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## **William A. Chatfield Confirmed as Director of Selective Service**

William A. Chatfield was appointed the 11<sup>th</sup> Director of Selective Service on November 29, 2004.

Mr. Chatfield was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. He is directly responsible to the President for the management of the Selective Service System. He succeeds Acting Director Jack Martin, who had led the Agency since the July 2004 retirement of former Acting Director Lewis C. Brodsky.

A native of Texas, Mr. Chatfield has more than 25 years of experience working with the executive and legislative branches of the Federal Government.

He began public service with the Doorkeeper of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1978 through 1979, and performed in several appointed positions of increasing responsibility from 1980 through 1987 in the Reagan Administration. He served

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### **Message from the Director**

Team work. Public service. A positive “can-do” attitude. These are the themes I wish to emphasize as Director of the Selective Service System. There is no reason Selective Service shouldn’t be the best small federal agency in the Nation. In fact, I think it already is. For that, I would like to thank my immediate predecessors, Acting Directors Lewis Brodsky and Jack Martin, for their outstanding stewardship.

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# RFOs Lend Helping Hand

## Soldiering in Afghanistan, Capt. Matt Pintur, Selective Service RFO from Elgin, IL, Springfield Detachment I-1, shares impressions

Thank you and hello! This particular Humanitarian Assistance (HA) Drop was sponsored by Woodside Elementary School in Woodside, CA. I sent a picture home last November from the Charikar Orphanage, which sparked a bit of interest. The response was over 60 good-sized HA boxes in total. I received about 16 from family and friends out of Chicago and 45 from Woodside Elementary. My fiancé in Chicago has relatives that teach at Woodside; so, she asked and they held a clothing drive for the kids. The student council really got behind the effort and not only collected the clothes but raised over \$900 in freight to get it here! While a snowstorm was beginning on the 10th of February, we passed out the items to the girls and boys of Qalah Musa Bala. This was a great effort. I just finished editing the video and should be picking up the copies today. I hope to let people back home know the incredible strides the Afghan people are making with just a little help like this.

some guidance from USAID and the U.S. Department of the Interior, I would like to push a few capacity building projects that would be cost effective for us. The first one is to organize classes for the local farmers to be able to increase their output per acre. I spoke with a U.S. farmer, assigned here with his unit, who gets about 230 bushels of wheat per acre. He estimates the Afghans get about 60 to 90. He does it without irrigation. The Afghans have an elaborate system of above and below ground man-made irrigation streams that have been in place for generations; three streams actually run under the base. So, there is plenty of room for quick and inexpensive improvements. There are a couple of other projects well worth exploring to help build capacity in this area of Afghanistan. One is to get the marble mines up here going again along with the textile industries. The idea here is to take

what they do right now and augment or duplicate that process, but with a bit of modernization to increase their output. This is a win-win for both as they get a boost to their overall capacity and we pay for a cost-effective solution. From there, they will grow




*RFO Matt Pintur, CPT TC, distributes clothing to the children of the Charikar Orphanage, collected by elementary school children of Woodside, California.*

We are doing so much more here and it is too bad that the word doesn't get out back home as it should. Through

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the business. The next big project I would like to raise awareness of would be a windmill system to generate electricity. The hydroelectric projects are much more expensive, yet would be a great alternative to bring electricity to the people and production facilities in remote areas of the country. But, the big surprise is the Afghans are not waiting for us to move forward. Over these past few months I've witnessed more than a quadrupling number of small vendors along the main roads outside the base. Meat shops have sprung up everywhere. Small mud huts and old conexas are turned into "mini 7-Elevens." They are everywhere! And, this is all with their own money. Coalition soldiers are still not allowed to freely go off base. The work ethic among the people of Afghanistan is incredible. These people, after nearly 30 years of war, are springing back on their own. I met the Vice President and the Secretary of Defense back in December and wanted to tell them this little story, but I froze and blew it!!

I am very fortunate to be in this position to help out, as I know others like me are doing the same. The best part is that this is a lot of fun, witnessing the rebirth of a country! For me it seems like economics 101 in real life. We are helping the Afghan people supply their demand first. Later they will compete on a world scale, as they did not that long ago. Thank you again for your interest and stay tuned because I really hope to get the word out on all this progress! 


**Matt Pintur**  
**CPT TC**  
**TF Eagle**  
**Bagram Air Field**  
**Afghanistan**



## Jesse Talley, 40 Years Service with Agency, Passes



Everyone in Selective Service mourns the loss of Jesse Talley, Sr., who passed away following a stroke November 17, 2004, in Chicago, IL. Mr. Talley, known as the "Dean of Selective Service" by colleagues, retired on June 1, 2001, after 40 years with the Agency.

He began his career as an assistant clerk in the Chicago office in 1961. From there he went on to serve as assistant chief of operations at the Illinois State headquarters. Mr. Talley closed all Chicago area offices when the Agency went into "deep standby" in 1975. In 1982, he became an operations staff officer in what eventually became Region I. When Region I re-established its board programs, Mr. Talley managed boards in eight states. 



# Don Beck Retires After 21 Years

Don Beck, a supervisory information technology specialist for the Support Services Directorate, Office of Information Systems, retired on December 31, 2004, after being with Selective Service for 21 years.

Don joined the Agency on April 15, 1983, as a computer systems analyst with the then Information Management Directorate in Alexandria, VA. In 1987, he became manager of the Administrative Support Branch, where he recommended and supervised the replacement of the PRIME minicomputer with a UNIX microcomputer server. As part of this effort, he supervised and monitored the conversion of all software applications to the new platform. The cost savings were significant, since raised air-conditioned floors were no longer needed and the high maintenance cost was largely eliminated. In addition, multi-user access to administrative software applications was provided for the first time.

Prior to coming to SSS, Don began his federal career as a computer operator at the Census Bureau for the 1970 census. After being drafted and spending two years in the Army as a radio teletype operator, he returned to the Federal Government as a computer operator for the Federal Communication Commission in August 1972. His 11 years with FCC included four years operating the Honeywell computer before working his way into programming. He was the project leader primarily responsible for the Citizens Band Radio and Microwave Licensing application systems.

Don is a Washington, DC native and has lived in this area his entire life. He is a 1966 graduate of Archbishop John Carroll High School in NE Washington and received his degree in business administration with a minor in computer science at the University of Maryland.

Don met his wife, the former Donna Hathaway, at FCC. They were married in 1978 and raised four children; daughters, Courtney and Ashleigh, and two Eagle Scout sons, Kevin and Ryan. They reside in Upper Marlboro, MD, with three of their children.

Don reports that his immediate retirement plans include relaxing and being a “Mr. Fix-it” at his Upper Marlboro home, their recently purchased cottage on Kent Island, MD, and the houses of his mother and sister-in-law. He also plans to take up golf again and travel within the United States. He and his wife will remain in the area to be close to their children and any future grandchildren. SSS




*Upon retirement, Don Beck was honored with the Selective Service Distinguished Service Award for his 21 years of service with the Agency.*

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on the staff of the Deputy Under Secretary for Policy at the Department of Defense; as a Regional Director of the Civil Aeronautics Board; Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Personnel Management; Assistant to the Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; Special Assistant for Congressional Liaison in the Department of the Interior; and Staff Advisor to the Commissioner at the Interstate Commerce Commission.

From 1987 until his appointment with the Selective Service, he was engaged in governmental affairs

consulting. In 1989, he and former Congressman Thomas N. Kindness established Kindness & Chatfield Associates, a government relations and public affairs consulting firm.


Director Chatfield attended Union College in Schenectady, NY, majoring in political science and criminal justice, and continued studies at American University. During his active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps, he was an intelligence analyst. Currently, he is an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. 

## Message from the Director *(cont. from pg. 1)*

They would both agree, however, as I'm sure every employee agrees, that there will always be room for improvement. I welcome the challenge, and welcome the confidence President George W. Bush has shown in appointing me to serve as the Agency's 11<sup>th</sup> Director.

We should all welcome the challenge of living in an era of budgetary constraints. We should see the circumstances as opportunities for creative thinking. We need to plan, but we also need to adapt, using the resources we are given and motivated by pride as public servants.

We all understand the important role Selective Service plays in our national defense readiness. We understand how this Agency supports the message that America stands ready to meet her responsibilities around the world. We understand the importance of the link between society-at-large and today's volunteer military, and the responsibility of every young man to "provide for the common defense."

Every SSS employee should be proud of this Agency and its distinguished 65-year history. I'll fight for the things I believe in, and I believe in Selective Service, its mission, and its employees. 




# SSS Supports Guard and Reserves

On March 10, 2005, Director William Chatfield committed Selective Service to supporting the participation of its workforce in the National Guard and Reserves. With Executive Director Bob G. Hollingsworth of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) looking on, the Director signed the agreement by which Selective Service joins other employers in pledging that Agency employment will not be denied to members of the Reserve Components, job and career opportunities will not be limited or reduced because of military participation, and time to perform training and military duties will be granted. Director Chatfield stated, "With extensive use of our Reserve Components



*Director Chatfield (left) shakes hands with General Hollingsworth after signing agreement at National Headquarters.*

both at home and abroad, they must have both public understanding and employer cooperation because their duty is essential to the strength of the Nation and its communities. Today, Selective Service has 21 of its RFOs on active duty for the current conflict. They volunteer for an honorable, vital profession and deserve our support. Employers of America's National Guard and Reserve members have become inextricably linked to a strong national defense. All of us at Selective Service can relate to this fact." 



*ESGR Signed Documents*



# Karrie Valdez Joins Region III HQ


Ms. Karrie Valdez brings nearly 30 years of secretarial, accounting, finance, civil rights, and supervisory experience with the Federal Government to her present position at Region III Headquarters.

Working for a regional office of a federal agency will be nothing new to the versatile Ms. Valdez, whose lengthy resume includes serving as secretary to the region director, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

She joined Region III in July 2004. She also has worked previously for the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; the Office of Civil Rights, Department of Transportation; Department of Agriculture; Social Security Administration; Department of Labor; and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Ms. Valdez is also very active in her community. She has worked as an elementary school teacher's assistant, teaching kindergarten and first grade students to read and write and tutoring fourth grade students. She still performs volunteer work for the Kids Expo Convention Center, Blues and Bones Music Festival, Holy Family Church/school bazaars, Global Groove Music Festival, and the Combined Federal Campaign. She has been involved as coordinator in the Hispanic Employment Program and Federal Women's Program, as well as the Christmas Gift Drive Program. She has volunteered at the Santa Claus Shops sponsored by the American Red Cross.

The Colorado native has two sons. Diego Francisco, an assistant manager at Discount Tires, is studying to be a Denver Fireman. Robert John-James, a junior at North High School, is a whiz at computers and journalism. Ms. Valdez also has two grandchildren, Diego the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Zaria Imani.

Her hobbies are salsa dancing, reading, and computers. She has a part-time home business called A1BZLADY Graphic Designs, and plans to become a web page designer in her spare time. 



*Ms. Karrie Valdez joined the Region III Headquarters staff as the region secretary in July 2004. Karrie has nearly 30 years of Federal Service.*



## Karl Hansen Receives 20-Year Service Award

*Karl M. Hansen, Jr., center, of Metairie, LA, was presented his 20-Year service certificate and Selective Service medal for serving as a board member in Louisiana. Making the presentation were COL Everett Bonner (Ret.), Louisiana state director (left) and COL George Gouzy, Louisiana detachment commander.*

# Black History Month



*As part of the Agency's recent recognition of Black History Month, Mobilization Associate Director Willie L. Blanding, Jr. offers historical and personal anecdotes to a noontime audience of National Headquarters personnel.*

## Mary Lawson Retires

Mary Bates Lawson, who played a major role in revitalizing both the Agency's Lottery Program and the Alternative Service Program, retired in September 2004, after 14 years with Selective Service and 31 years with the Federal Government.

During her first term with Selective Service from 1983 to 1987, Mrs. Lawson was active in automating the Logistical Services Request (LSR) system and in producing a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the Agency's purchasing and property management systems.

She returned to Selective Service in 1994, and in 1999, joined the former Readiness Division as a program analyst. Mrs. Lawson drafted the SOP for a modern centralized lottery. She worked with information technology specialists to computerize the randomization of lottery numbers and dates, design computer projections, and secure electronic transmission of lottery results. She was then picked to head the Agency's new Alternative Service Division. [SSS](#)





# Women's History Month



*Kate Campbell Stevenson, who specializes in live educational performances about historical female role models, entertained Selective Service National Headquarters personnel recently as part of Women's History Month observance. Ms. Stevenson used costume changes, music, and monologues to portray Bessie Coleman, the first American female pilot; Eleanor Roosevelt, humanitarian and former First Lady; and Rachel Carson, scientist and writer.*

## Canadian, American Vets Honor Hershey



*As the annual custom, the Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans in Canada - U.S. Unit (ANAVICUS) gathered for its winter meeting in Washington, DC, in conjunction with the American Legion Mid-Winter Convention on February 28, 2005. Selective Service has long ties to the Legion and ANAVICUS. Former Director Lewis B. Hershey, in fact, served as the first president of ANAVICUS. Despite falling snow, the presidents of both components of the organization participated in a double-wreath laying ceremony at General Hershey's grave in Arlington National Cemetery. The annual ceremony is conducted by the "Old Guard" (3rd U.S. Infantry), and is attended by numerous Legionnaires, ANAVICUS members, and the U.S. and Dominion presidents.*

# Gonzalez Retires as Region III Director

After more than eight years with the Selective Service System, Colonel Justo Gonzalez, Jr., USA (Ret.), retired in December 2004 as Director of Region III. He was previously the Agency's Director of Operations.

Colonel Gonzalez is a Distinguished Military Graduate of Texas A&M University and was commissioned in 1970. He attended Airborne and Ranger schools, Fort Benning, GA; Engineer Officer training at Fort Belvoir, VA; and served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS. After a tour in Vietnam, he was assigned to the Directorate of Engineering, Fort Bliss, TX. He began his Army Reserve career in 1976, and served with the 12<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) until 1981. He served with the 416<sup>th</sup> Engineer Command until 1988 and with U.S. Southern Command from 1988 to 1990. He returned from Panama and served as the Director, Engineer Support Group-Southwest, 416<sup>th</sup> Engineer Command, until 1996.



*Retiring Region III Director Justo Gonzalez, Jr., left, received a Distinguished Service Award with Gold Medal from Selective Service Director William Chatfield last December.*

He is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, the Army Management Staff College (Outstanding Graduate), and the Army War College. He has a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University and a masters of business administration degree from the University of Texas in El Paso. He is a registered professional engineer.

His military and civilian awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Selective Service System Meritorious Service Medal, Superior Civilian Service Award with Oak Leaf Cluster, Commanders Award for Civilian Service, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Department of Army Engineering Executive of the Year Award. His badges include the Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Special Forces Tab, and German Badge of Military Achievement. 



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