

The Connecticut Department
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National Correctional Employees' Week August 13-19, 2006

Dear Staff:

During these seven days, it is my honor to recognize and celebrate you, the staff, upon whose shoulders rests the continuing success of the Connecticut Department of Correction. If you have ever seen me speak at the legislature, or to a group in the community, you know that bragging about you and the tremendous job you do, is something that I do every chance I get, regardless of what week it is during the year. Compared to other correctional agencies across the country there are none better, none safer and more secure, and none that are staffed by the caliber and quality of professionals that I am blessed with. Not only do you protect the citizens of our state during your working hours, but our men and women continue that commitment through military service in defense of our country, and in times of dire need such as the devastation that hurricanes caused in the Gulf States last year. Because of the good order that you insure, we as a correctional system have been able to move forward, enhancing public safety through recidivism reduction by reinforcing offender change. So for all that you do through your dedication to our state and its people, please accept my sincere gratitude and appreciation for a job well done. And as always, it is my privilege to serve with you.

Sincerely,

Commissioner

Mission

The Department of Correction shall protect the public, protect staff, and provide safe, secure and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community reintegration.

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About and for
correctional
professionals

*July 31, 2006 -
August 12, 2006*

15th Annual K-9 Olympics

Imagine this: It is a beautiful summer day and you and your faithful canine companion begin your day by going through a water pit where both you and your dog had to jump in the water, go over a log, then crawl under a low fence in 8 inches



of mud; then you must demonstrate your dog's obedience skills surrounded by a group of strangers, and their pets. Throw in an obstacle course, and then top the day off with trying to apprehend a criminal. This was the scene at the 15th Annual K-9 Olympics held last month.

K-9 Handler Robert Sabourin and his K-9 partner "Blade" won the "Top Dog" award as the overall winner at this year's version of the 15th Annual



K-9 Police Olympics held on the campus of the University of Connecticut. K-9 Handler Andre Cox and K-9 Kazi won individual awards for the best Tactical Obedience and Obstacle Course team.



In all, 30 teams participated in the event that was sponsored by the Department of Correction and the UCONN and Connecticut State Police.

Teams represented those agencies as well as those from the Department of the Navy and local Police Departments. K-9 teams participated in areas of competition including Tactical Obedience, Obstacle Course, Obedience, Criminal Apprehension and Handler Marksmanship. Special Awards were also presented to the most-experienced handler and K-9.

Other Correctional Teams Competing:

Officers.....	K-9
Stephen Whitehouse	"Zorro"
Donald Austin	"Ladon"
Henry Gasiorek	"Chirac"
Luis Melendez	"Edo"
Cathy Lemay	"Pharoh"
James Kabusk	"Ivar"



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New Parole and Community Service Director Chosen

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Randy Braren, the new Director of Parole and Community Services Division

Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz has announced the appointment of Randy Braren as the new Director of Parole and Community Services. "Randy brings more than 20 years of parole, offender re-entry and community programmatic experience to this position," said Commissioner Lantz. "I could not imagine someone more respected and more eminently qualified to lead our re-entry efforts than Randy," she said. Commissioner also recently announced, during the annual PCS awards ceremony, that

the Unit would now become the agency's sixth division, with Director Braren reporting directly to her. Director Braren began his career with the Connecticut Department of Correction in 1981 as a front line officer at the Bridgeport Correctional Center. While there, he was selected as a member of the facility's first CERT team. He progressed to counselor and then became a parole officer in 1985. With the Board of Parole he held a number of supervisory positions, including Assistant to the Chairman, Director of Operations, and Parole Supervisor over the Field Office and Hearings Division. His experience includes everything from scheduling hearings and interpreting eligibility and classification criteria, to the development and implementation of policies and the establishment of the Hearings Division, to handling the Board's legislative initiatives. Since his retirement from the Board in 2003, Director Braren has worked for two community re-entry agencies, The Connection Inc. and Family ReEntry Inc. In both positions he has overseen management of offender re-entry initiatives. "Randy has the ground up expertise and a broad range of experience that will propel our re-entry efforts forward," said outgoing Director Robert Gillis. Director Braren will begin his work with the Department of Correction on August 25th.

Cruise Night

Classic cars, music, prizes... what more do you need to want to attend Robinson CI's Third Annual Cruise Night? It will be held at Rich's Drive-In, Route 83 in Somers from 5:30p.m-9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23rd. This is a family fun event and all cruise cars and motorcycles are welcome. There is no entry fee to attend or to bring your vehicle.

Music will be provided by a DJ, food will be available for purchase and the show is open to all DOC employees, their family and friends. Robinson CI's Quality of Life and Diversity Committees are sponsoring the event. For more information contact D. Picone at 860.763.6285 or L. Champagne at 860.763.6257.

Around the Cell Block



New York- Correctional employees are getting long awaited raises and retroactive pay that will boost the starting salary from \$34,000 to \$43,000.



London- A survey of 187 countries shows that more than a half million women are imprisoned worldwide with the U.S. holding a third of them.



Russia- The mayor of a town with a closed Stalin era prison camp is looking for an investor to turn it into a vacation destination for tourists.



Australia- The government plans to use an armed detention ship as a floating prison for illegal fishermen caught off its coast.

Supervised
Population
on
August 10th

23,308

On August 10, 2005 the total supervised population was 22,905

DOC Supervisor Elected to CT Certification Board

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Director Ottolini is pleased to announce that Deborah Pierce-Henault was elected as Vice President of the Connecticut Certification Board, Inc. on June 16, 2006. The Connecticut Certification Board, Inc., tests and certifies counselors in substance abuse, co-occurring disorders, gambling and prevention, and clinical supervision.

Counselor Supervisor Deborah P. Henault has served the Connecticut Certification Board, Inc., in a number of capacities since becoming a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor in 1992. Ms. Henault has served as an evaluator for the Case Presentation Method (CPM) portion of the certification examination process, since 1996. She was accepted to the Board of Directors in September 2003, and served as a member of the Training and Education Review Committee. She currently serves as a member of the Ethics Committee. Please congratulate Deb on her wonderful accomplishment.



Counselor Supervisor Deb Henault

Did You Know?...



Did You Know is an informational column written by the Facilities Management and Engineering Unit, aimed at increasing your knowledge of issues in our everyday lives. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860.692.7554. This article was written by Correctional Electrician Paul Marto. If you have any questions, you can contact him at 860.691.6393. Did You Know... **HOME ENERGY ANALYSIS**

Home Energy Yardstick

If you have 5 minutes and your energy bills are handy, find out if your energy use is above average. You will need to enter some common information about your home. Some sample questions you'll encounter:

- * What do you burn for heating fuel?
- *What is your zip code?
- *How many people live in your home?
- *What is square footage of your home?
- *When was your home built?
- *Does your home have a well and electric well pump?
- *Annual billing information? If you don't keep your bills, contact your utility for a 12-month summary.

<http://www.energystar.gov>

Kitchen Stove

- *Use pots and pans that fit the burners. Pans that fit a burner absorb more of the energy, reducing the energy that is lost. Keep oven and burners clean. A clean oven uses energy more efficiently.
- *Use broiler when possible. The broiler uses less energy, and preheating is not required.
- *Don't peek. Every time you open the oven door to look at the food, the oven temperature is lowered by 25 to 75 degrees. Use a timer if your oven door does not have a window.
- *Don't use your oven to help heat. Besides causing a fire hazard, the fumes given off by the flames over an extended period of time can make a person sick. In fact, if you're cooking for an extended period of time, it's a good idea to use the kitchen exhaust fan or open windows to vent the fumes.

www.eere.energy.gov/building/info/homerenters.html

2006 Heart Walk Kick-Off

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Did you know that Cardiovascular Diseases are America's Number One Killer? The third cause of death in America is Stroke. Together these cardiovascular diseases kill more than 910,000 Americans each year.

Commissioner Theresa Lantz has appointed Warden Charles Lee of the Hartford Correctional Center to be the Department of Correction Agency Coordinator for the American Heart Association. Warden Lee kicked-off the 2006 Heart Walk Campaign

by hosting a meeting for all the facility coordinators which was held at Central Office.

One person dies every 30 seconds from heart disease, that's over 2,600 people every single day! Heart disease is not just a disease of older women. It is the leading cause of death for women aged 35 and older! Cardiovascular diseases continue to cost our nation more than any other diseases and remain the leading cause of death in the United States. Your support will increase funding for research to ensure progress in finding a cure for heart disease and stroke! It's Connecticut's leading cause of death claiming nearly 11,000 lives including over 6,000 women. Each one of us knows someone personally or knows of someone that has been affected by cardiovascular diseases.

If you would like more details on how you can participate in the 3-mile walk which will be held on Sunday, September 10th, or if you need information on how you can make a donation to such a worthy cause, please contact your facility coordinator.

American Heart Walk Facility Coordinators

Bergin CI	CS Bill Corey and CC Michelle Hayward
Bridgeport CC	CS Donna Compare
Brooklyn CI	CS Dave Gaurino
Central Office	CS Dianna Gesualdi and Sec 2 Mari Quiros
Cheshire CI	Major Jeffrey Adgers
Corrigan-Radgowski CC	Captain Stephen Faucher
Enfield CI	RS Bunnie Holmberg
Garner CI	Sec2 Migdalia Tramontano
Gates CI	Captain Joseph Lawrence
Hartford CC	CS Lauren Powers
MacDougall-Walker CI	CC Marc Cooper (MacDougall Building) CC Tammy Chevrier (Walker Building)
Maloney CTSD	Captain Andrea Knott
Manson YI	Major Raquel Torres and Principal Kim Holley
New Haven CC	Captain Anita Hardy and CC Emily Stowell
Northern CI	Captain Scott Salius
Osborn CI	Captain Walter Champion
Robinson CI	Major Jose Feliciano
Webster CI	CC Diane Jinks
Willard-Cybulski CI	Captain Anna Dorozko
York CI	Captain Michael Hartling

Calendar

August 13 - August 19 -National Correctional Employees' Week

August 18 - DOC Annual Awards Ceremony begins at 9:30 am at the Maloney CTSD.

August 23 - Cruise Night at Rich's Drive-In sponsored by Robinson CI.

August 25 - Retirement Celebration in honor of Correction Officers Larry Betts and Kenny Young will be held at the Manor Inn located in Milldale, CT from 7pm - 11pm. Tickets are \$40 and include a buffet dinner, gift & DJ. For info contact Lt. Martin or Officers Ford, Miller, Cox, Hannon or Gordon at Manson YI (203) 806-2500.

September 10 - 2006 Heart Walk

September 23 & 24 - The 8th Annual Detective James Matthews Sr. Scholarship Fund's National Law Enforcement and Firefighter's Basketball Tournament will be held in Hartford, CT. Registration is \$500 per team and the deadline is August 30, 2006. For more info call 203.518.2895 or 203.250.2633.

September 29 Commissioner's Cup Golf Tournament.

October 13-14 - CT Chapter of The Men and Women for Justice 2006 Gala at the Hartford Hilton Hotel. For info contact Larry Evans at 860.432.1432.



K9 Olympics Cont'd



The event's success, as in past years, was assured by the numerous DOC staff members who were instrumental from start to finish. The event coordinators would like to thank the following : All of the DOC Canine Unit's, K-9 Lieutenant Chandler, K-9 Handlers Ducharme, Bandzak, Briatico, Murray, Lajoie & Abbott, K-9

Lieutenant Fred Shandra ,Lieutenant Jack Watson , Officer Zayle Carter, K-9 Lieutenant David DeMatteo, K-9 Unit Trainer Officer Michael Belanger, K-9 Officer Frank McLaughlin, K-9 Officer Joe Larovera, Christine Perry of Central Office who was the Official Scorekeeper and K-9 Officer Tony Moskites who was the Assis-



tant Scorekeeper, Maintenance Supervisor Luis Braultof Northern CI and his Maintenance Staff for their assistance with the event assembly/disassembly process, and Warden Eileen Higgins and Deputy Warden Chris Dion for allowing Officer Bushey of Bergin CI to supervise an inmate crew from Bergin CI.



MVP'S

Arcouette, John Lt.	CRCI
Ayala, Robert CO	BCC
Baker, Marion CO	HCC
Binette, Teresa CO	BCC
Bowles, William CFFS II	WCCI
Brace, Kurt CFFS II	WCCI
Brill, Noiel CFFS III	WCCI
Cox, Carl CFFS II	WCCI
Dagenais, James CO	CRCI
Dale, Robert CO	HCC
Dow, Alan SST	WCCI
Eldridge, David CO	HCC
Fazzino, Frank CO	HCC
Gaiser, Eric CO	MYI
Glenney, Irvin CFFS II	WCCI
King, Wanda CO	BCC
Kittridge, Clarence CFFSII	WCCI
Lamy, Christopher Lt.	MYI
McDevitt, Peter PO	CO
Medina, Angel Lt.	HCC
Meeker, Kelli CO	BCC
Merced, Edwin CO	HCC
Milewski, David CO	HCC
Milligan, Michelle CC	WCCI
Mulligan, William Capt.	MYI
Negron, Lisa CTO	CCI
Nelson, Stacy OA	MWCI
O'Connor, William CO	CCI
Papallo, Franco CO	CRCI
Pope, Tim CO	CRCI
Powers, David CFFS II	WCCI
Pratt, Anthony CO	MYI
Proctor, Chris CO	HCC
Roby, John Lt.	BCC
Scott, Tracy CO	BCC
Soberal, Edgardo CO	BCC
Stewart, George CO	HCC
Stoddard, Raymond CFFSII	WCCI
Synott, Debra Lt.	MYI
Topolski, Thomas CFFS II	WCCI
Twarosche, Yok AA	CRCI
Velazquez, William CO	BCC
Velez, Gregorio CO	HCC
Verrastro, Amy CO	BCC
Wartonick, Nick CO	HCC
Whiteley, Scott CO	BCC

Congrats



Warden Torres and the staff of WCCI as well as Warden McGill and the staff of NCI would like to congratulate CHN Anna Zuccalo of Willard-Cybulski CI and her husband CTO Jim Zuccalo of Northern CI, on the birth of their baby girl named Ava Jenna Zuccalo born on July 15th. The baby weighed 8lbs 8oz and was 22 ½ inches long. The proud parents would also like to send a special thanks to all for the cards, gifts and flowers.

Warden Torres and the staff at Willard-Cybulski CI would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Nicolescu on the birth of their son, Daniel Steve Nicolescu who was born on July 14th. The baby weighed 9lbs 4oz and was 22 ½ inches long. Mother and baby are doing well.

TSgt Chapman Honored

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Terry Chapman at the Chapman Training Complex at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas.

On June 11, 2006, Dateline NBC had a 2-hour presentation on the Battle at Robert's Ridge in Afghanistan. It described the fierce battle that occurred on March 4, 2002 which resulted in the deaths of 7 U.S. military staff, one of which was Tech Sgt John A. Chapman, son of Terry Chapman, Office Assistant in the Offender Classification and Population Management Unit.

John was honored on June 14, 2006 with the dedication and naming of the Chapman Training Complex at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. This complex houses the 326th Training Squadron. On April 8, 2005 a ceremony was held at Sunny Point, NC. At that time a 670 ft. roll-on/roll-off cargo ship was

named the MV TSgt John A. Chapman. This ship (pictured at right on the open sea) will carry ammunition and supplies for the Air Force special operations.



2006 Commissioner's Cup



The 2006 Commissioner's Cup Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 29th at the Traditions Golf Club in Windsor. The day will be filled with an unforgettable blend of sports enjoyment, staff camaraderie and fund-raising success. Space for this event is limited to 144 golfers on a first come basis. Cost per person is \$110 and \$440 per foursome.

This cost includes greens fees, golf cart, prizes, lunch and buffet dinner. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place teams, closest to the pin, longest drive, and hole in one. For further information, please contact Tom O'Connor at 860.250.7492, Dianna Gesualdi at 860.692.7502, or Don Cyr at 860.487.2819. Registrations are to be forwarded to Sarah Fasano-Fernicola (Legal Affairs Unit) 860.692.7496 at 24 Wolcott Hill Road in Wethersfield.

Condolences



Warden John Tarascio and the staff of Gates CI are saddened to announce the passing of Theodore Mish, father of Lt. Jean Sarsfield.



Warden Tarascio and the staff at Gates CI are saddened to announce the passing of Earle Pearson, father of Counselor Supervisor Pam Senerth.



Commissioner Theresa Lantz and the staff of Central Office are saddened to announce the passing of Maria Doyle, wife of Michael Doyle of the External Affairs Unit.



Acting Warden Colletti and the staff of Brooklyn CI are saddened to announce that retired Lt. Jean Lalumiere, who retired from the agency in 2001, passed away on July 15th.



Commissioner Theresa Lantz is saddened to announce that retired Lieutenant Melvin Davis, who retired from the agency in 1994, passed away on August 3rd.



Warden Christine Whidden and the staff at Manson Youth Institution are saddened by the passing of Verna Ouellette, mother of Rey Ouellette - Vocational Instructor at MYI and grandmother of Michael Ouellette, Warehouse Officer at MYI.