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Indiana Passes Legislation Supporting Registration

Indiana is the latest state to pass driver's license legislation supporting Selective Service registration. Governor Mitch Daniels recently signed a bill giving men ages 18 through 25 the option to register with Selective Service when obtaining certain licenses at Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Colonel (Ret.) Steve Hoffman, the Agency's state director for Indiana, and his Reserve Force Officers worked diligently as a team to promote Selective Service awareness. Through their collective efforts driver's license legislation gained the support of Indiana legislators.

State Representative David Orentlicher was the primary bill author, and State Senator Mike Delph was the bill sponsor in the Senate. The first reading of the bill was held on January 8, 2007, and four months later, April 17, 2007, the amended driver's license legislation passed with an overwhelming majority vote.

The bill was signed by Governor Daniels on April 25, 2007, and it became Public Law 62 on May 23, 2007. The law went into effect July 1, 2007. Male applicants under the age of 26 applying for an Indiana driver's license may check a box on the application opting to have their information transferred to Selective Service for the purpose of registering.

Driver's license legislation supporting Selective Service registration has had a positive impact on significantly



CEREMONIAL SIGNING — A ceremonial signing of the newly passed legislation supporting Selective Service registration took place on June 27, 2007. Rep. David Orentlicher and Sen. Mike Delph were presented a token of Selective Service's appreciation for their support. Pictured from left to right are Major Brett Thomas, Detachment Commander, Detachment IN 1-3; Colonel (Ret.) Steve Hoffman, Indiana State Director; Governor Mitch Daniels; Director William Chatfield; Major Jeff McClane, Detachment 1 IN; and Lieutenant Colonel Ed Jordan, Detachment Commander, Detachment 1 IN.

increasing the number of registrations obtained electronically, since Delaware became the first state to enact legislation in March 2001. (See the cover story of the Winter 2007 issue of the Register.) [SSS](#)

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Special Awards Presented at Annual Breakfast

A very pleasant surprise occurred at the annual Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans in Canada – United States (ANAVICUS) Unit breakfast meeting on March 5, 2007. Director William Chatfield assisted U.S. Unit President Jake Comer in honoring Selective Service's Associate Director for Public & Intergovernmental Affairs Richard Flahavan and alumnus Mark Wilson, a former senior program analyst in the National Headquarters' Operations Directorate. They were recognized before a gathering of 450 U.S. members for "their continuing contributions and indispensable support to ANAVICUS and the annual Hershey Wreath Laying Ceremony" at Arlington National Cemetery. Both Flahavan and Wilson have been members of ANAVICUS for many years.

Following the breakfast meeting, ANAVICUS members were invited to attend the annual wreath-laying ceremony at the grave site of General Lewis B. Hershey, a well respected and former ANAVICUS U.S. President. The Hershey Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) has co-hosted this event annually as part of the mid-winter ANAVICUS meeting. Flahavan and Wilson are members of the ROA Hershey Chapter.

Director Chatfield, the Canadian president of ANAVICUS, the U.S. Unit president, and others joined a convoy of private vehicles and motored to Arlington National Cemetery for the commemorative wreath-laying ceremony.



WREATH LAYING CEREMONY — ANAVICUS attendees pay their respect to Gen. Lewis B. Hershey.



SPECIAL PRESENTATION — From left to right, Director William Chatfield, Lt. Col. Mark Wilson, Col. Dick Flahavan, and U.S. Unit President Jake Comer.

As is the tradition, the Canadian and U.S. presidents placed the ANAVICUS wreath at Gen. Hershey's grave. Then, Director Chatfield and an Old Guard escort walked up and placed the Selective Service wreath beside the grave. Once the wreaths were placed, the Old Guard played Taps and a hand salute was rendered.

Gen. Hershey's name has long been synonymous with Selective Service. In addition to being honored as a former ANAVICUS U.S. President, he was also an American Legion member. As Selective Service Director from 1941 to 1970, Gen. Hershey led an agency which enabled tens of millions of men in the U.S. to answer the call to duty and serve their country. Draftees served throughout the Hershey years, in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and all periods in between.

ANAVICUS was formed after World War II to maintain the bond that was established between veterans in Canada and the United States during the war. The organization has a history of distinguished members from both the military and diplomatic professions. Many current and former Selective Service employees and board members are active members in the organization. [SSS](#)

Army Times Honors CW3 Mark Kelsey

Chief Warrant Officer Three (CW3) Mark Kelsey, a Reserve Force Officer (RFO) from Texas, representing Region II, is currently mobilized as a casualty notification / assistance officer (CAO) for the East Texas area. He was named "Honorable Mention" in the *Army Times* Soldier of the Year contest. This award was announced in the July 16 issue of the *Army Times* magazine.



ARMYTIMES 2007 HONORABLE MENTION — CW3 Mark Kelsey was named a finalist in the 2007 Army Times Soldier of the Year Award.

CW3 Kelsey was nominated for this honor by Captain Greg Smith. Capt. Smith commended CW3 Kelsey for volunteering to mobilize for duty as a CAO and explained that "most soldiers fear the time they will be asked to perform such a role."

"He may not be holding a rifle, but in many ways the duty he performs is far more difficult and harder to accomplish," Capt. Smith added.

Like other Selective Service RFOs serving as CAOs, CW3 Kelsey works closely with families of the fallen to ensure they are connected with support services and benefits programs. Moreover, CW3 Kelsey works with local aid agencies, police chaplain system, and charitable organizations to provide additional assistance.

CW3 Kelsey informs Selective Service Region II Director Keith Scragg that he will be extending his tour as a CAO for another year. "While my work is very difficult, I feel that I want to continue to help our soldiers' surviving family members," said CW3 Kelsey.

In response to being commended for the *Army Times* Honorable Mention award, CW3 Kelsey said, "I am just the tip of the iceberg. The honor of receiving an 'Honorable Mention' ... is shared with countless other people working in the Casualty and Mortuary Affairs. They silently and continuously put in many hours of overtime helping to support me as I go to comfort our surviving family members. They are the true heroes. Without them, I am just another bald, aging soldier who volunteered one too many times."

Congratulations to CW3 Kelsey for his outstanding stewardship. 

Director Chatfield Attends ROA Conference


The Reserve Officers Association (ROA) 2007 Mid-Winter Conference and 22nd Annual Exposition was held February 4 – 6, 2007, in Washington, DC. Chief Warrant Officer Four (CW4) James DiDonato, a National Guardsman from Delaware's Detachment 1-DE, staffed the Selective Service / Gen. Lewis B. Hershey Chapter, ROA, outreach booth during the conference.

According to ROA's March-April 2007 issue of *The Officer*, this year's exposition hailed the largest number of vendors ever to exhibit at the ROA Mid-Winter exposition. Selective Service has a long history in being part of ROA's exhibition with the support of dedicated Selective Service Reserve Force Officers like CW4 DiDonato.

The Reserve Officers Association has been serving the "Nation's citizen warriors" since 1922, representing members of the seven U.S. uniformed services. ROA



Director William Chatfield shakes hands with booth visitor Mike Flint (right), as CW4 DiDonato joins in the greeting.

provides the "voice" of service men and women in defining and reshaping military policy. 

New Officer / State Director Training

News from Region II –

Region II hosted a New Officer / State Director training class held in Smyrna, GA, April 20 – 23, 2007. With the assistance of Region II staff, Chief Warrant Officer Three James Jernigan, an initial board member training instructor from Georgia's Detachment 2-7, led the training session. Scott Campbell, Associate Director for Operations, was a participant in the training, representing National Headquarters. [SSS](#)

SELECTIVE SERVICE TRAINING — Right, Reserve Force Officers undergo training as new officers assigned to Selective Service. Below, training “graduates,” with Scott Campbell (back row, second from right), Region II Director Keith Scragg (front row, second from right), and Region II staff.



New ROA Award in Gen. Hershey's Name

Established in February 2007, the General Lewis Blaine Hershey Award For Excellence is a national award presented to the individual or individuals, who, through their unselfish and tireless service, have contributed substantially to the preservation of the Reserve Officers Association's (ROA's) most treasured asset, the Minuteman Memorial Building.

The criteria for this award are that the service is voluntary and the individual receives no compensation for his efforts. Nominations may be made by a senior member of the ROA staff or a member of the Association. The nomination shall be considered by the Awards Board at a regularly scheduled meeting or by an electronic or telephonic vote of the Board members.

The award shall be presented at a national meeting of the Association whenever possible.

The award itself consists of a permanent form of recognition that will be prominently displayed at the Minuteman Memorial Building. Awardees names will be added. Awardees will receive a miniaturized version of the award to keep.

Note: In addition to his outstanding Army career and long years of service as the head of Selective Service, General Hershey served with distinction and success as the Chairman of the Building Campaign for the Minuteman Memorial Building. [SSS](#)

Source: ROA web site

Successful Networking at LULAC Expo

Region I participated in the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) exposition at the 78th Annual National Convention held in Chicago, IL, from July 9 through 14, 2007. The theme this year was “Empowering Latinos: Building Prosperity through Partnerships.” It is through this partnership that Selective Service has routinely set up a booth at LULAC’s annual exposition to provide information and materials to attendees.

According to LULAC National President Rosa Rosales, “The LULAC National Convention drew over 15,000 participants, including top government, business, labor, and community leaders... The 2007 LULAC expo featured over 400 corporate partners, government agencies, colleges and universities, labor unions, and non-profit organizations displaying their products and services, while recruiting Latino employees at the LULAC career fair.”

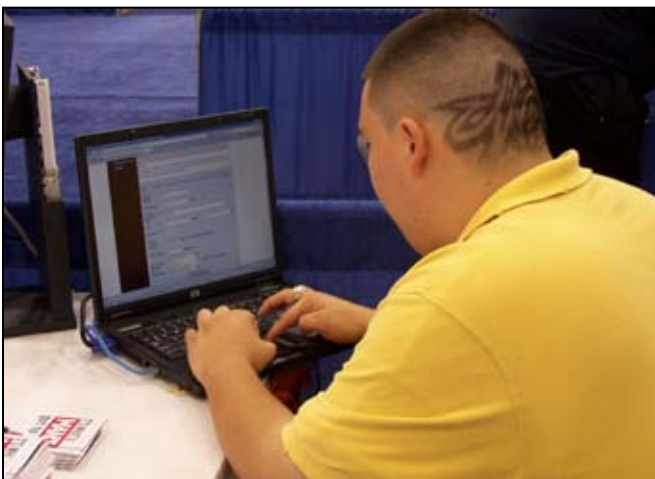
Selective Service spoke with many young men at the career fair, explaining they must be registered to be eligible for various programs and benefits linked to the Selective Service registration requirement. Several men even registered on site at the booth.



NEED TO TELL THEM WHAT? — Selective Service Reserve Force Officer CW3 Mike Cleary explains to young men from the Chicago area that virtually all men must be registered to be eligible for the benefits and programs linked to the registration requirement.

Each year, Selective Service mans exhibit booths at 15 leading community and educational annual meetings across the United States. Along with region staffers, Reserve Force Officers support Selective Service by providing the manpower to staff these booths. The national exhibit program has long proven successful in reaching grassroots leaders who carry the registration message back to their communities, furthering Selective Service national outreach and public awareness efforts. [SSS](#)

ONLINE REGISTRATION — This young man takes immediate action to register online with Selective Service at the LULAC National Convention.



RFO Featured on National News

Lieutenant Colonel Zachariah Wheeler, a Reserve Force Officer and Commander of Florida Detachment 2-4, in Tallahassee, was featured on a NBC's *Today Show* morning segment. He was recognized for his role as president of Thomasville-Thomas County Humane Society and appeared live to talk about an unusual rescue by one of the dogs in his local shelter. The big news was the dog, renamed Hero, had rescued a woman who had been in a car accident.

Lt. Col. Wheeler explained that the dog's previous owner had given Hero to the Humane Society after all the national publicity and because the dog kept wandering off. Luckily for Shannon Lorio, the crash victim, the dog happened to escape on the day she lost control of her car and found her.

According to the accounts reported by the Associated Press, Lorio had lost control of her car when attempting to navigate a curve. She was thrown onto the trunk when her car tumbled backward down an embankment in a remote, heavily wooded area.

Associate Press states, "...the wayward dog found her bruised and battered on the vehicle's trunk, pulled her by her shirt collar, dragged her about 50 yards through briars to a highway, and let her lean against him so she could flag a passing motorist."

The dog became her "Hero." Lorio credits the dog for saving her life.

Lorio told Associated Press, "That dog is always going to have a special place in my heart." She couldn't adopt Hero because she already has six dogs. But, she showered him with toys and treats. "If he ever needs anything, I'll be there," Lorio added.

Associated Press reported, "He won't be in the shelter long: Not only have at least 50 people offered to adopt




DOG RESCUES CRASH VICTIM — Following a special presentation, Lt. Col. Wheeler, RFO and president of the Thomasville-Thomas County Human Society, sits with German Shepherd, Hero; crash victim, Shannon Lorio (right); and trainer Heidy Drawdy (center).

him, a dog trainer has agreed to see if he has the right stuff for search and rescue work."

Dog trainer Heidy Drawdy, from a local group in Thomasville, GA, is training Hero as a search and rescue dog.

Lt. Col. Wheeler stated being on the *Today Show* was quite an interesting experience. The show's producer had called him at least four times the day before to discuss various items. Then, on the day of the show, a satellite truck from Atlanta, and two news anchors from the local affiliate, traveled to the shelter to provide assistance and advice. Lorio and Lt. Col. Wheeler were only able to hear *Today Show* anchor Campbell Brown, reporting live from the NBC's station in New York City, through their ear pieces.

"It was great publicity for us and we have received donations from many states after the show," concluded Lt. Col. Wheeler. He has served on the Human Society board since 2001. 

Board Member Completes 20-Year Service

Mr. James F. Garrett, a resident of Sonora in Southwest Texas, was presented his 20-year-service certificate of appreciation and a Selective Service medal for serving as a board member in the State of Texas.

Mr. Garrett served as a model board member with a near perfect training record. He served with loyalty and dedication during his tenure with Selective Service.

The Military Selective Service Act specifies that a board member be at least 18 years old, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the county in which the board has jurisdiction. Active or retired members of the armed forces or any reserve component are ineligible by law to serve on the boards. A board member's term of service is limited by law to 20 years. [SSS](#)

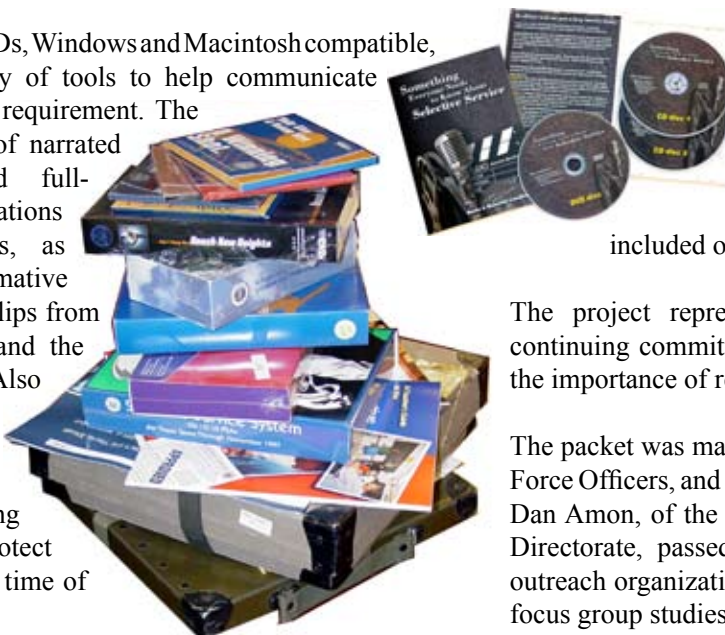


Maj. Eric Layne, Commander of Texas Detachment 2-19, presents James Garrett, retiring board member, with a Selective Service Certificate of Appreciation for his dedicated service.

Public Service Announcements Goes Digital

The Public and Intergovernmental Affairs Directorate has completed a three-year project of compiling its media and public awareness materials onto a DVD and two CDs. The final product, "Something Everyone Needs to Know About Selective Service," replaces a three-foot stack of hardcopy original publications and public service announcements (PSAs).

The DVD and CDs, Windows and Macintosh compatible, include an array of tools to help communicate the registration requirement. The DVD consists of narrated and self-paced full-motion presentations and TV PSAs, as well as informative historical film clips from WWI, WWII, and the Korean eras. Also included on the DVD are historical clips showing young men helping protect their country in time of war.



CD disc 1 contains printed materials, including registration cards and change of information forms, brochures, booklets, posters, and fact sheets. A *Teacher's Guide* with lesson plans, presentation and script, and a local board members application brochure are also stored on this disc, available for printing.

CD disc 2 holds Microsoft PowerPoint speaker presentations, "live read" scripts, and a compilation of Selective Service radio PSAs (MP3 audio files and dialogue scripts as well). Adobe Acrobat Reader and Microsoft PowerPoint viewers are included on this disc.

The project represents Selective Service's past and continuing commitment to "getting the word out" about the importance of registration.

The packet was mailed to high school registrars, Reserve Force Officers, and region headquarters. Pat Schuback and Dan Amon, of the Public and Intergovernmental Affairs Directorate, passed out packets to all the community outreach organizations they visited while participating in focus group studies held in three states this spring. [SSS](#)

Hail and Farewell

Since the beginning of calendar year 2007 through July, a number of Selective Service employees have retired, others have transferred elsewhere in government, and new people have joined the Agency:

National Headquarters:

Retired

Judith Dellinger, February 2, 2007
James Porter, May 17, 2007
Prentiss "Penny" Strickland, May 31, 2007

Separated

Stephen E. "Eric" Benson, January 6, 2007

Transferred

Marion Hines, July 7, 2007

Arrivals

Garry Gaston, Military Personnel Specialist,
April 15, 2007
Kendra Hogan, Accounting Officer, April 29, 2007

Region I:

Arrivals

Thomas Merigan, State Director, Massachusetts,
July 16, 2007

Region III:

Separated

Bonnie Henderson, January 21, 2007

Arrivals


Kathy Green, Management Services Assistant,
May 27, 2007
Julie Ashby, Program Analyst, June 10, 2007

Data Management Center:

Retired

Luz Diaz, February 3, 2007
Richard Templer, March 31, 2007

Arrivals

Jeffrey S. Scrase, Contact Representative,
January 21, 2007
Andru J. Vanderlei, Motor Vehicle Operator,
January 21, 2007
Judylana Cavales, Contact Representative,
February 4, 2007 



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