DATA MANAGEMENT CENTER OVERVIEW

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DATA MANAGEMENT CENTER (DMC)

Summary

• Established in 1981, the Data Management Center (DMC) serves as the nation’s central processing center to provide registration, compliance and verification handling for those required to register.

• It is currently co-located with the Selective Service System’s Region I headquarters and the U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command (USMEPCOM) on the grounds of Great Lakes Naval Training Center in northern Illinois.

Function

• The DMC is responsible for the receipt, control, data processing, and records management for the Agency’s Registration, Compliance, and Verification (RCV) system for men born after December 31, 1959.

• This includes:
  • All registrations production systems, public website, and telephone registration
  • Data entry
  • Computer programming and processing
  • Error correction
  • Registration documentation and update processing
  • Centralized mail applications, including letter production
  • Microfilming and records disposition
  • Providing Agency responses to registration-related inquiries and administrative support functions.
DMC ORGANIZATION

Associate Director for Operations and Information Technology
• Responsible for providing integrated leadership and management for Preparedness/Registration, Alternative Service, Information Technology, Data Management, and Mobilization.

DMC Program Manager
• Responsible for the overall administration of the Center, coordination of operations with other segments of SSS, and with other agencies. The Manager reports directly to the Associate Director for Operation and Information Technology

Administrative Branch
• Responsible for facility security, telecommunications support, local area network administration, preparation of reports, management studies, development and monitoring of operational procedures, recommending technology changes, and coordination of internal control functions.

Mail and Logistic Branch
• Responsible for the receipt, control, preparation, scanning/microfilming, storage, and destruction of all registration source documents received and processed at the DMC; prepares shipment and maintains control records of the microfilm records sent to a Federal Archives and Records Center. The branch is also responsible for storage and control of mailing supplies, and the printing, assembly, mailing of computer generated letters to registrants and potential registrants.

Registration Information and Research Branch
• Responsible for operating the Agency call center; responding to registrant correspondence; editing and correcting data on forms from registrants; resolving errors on registration transactions; analyzing and processing responses to SSS letters to non-registrants; and researching correspondence from individuals now too old to register and who are requesting status information of their record in their quest for benefits.

Computer Support Branch
• Responsible for maintaining the production application environments, controlling production processing, providing statistical reports to SSS management, providing analysis in support of the RCV system; responding to special requests for data processing support, providing technical support to other SSS offices, maintaining a disaster recovery capability through the use of a continuity of operations site for computer processing, and for key entry and verification of source data for the Registration and Compliance programs.
Registration, Compliance and Verification (RCV) System

- The purpose of the RCV system is to perform SSS mission-critical business functions related to registration, compliance, verification and correspondence.
  - 4th largest Federal database (~81 million records).
  - Designed to support a large scale Service-Oriented Architecture.
  - Handles input from 150 data sources.
  - Maintains an interface with the SSS
    - Public website
    - Interactive Voice Response System (IVR)

Interactive Voice Response System (IVR)

- The IVR allows registrants to interact with RCV system via a telephone keypad to verify registration status or to register via phone based on a letter they received. Those requiring further assistance beyond registration verification or registration can speak to a call center agent.
  - IVR Handles ~611K calls per year
    - Entitlements/Citizenship
    - Registration
    - Compliance
    - Status Information
    - General Information
  - ~165K are referred to call center agents
    - For customer service purposes, calls are recorded and reviewed
DMC OVERVIEW

Registration / Verification

- DoEd
- DoD
- USCIS (DHS)
- US Census
- SSA
- DoL
- State DMVs (x41)
- AAMVA
- Other Federal Agencies
- Other State Agencies

Input

Compliance

- Department of Justice
  Referred to DoJ if not registered after multiple contact attempts by 1st class USPS mail.

Output

Registered

SSS Form 3A/B

Definitions

Registration – An individual fulfilling the requirements in the MSSA to register with SSS.

Compliance – The name of a potential registrant, received from a 3rd party, who may be required to register.

Verification – An individual or 3rd party retrieving the registration status for validation, to have on file, for a benefit or a service.

Input

SSS Form 1
Registration

SSS Mailroom

Scanning Section

Data Entry Section

Letter

Request correct or missing data

SSS Form 3C
1st Notification

SSS Form 3C
2nd Notification
(Sent 75 days after 1st Notification)

Output

SSS Form 3A/B

Compliance Letter

Records not matching a registration are treated as potential registrants and mailed a notification.

IVR

Department of Justice

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Internet

RCV

Input

Output

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Compliance
DMC STATS

REGISTRATIONS BY SOURCE
FY 2017

Nearly 30% of registrations were done by an individual taking an action:
- Form 1 (Registration Card)
- Internet
- Form 3C (Compliance Notification)*
- Telephone*

*Those registering by telephone or Form 3 have received 1 or more correspondence letters from SSS informing an individual to register.

The remaining 70% were the results of an individual receiving a benefit:
- Driver’s License
- Federal Student Aid
  - Department of Education
  - CA Student Aid Commission
- Alaska Permanent Fund
- Federal Employment
  - Department of Defense
- Training
  - Department of Labor
- Citizenship
  - US Customs and Immigration Service

FY 2017 Registrations
- **Paper 9%**
  - Form 1
  - Form 3C

- **Electronic 91%**
  - Driver’s License Legislation
  - Department of Education
  - Department of Defense
  - Department of Labor
  - Telephone
  - Internet
  - US Customs and Immigration Service
  - Alaska Permanent Fund
  - CA Student Aid Commission
Social Security Administration

- This exchange ensures that the SSS database contains the most accurate information and assists in facilitating registration, compliance and verification efforts. It also assists SSS in: validating individuals attempting to register via the SSS website or telephone; reducing fraudulent registrations from entering the SSS database; identifying deceased individuals; and validate or correct names, name changes or dates of birth for individuals in the SSS database.

Department of Defense

- This exchange with the Defense Manpower Data Center ensures that SSS database files reflect the gains and loss all enlisted and officers personnel on active duty or in the reserves of a DoD military service component, or attending a service academy. This will assist in facilitating the operations of SSS in supporting the manpower procurement needs of the DoD in a national emergency.

Department of Education

- Young men who are required under Section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act (MSSA) to be registered with SSS, must fulfill the registration requirement in order to be eligible for Title IV, Higher Education Act (HEA) assistance. This matching program enables the Department of Education to prevent improper payment to those applicants who are not eligible under the MSSA to receive those benefits.

Office of Personnel Management

- Individual federal personnel offices are required to have male job applicants and interagency transfers certify, prior to appointment, that they are registered or have been found exempt from registration. To verify these certifications, records are transmitted to the DMC daily from OPM’s Federal Investigation Processing Center for comparison against the SSS database.
DMC MAIL CENTER OPERATIONS

Overview
• The Mail Center is responsible for all incoming and outgoing correspondence to the Data Management Center.
• Additionally, the Mail Center must maintain accuracy in document preparation while maintaining 100% integrity of the registrant’s information.
• Annually, the center will send out over 3 million pieces of mail (registration acknowledgements, compliance notification, inquiry responses, and other correspondence) while receiving and processing approximately 600K pieces of mail.
• The center is accountable for ensuring all paper documentation (forms, correspondence, …) is scanned, microfilm, quality checked, and approved for archiving prior to destruction.

Equipment
• The mail center uses a wide variety of equipment to support mail handling and production.
  – Inbound Mail Processing:
  – Outbound Letter Generation:
    » Bulk High Speed Laser Printer, Bulk Mail Inserting Machine, strapping machine for USPS letter boxes, mailing software for address correction and bulk postage discounting.

Support to DoD Recruiting
• The U.S. Armed Forces have and continue to face recruiting challenges. Historically, the active military has fallen short of its recruiting objective. Recognizing that Selective Service could play a positive supporting role and that recruiting challenges are likely to continue, the SSS and Defense Human Resource Agency, Office of People Analytics (OPA) agreed to form a cooperative interagency partnership for the purpose of encouraging young people to volunteer for service in the Armed Forces.
• SSS assists the Joint Advertising, Market Research and Studies (JAMRS) division of OPA in reaching a wide segment of American youth, encouraging them to consider military services options. This is a high-leverage opportunity since SSS receives data from and communicates with the nearly two million young men who register every year.
Overview:

- The RI/R Branch is overall responsible for operating the agency’s National Call Center, but also for researching and responding to all phone, mail, and electronic inquiries placed by customers/registrants.
  - A vast majority of inquiries involve an individual submitting a request for an SSS Status Information Letter (SIL) as they are applying for a benefit or entitlement. Typically these requests are from individuals who did not register with SSS before reaching their 26th birthday.
  - **SSS Strategic Goal is to respond within 10 business days.**
  - In FY 2017 SSS processed over 53,000 requests for SILs.
- SSS retains a repository of over 200 different types of responses.
  - **Standard Responses.** Individually tailored responses, using a combination of standard and inquiry specific detailed narrative.
  - **Nonstandard Responses.** Those addressing new policy, controlled correspondence, sensitive or complex issue, or unique issues are referred to the appropriate National Headquarters office.
  - **Registration Inquires.** Response to written or telephonic inquiries concerning SSS registration procedures or individual registrant records.

- On occasion, SSS will receive inquiries from Federal Law Enforcement and Investigative Agencies, such as the Department of Justice, or Defense Investigate Agency, concerning men’s registration records. These inquiries are directed to the Office of General Counsel.

- In FY 2017, the National Call Center fielded an estimated 165,000 phone calls. Approximately 9% were calls in Spanish.
  - Subject of phone calls
    - Registration 33%
    - Request for SILs 25%
    - Entitlements/Citizenship 15%
    - General Information 14%
    - Compliance 13%
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QUESTIONS

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