



Remember Our Troops

September 10 - 23, 2006

P.R.I.D.E. at Work



Our motto: Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dignity Excellence

16th Annual Blue Mass Observed in Norwich

The Norwich Diocese honored those who daily protect and serve us throughout our state at the 16th Annual Blue Mass on September 24th at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick.

Color guards, including the Department of Correction's, led the procession into the massive cathedral.

Hundreds of correctional staff, local and state law enforcement officers, firefighters and other public safety and emergency personnel turned out. Prayers were offered for those who have fallen in the line of duty and for the continuing safety of all officers.

The Blue Mass — referring to the blue uniforms worn by so many public safety personnel — dates back to the 1930's and pays tribute to the many men and women who protect us and our communities everyday.

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Photo Courtesy of Suzanne Ouellette / The Day

9/11 Memorial Service Observed

On Monday September 11, 2006 staff at the Department of Correction Central Office gathered for a memorial observance of the tragic events that forever changed our country and our world on September 11, 2001. Commissioner Theresa Lantz hosted the ceremony which was highlighted by a gifted rendition of God Bless America by Counselor Supervisor Leigh Ware and spiritual affirmations from Father Bruno and Imam Abdul Hasan. The photo at left was taken as the National Anthem was being sung. They are (l-r) : Counselor Supervisor Leigh Ware, Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz, Deputy Commissioner Brian K. Murphy, Director of



Religious Services, Reverend Anthony Bruno and Chaplain, Imam Abdul Hasan.

Our Mission

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

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From Pskov to Cheshire: Russian Delegates Annual Visit to Connecticut

Warden Daniel Martin of the Cheshire Correctional Institution hosted visitors and guests from the Russian American Rule of Law Consortium (RAROLC). This is a group of legal communities working together to develop legal institutions and the rule of law in both the United States and Russia.

Thanks to the Open World Leadership Program at the Library of Congress, delegations of judges, justices of the peace, prosecutors, attorneys and academics have been visiting Connecticut with regularity since 2001.

Warden Martin stated, "I am honored to take part in such an educational and beneficial program." During their annual visit this year the group toured Cheshire CI as part of their tour of the Criminal Justice System in the United States. The visitors were shown the daily routines and procedures of the high security prison and they also had the opportunity to speak with correctional staff in an effort to gain a better perspective of our law enforcement system.

The State's Attorney's Office that hosted the delegates thanked Warden Martin and his staff at Cheshire CI for their professionalism and hospitality.



Warden Daniel Martin poses with members of the Russian American Rule of Law Consortium delegation from Pskov during their visit to the Cheshire Correctional Institution.

Looking to LEad

The Department's succession management effort is extending to the next level of leadership - Leadership Excellence and Development (LEaD) – Manager Level. The target group for this initiative will be developing staff for the Correctional Major position and equivalent non-custody positions. Invitations to participate went out to all Captains and Counselor Supervisors on the current Correctional Major promotional list and to non-custody staff on equivalent promotional lists. The Department's senior level leaders will once again be program facilitators. Participants from the LEaD – Senior Level will participate as executive coaches, action learning coaches, and facilitators. The deadline for responding with the succession management survey and intent to participate is October 13, 2006. If you have not received a survey or intent to participate please contact Director Sawicki at MCTSD.

Distributed bi-weekly to 7,000 staff and via the internet throughout Connecticut and the nation by the Department of Correction.

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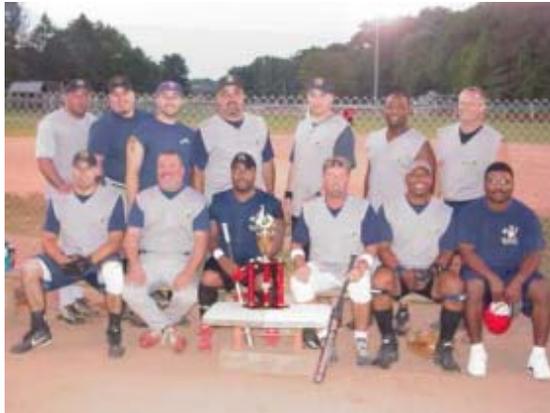
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MYI Softball Team Clenches Record

For approximately four years, a team of correctional staff has represented Manson Youth Institution in a Men's Softball League. This past season, fifteen players, all with ties to MYI played on the Cheshire Men's Modified Softball League. The team clenched the record for Best Record in the league winning the Regular Season and played on to win the Division Title.



(Top Row) Paul Laurenzi, Rick Miani, Mike Nunes, Angel Santana, Jason Palmieri, Larry Tilghman, Jim Dugan (Bottom Row) John Lindgren, Angel Bellon, Reggie Powell, Brian McCarroll, Joe Willis, James Powell. Missing from the picture is: Joe Stone.

Around The Cell Block



England- Prison administrators are using a specially trained Springer Spaniel to sniff out cell phones among the inmate population.

California- Inmates working in a prison warehouse gained access to personal staff information including Social Security numbers and pension information.

West Virginia- The Governor is highlighting the issue of correction officer pay, which averages \$22,327 a year, \$13,000 less than neighboring Maryland.

Idaho- Women inmates leaving the Pocatello prison are being given \$40 "Success Kits" containing a handbag, hygiene products, cremes, towels, soaps and other items.

Blue Mass Cont'd

The Mass was celebrated by the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich who assured the gathered officers that, "The Lord has put angels in charge of you, to guard you in all your ways. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life."

The Mass paid homage to 20 police officers who have been killed in Connecticut since 1959 while on duty. The widow of one of those officers said that the mass shows we are part of a brotherhood and never alone.

In his homily to the congregates, Deacon Douglas A. Hoffman, a youth officer for the Groton Town Police urged the officers to remember that they are peacemakers who serve their communities and not themselves. "God wanted you right were you are, he drew you to be a peacemaker," he said.

As they always do, the Department of Corrections bagpipers set the tone for the Mass and for the remembrance of our fellow officers with Amazing Grace, which echoed through the packed cathedral.

*Supervised
Population
on
September 10, 2006
23,000
On September 10, 2005
the population was
23,452*

DOC Legal Team Expands

Attorney Sandra Sharr welcomes two new staff members to the newly formed Legal Affairs Unit at the Connecticut Department of Correction. Pictured at right are: (l-r) Attorneys Nicole Anker and Trisha Morris. The new attorneys join the staff of three paralegals, Sarah Fasano-Fernicola, Nancy Canney and Dawn Diceseare, along with Director Sharr, complete the roster of the agency's Legal Affairs Unit, which provides legal guidance to agency personnel on matters ranging from human resource issues, to agency compliance with various state statutes, to constitutional questions involving the offender conditions of confinement. Welcome!



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 week's article was submitted by Plant Facilities Engineer I Kevin Roy. If you have any questions or require additional information, he may be contacted at 860.692.7558.

Radon

Did you know that indoor radon gas is the second-leading cause of lung-cancer in the United States and breathing it over prolonged periods can present a significant health risk to families all over the country. Nearly 1 out of 15 homes in the United States is estimated to have an elevated Radon level of (4pCi/l or more). At this level EPA recommends you take action. Radon is a radioactive gas that you cannot see, smell or taste it but it still may be a problem in your home. When you breathe air containing radon, you increase your risk of getting lung cancer. In fact, the Surgeon General of the United States has warned that if you smoke and your home has high levels of radon, your risk of lung cancer is especially high.

Radon gas comes from the natural breakdown of uranium in the soil, rock and water and then gets into the air you breathe. Radon will typically move from the ground to the air above through cracks and other holes in the foundation. Radon can also enter through well water. Your home then traps the gas inside. Since you cannot see or smell radon, special equipment is needed to detect it. When you're ready to test your home, you can order a radon test kit by mail from a qualified radon measurement services provider or laboratory. You can also hire a qualified radon tester to place a test kit in your home. The most common type of radon test kit is a passive device. This device is exposed to the air in your home for a specific period of time and then sent to a laboratory for analysis. This test is inexpensive generally costing less than \$50.00 dollars if done by the homeowner. EPA recommends that the testing device be placed in the lowest level of the home suitable for occupancy.

If your test results come back with a Level of 4.0 pCi/l or higher, EPA believes that you may be at risk for exposure. If you find that your home has high levels of radon, there are ways to fix a radon problem. Even very high levels of radon can be reduced to acceptable levels.

If you have tested for Radon in the air and have elevated levels, then you may consider having your water tested if it comes from a private well. Radon in your water supply poses an inhalation or ingestion risk. Most of your risk from radon in water comes from radon released into the air, when showering or during other household uses.

For more information on radon in the Air or Water contact EPA's hotline at 1-800-SOS-RADON (767-7236).

Supervisor Class 21 Graduation



On September 22nd, 32 new supervisors were administered the oath by Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz and presented with graduation certificates and departmental badges that denoted their new rank and status. Pictured above, the graduates with Training Lieutenant Brian Zawilinski and Captain Andrea Knott - Class Manager, (Front Row, Center) were as follows: Carlos Allen, Richard Anderson, Steven E. Barry, Jennifer B. Bennett, Allison F. Black, Gregory A. Conashevick, Domenic, J. Constantino, Murray Cruichshank, Eric Ellison, Daniel P. Fagan, William S. Griffin, Nathan Hein, Leon Houston III, Lushonda D. Howard, Lawrence V. Jones, Edward A. Kendall, Nathan J. Lewis, David A. Maiga, Joanne M. Marone, Karen Martucci, Jerry Moore, Jr., William Murphy, Thomas J. O'Connor, Wilson, Pearson, David M. Piela - recognized as the Distinguished Graduate for this class, Maria M. Rios, Gary L. Smith, Jeffery S. Smith, Anne E. Valeriano, Vaughn M. Willis, John Zator, and Charles T. Zemola. Congratulations!

Memorial Cont'd

An official proclamation from Governor M. Jodi Rell was read by Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy. Commissioner Lantz's words to those gathered at the ceremony were encouraging and uplifting. She stated, "The sacrifice and struggle of courageous men and women that began that day, in support of their fellow Americans and in defense of our country, continues as we gather here this morning. It has been a difficult and dangerous five years as our nation and its allies seek to protect freedom loving people from those who would wield the weapon of terror. But to this day, our will remains undaunted as does our desire to one day see a world that will be safe for our children. In the years since, that cowardly act has only reinforced the strength of our character as a people and a nation, ensuring that we will never allow anyone to impose their will upon us. We can not and we will not ever forget!"



Department of Correction Honor Guard members presenting the 9/11 memorial wreath at the ceremony held at Central Office.

MVP's

Abdul-Shakoor, Yahya, Chp	NHCC	Hannan, Tracy, RecSp.	NCI	Nardella, Daniel, CO	MWCI
Aiello, Anthony, CO	MYI	Harris, Joyce, OA	GCI	Neigel, Richard, CO	GCI
Aldi, Johon, CS	MWCI	Hespelt, Robert, CO	HCC	Newson, Clyde, CO	NCI
Ames, Robert, Lt.	NCI	Hill, David, Welder	CRCI	Newton, Timothy, LT.	NCI
Anderson, Alan, CO	CCI	Hoening, Michael, CO	GCI	Nisbet, John, CO	GCI
Anderson, Justin, CO	CCI	Holter, Karon, CO	MWCI	O'Connor, William, CO	CCI
Benoit, Kim, CC	GCI	Hooker, Alfred, CO	CCI	Osman, Yasir, Chpln,	NCI
Birchall, Patrick, CO	GCI	Huddleston, Roshell, Lt.	MWCI	Patz, John, Capt.	MWCI
Bishop, Timothy, CO	CCI	Hurm, Richard, CO	GCI	Paul Guzzi, CN	MWCI
Black, Ronald, Lt.	MWCI	Ignacio, Michael, CO	CCI	Pearsall, William, CO	BCI
Bradway, Brian, CCS	NCI	Jackson, Lisa, Lt.	GCI	Pelkey, Glen, CO	CCI
Briatico, Robert, CO	MWCI	Jakabaowski, Laura	CCI	Perkins, Rex, CO	HCC
Cassidy, Brendon, CO	CCI	Jinks, Robert, Lt	CCI	Peters, Daniel, CO	MWCI
Chmielorz, Steve, CO	NCI	Jinks, Robert, Lt.	CCI	Pope, Tim, CO	CRCC
Coleman, Tyrone, CO	WCCI	Jinks, Robert, Lt.	CCI	Powers, Dave, CFSS 2	MWCI
Conlogue, Wayne, CO	CCI	Jones, Carl, CTO	MWCI	Quinn, Michael, CO	WCCI
Cori, Edward, Lt	MWCI	Jones, Dwayne, CO	MWCI	Regan, Matt, Capt.	CRCI
Corley, Andrew, CO	NCI	Jones, Mike, CO	NCI	Rivera, Jose, CO	NCI
Crawford, Elsa, CO	CCI	Keho, Charles, CO	CRCI	Roche, Dennis, Capt.	CRCI
Crowell, Robert, CO	CCI	Kehoe, Charles, CO	CRCC	Rodriguez, Hipolito, CS	CCI
Cyr, Renee, CC	CRCI	Keida, Rene, Chapln	MWCI	Rosario, Milna, CSW	NCI
Dale, Robert, CO	HCC	Kelly, John, CO	GCI	Ruops, Vince, SST	CRCI
Dellano, Michael, CO	CCI	Kraus, Laura, CO	CRCI	Schain, Breina, Sec. I	MYI
Dellgado, Jose, Capt.	CCI	Laitres, Ralph, CO	YCI	Scovish, John, CFSS 2	GCI
Dery, Scott, CO	MWCI	Lessard, Scott, CO	NCI	Sherrick, Scott, CO	CCI
Deschaine, Keith, VO	CCI	Levesque, Brett, CC	CCI	Simkiss, Michael, CO	MWCI
Despasquale, Doug CFSS1	NCI	Lewis Lisa, CO	MWCI	Singleton, Judy, CO	NCI
Donovan, Douglas, CO	MWCI	Lewis, Scott, CO	MWCI	Sistare, Jimmy, GMO	GCI
Dubay, Richard, CO	CCI	Long, Devonia, CTOM	MWCI	Smith, Russell, SST	CRCC
Dugan, James, Capt.	MWCI	Lusardi, William, Lt.	HCC	Sokolowski, Todd, CO	NCI
Erickson, Donald, CO	GCI	Maciag, Robin, LPN	CCI	Sorensen, Noel, Lt.	GCI
Estabrooks, James, Capt.	GCI	MacNeal, Kevin, CO	CCI	Steskla, Brian, CO	CCI
Evelich, Brian, Capt.	MYI	Mancini, Jack, CO	CCI	Suse, Mark, CS	NCI
Fay, Anthony, CO	WCCI	Matthis, Willie, CO	HCC	Szaban, Scott, CTO	NCI
Feliciano, Tom, CC	BCI	McCoy, Mary, SST	MYI	Thompson, Danny, Lt.	GCI
Furs, Anthony, CO	MWCI	McEwan, Tara, CC	NCI	Torres, Geraldo, Capt.	MWCI
Gagnon, Gorman, Lt.	CCI	McIntosh, Joanne, AA	MWCI	Turcotte, Richard, Lcksmth	MWCI
Gallick, Craig, CC	CCI	McKinney, Joyce, Capt.	CCI	Tyler, Lawrence, CO	CRCC
Godfrey, Eleanor, Ind. Supvr.	YCI	Melms, Robert Lt.	CCI	Vernon, Alvin, CO	CCI
Graziano, Felix, CO	MWCI	Miller, Eugene, CO	CCI	Ware, Leigh, CCS	YCI
Green, Robert, CO	GCI	Moore, Jerry, Capt	CRCI	Warner, Jerone, CO	GCI
Greene, Barry, CO	GCI	Morion, Carl, CO	NCI	White, Robert, CO	MYI
Gulley, Robert, CO	MYI	Murasso, Paul, CO	CCI	Wiggins, Donald, CO	MWCI
Gumkowski, Dayne, CO	GCI	Murray, Dave, SST	CRCI	Wolfenden, Kenneth, CO	CCI
Hallock, Pam, CFSS2	MWCI	Murray, Sean, CO	CCI	Wysolkinski, Rich, Lcksmth	NCI
		Muccitelli, Antonio, CO	CCI	Zienka, David CO	MYI

Years of Service

20 Years of Service for July 2006

James Lee	Correction Officer	Bergin CI
Warren Deedon	Correction Officer	Bridgeport CC
Lawrence Labonte	Correction Officer	Brooklyn CC
Michael Belanger	Correction Officer	Central Office
Bruce Trowbridge	Correction Officer	Central Office
Douglas Kulmacz	Director	Central Office
Nancy Nolan	Fiscal Officer	Central Office
John Holmes	Correction Officer	CRCC
Timothy Farrell	Major	Garner CI
Christopher Severi	Correction Officer	Hartford CC
James Dugan	Captain	MWCI
Mark Murry	Lieutenant	MWCI
Diane Oconnor	Secretary 2	MWCI
James Shea	Captain	Northern CI
David Serkosky	Correction Officer	Northern CI
Mark Rochon	Captain	Osborn CI
Jamal Makkiya	Correction Officer	Osborn CI
Mary Lacoursiere	Correction Officer	York CI

25 Years of Service for July 2006

Somchai Engtrakul	Lieutenant	Bridgeport CC
Brian Murphy	Deputy Commissioner	Central Office
George Krupa	Parole Officer 2	Central Office
Marie Perry	Correction Officer	Enfield CI
Donna Finelli	Secretary 2	Webster CI

20 Years of Service for August 2006

Kelly Smayda	Deputy Warden	Bergin CI
Diane Kiczuk	Sub. Abuse Counselor	Central Office
Christine Fortunato	Grant&ContractMngr.	Central Office
Terence Rose	Major	Northern CI
John Springer	Correction Officer	Osbron CI
Arsenio Lopez	Vocatinal Instructor	WCCI

25 Years of Service for August 2006

John Roy	Correction Officer	Osborn CI
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30 Years of Service for August 2006

John Tarascio	Warden	Gates CI
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Calendar

October 1 - Retirement Picnic in honor of Officer Gregory Quadatro. The cost is \$25 and includes a live band, food and drink. For tickets contact Cheshire CI 203.250.2600 - Officers Sanders, Scully or S. Gonzalez on 1st shift, Officer Drost on 2nd shift and Officer M. Brown on 3rd shift.

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.

Condolences



Warden Peter Murphy and the staff of Enfield CI and Warden Bruce Cuscovitch and the staff of Robinson

CI are saddened to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Pisano who passed away on July 31st. Mr. Pisano is the father of Lt. Domenic Pisano, Sr. of Enfield CI and the grandfather of Correction Officer Domenic Pisano, Jr. of Robinson CI.



Director Dan Callahan is saddened to announce the passing of Payroll Officer Bonnie Champagne's father, Mr. James F. Griffin.