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### Director Shown Ohio's Grass Roots During Visit to State Headquarters

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Director Lawrence Romo met Ohio's Selective Service family in Columbus.

Director Romo and Region I Director Thomas White first met State Director Ray Orrand accompanied by Norwood Ohio's American Legion Post Commander Kenneth Gillespie and Legionnaire/State Headquarters Detachment Commander Ryan Ruehle. Commander Gillespie traveled from Cincinnati to Columbus to meet the Director and discussed the Board Member Program and Agency participation in the Legion's state and local events. The meeting was an example of the Director's on-going partnership initiative with the American Legion and other veteran's organizations.

He met the next day with State Resource Volunteers (SRV), Board Members and District Appeal Board Members. Hosted by former SHQ Commander LTC (Ret.) Brad Willette, the meeting was held at the Lane Aviation Conference Room at Columbus International Airport, also the site of past "low cost/no cost" Continuation Training and previous Director's meetings. Board Members listened and exchanged ideas and concerns as Director Romo discussed current Agency issues and his vision for the future.

Having volunteered another half day away from their work and families for Selective Service, attendees felt this was a meeting worth having. "We would like to see more of these meetings!" says local business owner and District Appeal Board Chairman Frank Schreck of Westerville. Local Board Member and Franklin University Professor Charles Dygert applauded Director Romo's desire to get their input. After the meeting, LBM James Ryan and DAB Member Fred Kowalski commented it was a good exchange between the Agency's national and region leaders and its grass-roots volunteers in the community.



State Director Orrand chaired the next meeting that day with Ohio's Selective Service Detachment Commanders. During his visit to SSS Ohio State Headquarters, the Director was briefed by Det. Commanders LTC Ryan Ruehle, Major Fred Hunt, and Major Mark McDonald on the "State of the State". Cleveland Detachment Commander Hunt also published and briefed the attendees on a business approach to accomplishing the Selective Service mission and meeting

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## National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Conference

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Conference was held in San Francisco, CA on Feb 24-27, 2011. CW04 Daniel Yerushalmi (CA 3-2 Detachment Commander) and CPT Dan Kanivas (3CA Reserve Force Officer) staffed the SSS exhibit. There were over 2000 NASSP members at the conference and approximately 200 exhibitors. This was an international conference, with many members from Canada, New Zealand, and the Caribbean. The SSS booth received many visitors and the staffers delivered a short, energetic speech creating two-way communication with the attendees. [SSS](#)



*CPT Kanivas is at the left, and CW04 Yerushalmi is on the Right*

## American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National Conference

On February 17-18 2011, the Colorado Detachment Reserve Force Officers manned an exhibit booth at the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National Conference on Education, which was held in Denver, CO. The conference had approximately 1200 attendees, many of whom were school district superintendents or school district administrators. [SSS](#)



## NBC4 18th Annual Health and Fitness Expo

The Washington, DC television station NBC4 held its 18th annual Health and Fitness Expo at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. on January 15 – 16, 2011. SSS shared a booth with the Potomac Rugby Foundation at this event. DC State Director Dr. Margaret Labat, MAJ Marilyn Jones, CPT Melody Willis, and Ms. Mary Neely from Region I staffed the booth, and learned quite a bit about the great sport of rugby in the process! Several hundred people stopped by the booth, and staffers gave out lots of Selective Service information.

The Center was quite crowded, with an estimated 87,000 attendees. Celebrities like actor Grizz Chapman, who is a kidney transplant recipient, and Washington Redskins linebacker Lorenzo Alexander made appearances on behalf of health organizations and signed autographs. The NBC4 Peacock also made an appearance. [SSS](#)



## Region II Hard at Work to Fill Board Member Positions



*Right to Left: Sabrina Cunningham, Jeanice Broxton, and Rene' Thompson*

Region II Operations Staff, Rene' Thompson, Jeanice Broxton, and Sabrina Cunningham (pictured above), have worked diligently to fill the shortfall boards by the December 31, 2010 deadline. Beginning with 41 inoperable boards in late October, their recruiting effort began with contacting public libraries, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, various Governors' offices, and select community groups to garner help in finding applicants willing to serve as Board Members. They began a tracking process for applications received from their contacts and from those received from the field. Their combined efforts, along with the great recruiting efforts of field personnel, especially from Major Lance Freeman and


Captain Ann Marie Tschanz, Top Gun RFOs, have resulted in all inoperable boards either having recommendations pending in Governors' offices or applications in route to fill remaining vacancies. With one task accomplished, they have moved on to the next mission of attaining 90% Board Member staffing for Region II boards. Kudos to Rene' and her staff. [SSS](#)

## Ohio State Headquarter Visit

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the needs of our nation under the current budget focusing on current trends and technology. The Director told Major Hunt he could expect a follow-up after further review.

Directors Romo and Regional Director White were shown even deeper grass roots of Ohio's Selective Service resources at the SSS Ohio State Headquarters Annual Alumni Dinner. Brookside Country Club members COL (Ret.) Robert and Helen Clouse and COL (Ret.) Tom and Shirley Farrell have sponsored the event for many years. Colonel Clouse served as the SSS Region Director during the Vietnam era where he oversaw a SSS region that stretched from Alaska to Guam. Colonel Clouse shared his story with Director Romo on how he helped close down National Headquarters when it was located on K Street in Washington D.C.

After dinner, Director Romo took the podium to update Ohio's current and former officers on the Agency. He opened the floor for questions and answers. Region Director White presented awards to SSS SHQ alumni Lieutenant Colonel Otho E. Moore and Major Robert Noll for their exceptional service to the state and the Agency. Director Romo described the dinner as a "complete success." 



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