski

Sadowski, who lives in Pleasant Prairie, Wis., with her dog, Cleo, a Springer Spaniel, boasts to being a member of the first graduating class at Tremper High School in Kenosha, Wis. She has one son, two daughters, and six grandchildren. When not at work, she enjoys cruising southern Wisconsin in her Jeep with her grandchildren and Cleo. She enjoys spending time with her family, making jelly and canning fruit preserves, making clothes for her grandchildren, and occasionally playing the slot machines. She is also an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys hiking, camping, and fishing.

Templer is New Computer Support Manager

Richard Templer was recently appointed the Manager of the Data Management Center's (DMC) Computer Support Branch by William F. Delaney, Director of the DMC for the Selective Service System. "I look forward to the challenges presented by this position, and I am thankful for the confidence Bill Delaney expressed in selecting me," said Templer. "With the help of the highly skilled staff I inherited, we hope to continue the tradition of excellence displayed in the past."



Richard Templer

worked as a computer specialist for 34 years in the government and private sectors and has worked at the DMC since 1982. His major accomplishments, while at the DMC, include development of an on-line retrieval system for several databases, design and programming of main frame systems for the Internet and Interactive Voice Response (IVR) applications. He also played a key role in programs supporting mobilization readiness. He has received numerous performance awards including the Meritorious Award with Bronze Medal. Prior to his employment at the DMC, Templer worked for eight years at the Internal Revenue Service.

A native of Chicago, Templer graduated from the University of Illinois, receiving a bachelor's degree in mathematics and accounting. He is a certified public accountant and a long-standing member of the Illinois CPA Society. He and his wife Marcia, a kindergarten teacher, live in Glenview, Ill., and have two grown children, Michael and David. Templer enjoys bicycle riding, reading, and international travel.

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was forced to pass Continuing Resolutions to extend funding for government operations.

On Oct. 12, 2000, H.R. 4635 reached the floor of the Senate and was passed by a vote of 87 to 8 (5 senators not voting). As a result of the "informal conference" held the week prior, all that was required was for both houses to vote on the final Conference Report. On Oct. 19, 2000, both houses passed the Conference Report on FY 2001 VA, HUD and Appropriations Bill (H.R. 4635), which contained \$24.48 million for SSS. The vote in the House was 386 to 24 and 85 to 8 in the Senate.

Signed by the President on Oct. 27, the bill became Public Law 106-377.



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