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Selective Service Kicks Off Air Show Season

Selective Service kicked off the 4th year of its air show season beginning with two air shows back to back: Andrews Air Force Base’s Joint Service Open House – Air Show, May 16 – 17, 2009, and the 2009 Bethpage Federal Credit Union New York Air Show at Jones Beach State Park, May 23 – 24, 2009. Set against the backdrop of the patriotism of air shows, the program is an essential part of Selective Service’s awareness program for promoting its registration message.

At the nation’s capital, registration for 19-year-old men turning 20 years old continues to drop for Washington, DC, and Maryland, but remains stable in Virginia. According to the statistical compilations of Calendar Year 2008, at 60 percent, Washington, DC, ranked the fourth lowest in the country for the 19-year-old age group of men who registered with Selective Service, dropping six points from Calendar Year 2007. At 83 percent, Maryland dropped one point from Calendar Year 2007, still ranking below the national average at 87 percent for Calendar Year 2008. Virginia, on the other hand, rated at nearly 100 percent, unchanged from Calendar Year 2007, for the 19-year-old age group, due to state legislation supporting registration. Statistics for New York showed a significant drop of 12 points in registration compliance for the 19-year-old age group. In Calendar 2007, at 77 percent, New York fell behind the national average of 91 percent for 19-year-old men, and ranked fifth from the bottom, at 65 percent, in Calendar Year 2008.

Major Michael DePiro, U.S. Army Reserve, said that Selective Service Reserve Force Officers (RFOs) from the Richmond, VA, detachment manned the Selective Service exhibit booth at the Andrews Air Show over the Armed Forces Day weekend.



AIR SHOW TEAM — Reserve Force Officer MAJ Michael DePiro, U.S. Army Reserve, and staffer Bailey Hebert, set up Selective Service’s booth in preparation of Andrews AFB Joint Service Open House and Air Show, May 16 – 17, 2009.

Major Brian Kim assisted DePiro on Saturday, while CPT Colby Sullins and another RFO from Region I worked on Sunday, providing Selective Service presence.

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DePiro stated that Selective Service's booth had a steady flow of traffic across the two days. He added, "Most people were interested in the premiums we had on hand, which gave us the opportunity to explain our agency and its mission. I also had to explain what we did to a handful of curious NATO (Bulgarian) military officers, as well as the usual student/parent/interested citizen mix; so, I'm newly convinced of the usefulness of keeping a knowledgeable RFO close by to handle complex inquiries about our agency." The booth attendants also assisted with a handful of online registrations and verifications through the use of laptop connection to the Selective Service's Web site.



JONES BEACH AIR SHOW — Reserve Force Officer MAJ Luis Marques (left) fields questions from the air show participants regarding Selective Service registration requirements.

The following weekend, Selective Service set up its booth at a civilian air show in Jones Beach, NY. The 2009 Bethpage Federal Credit Union New York Air Show at Jones Beach State Park had reported record-breaking attendance. New

York City Detachment Commander Lieutenant Colonel Miles Gilmore said that several thousand air show attendees stopped by the Selective Service booth, received a brochure, or asked a question. "We all had a great time and had some very strong interest in the Selective Service," Gilmore concluded.



The air show venue is used to offer the opportunity of the general public to see first hand what the United States Armed Forces are doing to protect their rights and freedom, a virtue that is often forgotten and lost in mixed messages. Tapping in on the theme of patriotism, Selective Service is using the air shows platform to talk to young men and their influencers about the federal requirement of registering and clarifying any misunderstanding that Selective Service is part of the Department of Defense, or recruiting for the U.S. Armed Forces. **SSS**

AIR SHOW TEAM — Selective Service RFOs and staffers provide the manpower at the Jones Beach Air Show. From left to right are 1LT Walter Columna, Bailey Hebert, MAJ Luis Marquez, LTC Miles Gilmore, and Justin Anselmo.

Wii Bowling Tournament a First for Fund-Raising Efforts for Summer Picnic

What do Wii bowling and National Headquarters employees have in common? A fun-filled lunch hour in fund-raising efforts. Employees volunteer their time and creative efforts to offset the expense for an annual picnic and to share camaraderie.

This year, fund-raising efforts were kicked off with the first-ever held Wii bowling Olympics, on Tuesday, June 2, with Acting Director Ernie Garcia leading the first game. His team members included Scott Campbell, Gregg Aldana, and Vanessa Lyde. Members of the second game

of strikes, spares, and one lone gutter ball, the winner of the second game of the Wii bowling championship was Anthony Clark, with a score of 176.

Wednesday, June 3, was another exciting day at the bowling alley. After a couple of last minute changes, game three started with Darren Lloyd followed by Denard Tillerson, Renee Miller, and Sheila Taylor. The tension mounted as Renee Miller bowled a double strike, but Darren and Denard were close on her bare feet. Ultimately Darren Lloyd pulled it off and won with a score of 157.



FUN FUND-RAISING SPIRIT FOUND IN Wii BOWLING — Standing tall in heels, Karnett Davis bowls strike after strike as fellow team players Ed Blackadar (left) and Sheila Taylor (right) watch.

were Anthony Clark, Christopher Rhodes, Godwin Obot, and Ryan Adams.


The competition was on after the first roll of the ball. Excitement was in the air. You could feel the tension building. Garcia approached the line to place his first roll followed by Lyde, then Aldana and Campbell. Alas, there could only be only winner. And, the winner of the first game of Wii bowling championship was.....Gregg Aldana, with a score of 173.

The next group of players approached the line knowing that the competition was going to be fierce. Adams stepped up first, then Rhodes, Clark, and Obot. Finally, after a series

Debra Pinkey started off game four followed by Ed Blackadar, Karnett Davis, and Garry Gaston. This game was intense. Davis rolled a Turkey, Blackadar and Gaston gave her a run for her money. Gaston tried his best to beat Davis. But, Karnett Davis maintained the lead and ended the game with a score of 188.

On Thursday, June 4, the Wii bowling championship playoff was even more exciting than the previous two days. The semifinal team members included Gregg Aldana (173), Anthony Clark (176), Karnett Davis (188), and substituting for Darren Lloyd was Ryan Adams (175).

Davis started with a strike and Adams followed with a double. Clark came on strong with a turkey. Aldana threw a couple of spares. In the end, Clark came out as the overall champion with a final score of 189, followed by Davis with 182, Adams, 167, and Aldana, 153.

Other fun events hosted by National Headquarters volunteers were ice cream social, B-I-N-G-O, movie and dish, a country-style breakfast, followed by an exciting tournament of Wii tennis. 

Region NOSD Graduating Classes of 2009

Region III hosted a New Officer / State Director (NOSD) training session, June 15 – 17, 2009, at the Stapleton Plaza in Denver, CO. Two state directors and thirteen Reserve Force Officers attended. Adding appearances from Acting Director Ernest Garcia, Colorado State Director Colonel Paul Baldwin (Ret.), and Commanders Joel Hulett and Blaize Dhue, U.S. Navy Reserve, this session comprised a diverse group and ended up being a memorable experience for all. Services represented included Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve. The Marines were not left out thanks to Acting Director Garcia and Oregon State Director Colonel Michael Valdez (Ret.), who, though retired from the Army, received a battlefield commission in Vietnam as a Marine Infantry officer. Region III staffers also includes three Air Force alumni.



NEW OFFICER / STATE DIRECTOR CLASS OF 2009 — Back Row: Mr. Jerry Johnson, Region III; COL Terry Oxley (Ret.), Washington State Director; MAJ Paul Babeu (3AZ); CDR R.J. Roberts (Region II RFO); CPT Marius Tecoanta (3OR); LTC Sharon Banks (3OR); LTC Dewey Moulton (3MN); MAJ John Monroe (OR3-16); and Mr. Rob Vaccarella (Region III). Front Row: COL Michael Valdez (Ret.), Oregon State Director; LT Carmelo Perez (AZ3-1); CDR Thomas Midtvedt (MN3-10); LTC Winston Ling (3HI); CWO-4 Fred Hetzel (CA3-3); CDR Brian Borlet (3ID); LCDR Michael Graham (3NM); and LTC John Lonergan, Jr. (3CA).

The Region hosted a social gathering the evening of the second day where students and guests had the opportunity to interact in a more relaxed setting. Backgrounds included a county sheriff, district attorney, registered nurse, small business CEO, energy company community services


director, ATF agent, financial services president, airline pilot, and more.

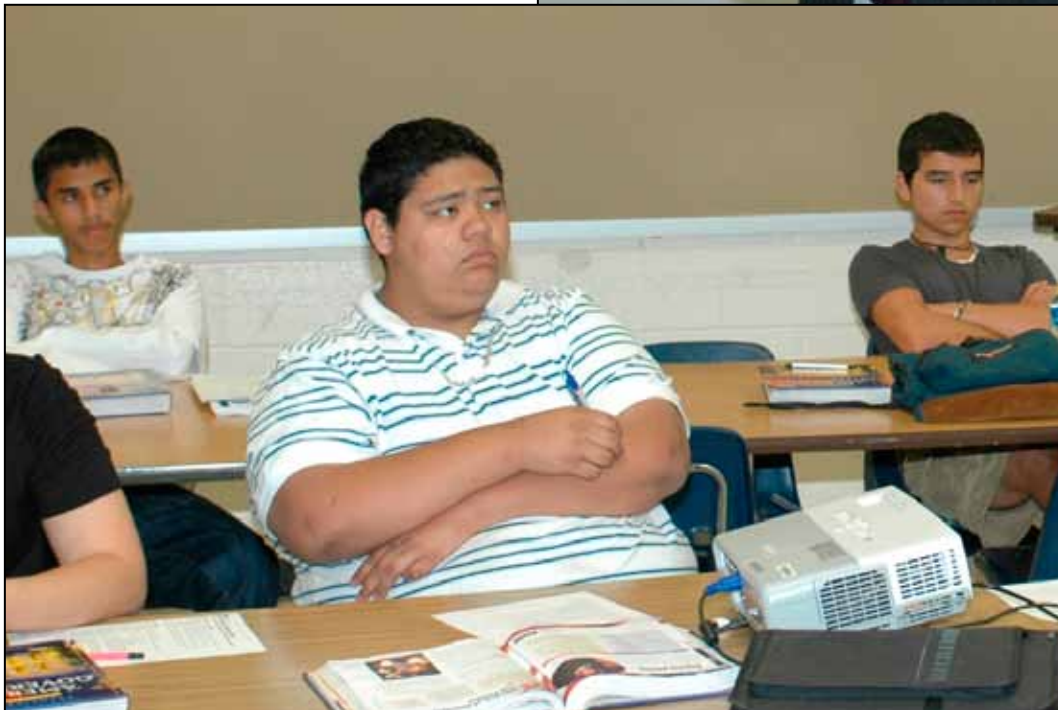
The training went exceptionally well and the Region III staff provided professional guidance throughout. SSS



REGION II NEW OFFICER / STATE DIRECTOR TRAINING CLASS 2009 — Graduating class for Region II New Officer / State Director Phase II training conducted April 16 – 19, 2009, along with the Region II staff. The class included officers from the U.S. Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, and Army National Guard. Phase II training consisted of a Region Headquarters orientation, mini-version of the Initial Board Member Training, and the Selective Service System Professional Development Course.

Local High School Gets a Visit From Selective Service


It's back to high school for Dick Flahavan, Associate Director for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, on June 25, 2009. Was he obtaining his GED? No, it really was only a visit to Falls Church High School in Northern Virginia to participate in a social studies seminar on the Selective Service System. American Government Teacher Adam Nelson's social studies class was composed of entirely minority students, primarily Hispanic, who were especially interested in how foreign immigrants and undocumented men are impacted by registration. The class was already exposed to our organization through materials provided by the dedicated Selective Service high school registrar Mrs. Judith Anderson. The usual myths were all corrected: females must also register, a draft is about to start, registration means enlistment in the U.S. Armed Forces, and Selective Service belongs to the Department of Defense. Much information was exchanged; and all enjoyed the seminar. 



SELECTIVE SERVICE PROMOTES HANDS-ON AWARENESS — Top photo: Mr. Richard Flahavan, Associate Director of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, clarifies the Selective Service registration requirements. Bottom photo: Students from the American Government class listen to the Selective Service registration message.

News from Region III**Board Member Recognized After 20 Years of Service**

Mr. Chuck Kinney, Payette, ID, was recognized for his dedication to the Selective Service System. Kinney served 20 years as a local board member for the Adams, Gem, Payette and Washington County Selective Service district.

Board members positions for the Selective Service are presidential appointments and Kinney said he is glad to report that in his 20-year tenure, from April 1989 to April 2009, there was never a draft. The last draft in the United States was terminated in March of 1973. 

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNIZED FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE — From left to right are current Payette Selective Service representatives Karen Sands and David Durham (appointed to replace Kinney), Idaho State Selective Service Director Mike Moser, Kinney, and Major Craig Galloway with the Idaho National Guard. Kinney received a certificate of appreciation from the Selective Service and a medal. (Photo by Larry Hurrle)



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