

DEFENSE CONSULTING SERVICES



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What Are Batches?

Batches are utilized in tracking **ARMY LEOSA** applications, **ONLY**.

Batches are how applications are grouped when they are received and logged by our Ft. Leonard Wood office. When confirmation receipt e-mails are sent, you are assigned a 'Batch #'. This indicates the group that your application will be reviewed with.

All Services

Once DCS completes an initial review of applications, completed applications are put on a **LIST** to be sent to the Program Manager (PM) for final approval. **The service component has the final approval/denial authority, NOT DCS.**

If discrepancies are found with your application while the LIST is being assembled, your application will not be included until corrective action has been taken.

ASFSC

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MPRA

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FEBRUARY 2019 OBSERVANCES

18 February - President's Day

President's Day falls on Monday, February 18th, 2019, and this year will be the 26th annual celebration. The Federal holiday is officially recognized as Washington's Birthday, though the Federal government has never legally changed the holiday to President's Day. The observance of George Washington's Birthday, February 22nd, 1732, is always the third Monday in February.

19 February - Coast Guard Reserves Birthday

The original Coast Guard Reserve Act was signed into law, 23 June 1939, creating the Coast Guard Reserve. It was then a non-military service comprised of volunteer boat owners and yachtsmen tasked with promoting seamanship and boating safety — performing the missions of today's Auxiliary. With passage of the Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941, both organizations were given separate identities and have operated under basically the same guidelines since. **This Act, signed on Feb. 19, is today recognized as the event that marks the birthday of the Coast Guard Reserve.** It designated the Reserve as a military branch of the Active service, while the civilian volunteers, formerly referred to as the Coast Guard Reserve, became the Auxiliary.

SHOT SHOW 2019

"[The 41st Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade (SHOT) Show] which ran Jan. 22-25 at the Sands Expo Center, showcased products used for target shooting, hunting, outdoor recreation and law enforcement purposes. More than 58,000 industry professionals attended with the number of exhibiting companies exceeding 2,400, a new record... The show was expected to pump approximately \$90 million in non-gaming revenue into the Las Vegas economy."

Full article [HERE](#).

"BLUE ON THE INSIDE" BY DAN PHILLIPS



"One of the complaints I continue to hear from some fellow active military police officers, is that they don't feel like they are recognized as a law enforcement officer by civilian officers. This feeling is often reinforced by commanders who don't understand the roles military police officers play. How many times have you heard, "You're not cops." True, we are soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines first, but we are blue on the inside. Most of you like myself, chose your rate or military occupational specialty because we wanted to get a foot in the door for a career in civilian law enforcement. So, why do some feel alienated from our non military counterparts? We serve our communities in much the same way, we enforce federal law, patrol, and conduct investigations in much the same way as our civilian brothers and sisters do. There is a commonality among us all. However, in order to be affiliated with a like group, you must be able to associate yourself in more than just a title.

When I cross-rated as an E-5 to Navy Master at Arms in the late 80's, I had already worked with NCIS (formerly Naval Investigative Service) and a few local agencies. I reported to my first command after training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, where I was invited to attend the local chapter of a law enforcement organization. Thirty years later I'm still a member here in Washington. Throughout my career and the various duty stations, I belonged to different local law enforcement groups and was accepted into their ranks like any other cop. I attended law enforcement training courses, the FBI National Academy, as well as parties, dinners and functions with other officers. In all this I cemented friendships and great working relationships that have lasted many years. I've even served my local community as a reserve officer for a spell. This didn't happen because I was some "golden boy" picked by my leadership. I had to ask to attend, and apply often and sometimes repeatedly. As in any career you have to be determined and persistent. A few months prior to 9/11, I retired and left with my shadow box filled with badges, patches, challenge coins and other memories for my career in the military and law enforcement. Although I retired, I continued to maintain my law enforcement affiliation and even had a card indicating I was retired from military law enforcement.

Like myself, you may or may not have been issued locally produced active or retired credentials. These credentials lacked the uniformity of the more widely recognized CID or OSI credentials. Prior to the 2010 amendment of Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA), formal recognition of active and retired military LEOs under the federal branch was practically non-existent. We have come a long way since the days when I served. Thanks to the efforts of some very fine folks working jointly with the military, Defense Consulting Service got the issuance of LEOSA cards standardized across the services. I was one of the first to get one of the "Official" LEOSA qualified retired law enforcement officer cards in the Navy.

Sadly though, there are still some officers and agencies unfamiliar with LEOSA. As well as agencies which choose to ignore the federal law. This has led to some unfortunate circumstances after encountering civilian law enforcement. Therefore, it's important to develop and foster your relationship with other officers and the departments in your community. Security Officers, Provost Marshal's and the like need to establish and maintain open dialogs with their civilian counterparts. As an Individual, a large part of recognition in any field is professional affiliation. Go out and get involved in your local, state, or national law enforcement groups. Seek out and attend law enforcement training events that will enhance your career and resume'. Participate in law enforcement-sponsored events, like; National Night Out, Law Enforcement Torch Run, Special Olympics, Shop with a Cop, etc. Lastly, keep up to date with the laws of the state in which you reside or to where you travel. "

About the author:

Dan Phillips retired as a military criminal investigator after 23 years of service, joined the federal service right after 9/11 and served 16 years working in the security and counterintelligence fields. Today he works for a major defense contractor. Dan serves as the LEOSA program Chair for the Washington state Fraternal Order of Police.

PATRIOT'S POINT



Command Sergeant Major (retired)

Tony L. McGee joined the Army in 1987 and served an extremely diverse Army career of over 21 years which included leadership at every level from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major.

A veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm as well as Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, CSM McGee's numerous awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (2nd Award), Defense Meritorious Service Medal,

Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), Air Medal, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4th Award), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (6th Award), Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, Order of the Marechaussee in Silver, Order of Saint Maurice (Infantry School), and the Colonel "Tex" Turner Award from Ranger School.

CSM McGee was responsible all Enemy Prisoner of War Operations for the 3d MP Battalion during the 3d Infantry Division's fight from Kuwait to Baghdad in 2003. CSM McGee was also recognized by the Federal Bureau of Investigations for the internment of the mastermind behind the hijacking of the Achille Lauro.

One of the highlights of CSM McGee's career was his time as the Directorate of Leader Development Sergeant Major for the Military Police School from 2004-2005. His role as the senior enlisted advisor for all Military Police Corps Regiment Training and Leader Development was a significant one. CSM McGee reshaped the training within the Regiment during his tenure. His battle focused, performance-based approach to training helped to better prepare the Regiment's Soldiers for their crucial roles around the globe. CSM McGee was responsible for standing up the very first Specialized Search Dog Program in the history of the Military Police Corps Regiment.

Since retiring from the Army, CSM (Retired) McGee continues to serve Military Police Soldiers and their families. As President of the National Board of Directors for the Military Police Regimental Association (MPRA), he was the brain trust and visionary behind the Military Police Regimental Walkway and Grove improvements. Additionally, he has served as Vice President of the Association of the United States Army Mid-Missouri Chapter. He has dedicated over thirty years to serving our Nation and Regiment.

CSM McGee's education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree from Excelsior College and three Master of Arts Degree's from Webster University. He was also a graduate of Class 54 of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

CSM McGee currently lives in Florence, South Carolina where he serves as Team Lead for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Cybersecurity Operations Center, Vulnerability Scanning Service. He also serves as an adjunct professor for Indiana Wesleyan University.

CSM McGee is a 2015 Inductee into the Military Police Corps Hall of Fame.

CONTRACT UPDATES

Air Force LEOSA

Since November 2014, 5128 cards have been approved and mailed out!

We are working with AFSFC on finalizing the renewal process. Once this is completed we will make an announcement and send notices to all who may be eligible!

The phone number provided by AFSFC to validate USAF LEOSA cards is
(877) 273 3098.

This number is for **LAW ENFORCEMENT USE ONLY.**

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Army LEOSA

Since March 2016, Army Lists 1-28 have been completed and mailed out (2529 cards).

List 29 is with OPMG awaiting final approval and signature.

Batch 49 is currently being assembled at our San Antonio office.

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Navy LEOSA

Since February 2018, Lists 1-7 have been completed and mailed out (383 cards).

List 8 is with the USN PM awaiting final approval and signature.

ALL Navy applicants must include the SECNAV 5580/1 (available [HERE](#)) with the DCS application. A sample Commanding Officer Letter of Verification (**NOT** page 3 of the 5580/1) is also located at this link.

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DCS RECOGNIZES



January Employee of the Month:

Dennis Rodriguez

Mr. Rodriguez serves as the Sr. Deputy Program Manager at Ft. Bliss, El Paso TX. Dennis consistently strives to assist DCS with potential growth opportunities. He continuously goes above and beyond what is required of his day-to-day duties, notably giving up many of his off-duty hours to assist with strategic planning and business development meetings. Dennis' latest input solidified an opportunity for DCS to begin a new partnership that will most definitely benefit the company in the coming year!

Congratulations Dennis!

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR MARCH 2019



For the first time, DCS participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade in downtown San Antonio, TX! San Antonio hosts the largest march in the nation, with approximately 300,000 participants, and this year marked the 51st anniversary of the march!

NEVER FORGET



"Retired Air Force **Col. Joe M. Jackson**, a Medal of Honor recipient, veteran of three wars and Air Force legend, has died. The 95-year-old Jackson passed away over the weekend, according to Air Force Secretary, Heather Wilson and Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Dave Goldfein, who made the announcement Monday morning. His death leaves James P. Fleming as the only other living Air Force Medal of Honor recipient, according to Military Times Hall of Valor Curator Doug Sterner." Full article by Kyle Rempfer [HERE](#).

HAVEN FOR HOPE



DCS kicked off the first quarterly event with Haven For Hope on Saturday, 2 Feb! We hosted 25 homeless vets and supported one couple who is transitioning from homelessness to a home! We want to offer a special thanks to all the DCS staff members and their families who volunteered their time. Without their support, this event would not be possible.



TCOLE



Retired Air Force Colonel and Current Agent for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), **Mike Dickey**, stopped by our San Antonio office! Col Dickey contacted DCS recently, requesting samples of the Air Force, Army and Navy LEOSA cards to keep them on file at TCOLE. In turn, he brought us up to speed on the rules/laws in place that apply to current and former Military LEOSA card-holders here in Texas, and informed us he is currently drafting an article on LEOSA to send out to all Texas LE training instructors.