

Remember Our Troops



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



Our motto: Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dignity, Excellence

## Remembering Those We've Lost



Honor Guard Members Captain Robert Martin (l) and Lieutenant Michael Fraser (r) stand in the background at the DOC Memorial after placing the wreath in memorium of the DOC staff members that have passed.

Only the flickering candles, alight in each person's hand illuminated the room. With their mournful rendition of Amazing Grace, the bagpipes open the floodgates of tears and memories of the 13 Department of Correction staff who have passed on over the last year. For their family and friends who gathered at the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development, it was an opportunity to remember and to celebrate those cherished individuals.

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### Our 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  
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## From The Commissioner



There are several topics I wanted to discuss with you this month... **Correctional Managed Health Care**

First, I would like to publicly welcome Dr. Robert

Trestman as the new Executive Director of the University of Connecticut Correctional Managed Health Care (CMHC). You don't need to know Dr. Trestman long to fully appreciate what an energetic, positive and forward thinking professional he is. I have already had the opportunity to be with him as he discussed his vision for our medical and mental health care system with legislators

and other health care advocates. He has left all of us fully confident that under his leadership we will be one of the best correctional healthcare systems in the country. Dr. Trestman was my guest on stage at the recent graduation ceremony for Class 236 at the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development. I wanted to insure he was there to greet the 26 members of that class who are new staff members of CMHC. I had also invited State Representative Peggy Sayers to be our guest speaker for the event as she is the co-chair of the General Assembly's Public Health Committee.

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## Parole Supervisor Honored at CSP Ceremony



(l-r) Parole Supervisor Richard Anderson and Parole Supervisor Gary Barwikowski at the CSP Annual Awards ceremony.

Hartford Parole and Community Services Supervisor Richard Anderson was among those recognized at the recent Connecticut State Police Annual Awards ceremony for their contributions to the safety of the citizens of our state. Supervisor Anderson is part of the State's Fugitive Task Force, which received a Unit Citation Award for reducing the number of active, violent felony warrants. "Since the inception of the Task Force in 2003, the effort has been nothing short of remarkable...with 1,443 people arrested and 1,422 warrants served, 29 of them for murder," said Lieutenant J. Paul Vance of the State Police. "The Task Force has employed great success and the citizens of Connecticut have benefited making our state a safer place. The Task Force is comprised of local, state and federal law enforcement officials. "The knowledge and expertise of the officers of the Parole and Community Services Division, make them an integral part of this crucial law enforcement effort," said Director Randy Braren.

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## From the Commissioner Cont'd

Having Dr. Trestman on board bodes well for a very bright future in our provision of offender health care.

### *Memorial Service*

On a more somber note, our Annual Memorial Service was held on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The threat of thundershowers kept us inside again this year, but the staff of Maloney CTSD did an outstanding job at recreating our monument on the stage in the auditorium. The service was very moving and extremely meaningful for the families and friends who attended. Every year, despite their grief, those who have lost loved ones express their gratitude and appreciation for such a reverent remembrance by our agency.

### *Re-Entry*

I also wanted to let you know that our re-entry efforts are paying incredible dividends in managing our population. Across the country, as close as Rhode Island and Massachusetts, states are desperately trying to find solutions to soaring inmate populations. At the same time, and despite being one of six states with a combined jail and prison system, our population has stabilized over the last few months. I need to express my gratitude to the facility staff who so diligently prepare each offender's re-entry package and also to the Parole and Community Services staff, which processes and then supervises the offenders who have been released to the community.

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# Pomp and Circumstance



Counselor Stephanie Ciaffaglione pictured in her crown and sash as the "2007 AIU Queen."

Counselor Stephanie Ciaffaglione recently received a Masters Degree in Education, with a concentration in Educational Leadership from American InterContinental University. She graduated Magna Cum Laude, from AIU when she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. She also has an Associates of Science degree in General Studies from the University of Phoenix.

Stephanie was selected as the 2007 Queen of AIU, holding the highest GPA of any member of the graduating class. She is the first African-American woman to hold this status.

Counselor Ciaffaglione, or Counselor C., as she is known at

the facility, is currently a Re-Entry Program Counselor at the Webster Correctional Institution in Cheshire. She also worked as a Transition Counselor at the Manson Youth Institution.

Counselor C. has been with the agency since March of 2006 and she brings professional expertise to her current position. She has judicial experience and a law enforcement background. She is a certified Domestic Violence Advocate/Counselor, Trauma Counselor, Youth Dating Violence Counselor, Family Violence Intervention Counselor, and Law Enforcement Counselor. Congratulations on your accomplishments!

## Commissioner Cont'd

I have told the legislature, that without our concerted efforts our population would likely be 2,000 to 3,000 higher at this point. Meanwhile, under the leadership of Director Randy Braren, the Parole and Community Services Division has undertaken initiatives that are dramatically enhancing our efforts. Among these is a centralized intake process to ensure a uniformity of expectations as inmates are placed in the community and a mental health unit which supports the specialized needs of mental health offenders as they reintegrate into the community. For all they do and for all you do on behalf of the citizens of our state each and every day, thank you.

# Around The Cell Block



**Tennessee-** When the state refused to honor a condemned inmate's request that pizza be given to any homeless person near the prison, the public donated hundreds of pizzas.



**Michigan-** A federal judge has ordered the state corrections department to install air conditioning in a prison where many of the inmates have medical issues.



**Rhode Island-** The state's prison population has soared to an all time high of 3,881 inmates forcing some offenders to sleep on mattresses on the floor.



**Texas-** At age 79, Harvey Stuart is the longest serving state prison inmate having so far served 54 years of a life sentence for murder.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Total Supervised Population on May 15, 2007 23,597</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>On May 15, 2006 the population was 22,887</i></p>
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## DOC Staff Welcome Home Troops at Camp Rell



(l-r) Officer Michael James, Colonel Vasile, and HRA Patty Meskers.

On behalf of the Department of Correction, the Human Resources Department welcomed home the returning DOC employees who were a part of the 102nd Battalion. The 102nd Battalion returned to Connecticut from Afghanistan and Iraq on Saturday, April 21st. They reported to Camp Rell for briefings and out-processing. The Department of Correction was proud to be part of this process. Officer Michael James from York CI assisted Patricia Meskers HR Associate, along with support from Captain Tim Woodcock of York CI and HR Assistant Tyra Johnson to recruit and answer questions re-



Members of the 102nd Battalion as they complete out-processing paperwork.

garding employment with the department. The returning servicemen who were interested in employment were given a packet of information for the next Correction Officer Exam.

HRA Meskers stated, "General Daniel J. McHale from the Military Department was instrumental in allowing the Department of Correction to go to Camp Rell. I was humbled by the returning Military Generals who personally thanked us for being there. It was a wonderful experience and a pleasure to support these individuals who protect and defend on a daily basis."

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## 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 has been written by Plant Facilities Engineer 1 William Porter and questions relating to it may be answered by contacting him at 860.739.3084.*



### **Boating Safety**

Are you getting ready to put your boat in the water or just thinking about it? To help you make it a safe boating season I would like to pass along some boating tips that I got from John L. Annino, a boating safety supervisor from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Recreational boating is usually a family affair. One of its most pleasing aspects is that the whole family can share in the activity. To ensure the safety of you and your family, before putting your boat in the water check the things that the Coast Guard Auxiliary would check. These include:

1. **Personal flotation devices (lifejackets).**
2. **Make sure your boat is registered and numbered.**
3. **Navigational or running lights are in working condition**
4. **Ventilation – some boats have inboard engines and built-in gas tanks, make sure vent fans are working.**
5. **Fire extinguishers – make sure they are still charged and operational.**
6. **Make sure you have distress signal devices such as flares or a horn.**
7. **A good battery cover and clean battery connections.**
8. **Your operation of personal watercraft (boating) license.**

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# Remembering Cont'd

“They were committed, they were dedicated, they were courageous and they were among the best correctional professionals in this country,” said Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz. “ Their duty came first in their lives.”



Family members visit the memorial to reflect and view their loved ones name.

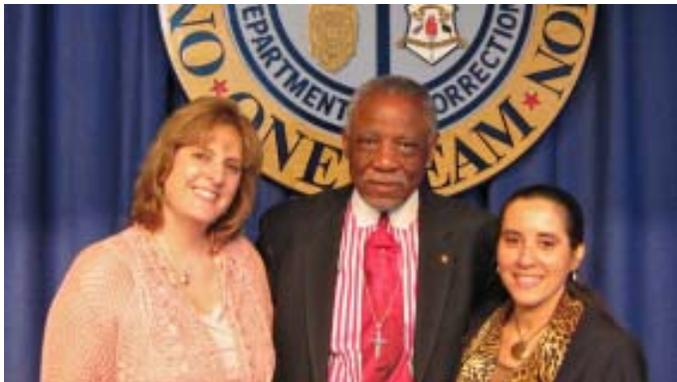
On both the miniature version and on the black granite of the full-size memorial outdoors, the 13 new names had been carved. A memorial candle with each staff member’s name, carried their flame on the stage. One by one, their names were spoken as the Commissioner called the roll, only to be answered with, “Ma’am, absent



Candles and roses that were laid in memory of fallen staff.

ma’am.” A solemn Honor Guard member then laid a single rose at the base of the monument. “Your loved ones are our foundation...what they gave of themselves still supports us,” the Commissioner said. As the ceremony drew to a close, she reminded the families in attendance that whether they knew it or not, they too had become part of our correctional family, when their loved one had raised his or her hand and took the oath of a correctional professional.

## 2007 Annual Volunteer Conference



(l-r) Ginger Wilk, Rev. Dr. Wilson Goode, and Doris Datil at the VIP Conference.

275 Volunteers, Interns & Professional partners (VIPs!) gathered at the DOC Maloney Center for Training & Staff Development in Cheshire on Saturday, May 19, 2007 for the Department’s Annual Volunteer Conference & Forum, entitled, “Soul Achievers.”

Participants were indulged with literature detailing the ABC’s of Correction, an acronym standing for Addiction, Basic Education & Chaplaincy Services. VIP attendees were provided red tote bags with yellow lettering, themed pad & pens celebrating “Soul Achievers” contributed by Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut.

Rev. Bruno, Director of Religious Services delivered the convocation. Director of Volunteer & Recreation Services, Doug Kulmacz served as overall ‘Master of Ceremonies.’ In-house presenters included Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz and Programs & Treatment Division Director, Mary Marcial. Each presenter expressed gratitude & respect for the contributions made by 2500+ volunteers, interns & professional partners.

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## Volunteer Conference Cont'd



“We agree to mentor one child for one hour weekly for one year.” That was the message from former Mayor of Philadelphia, Rev. Dr. Wilson Goode as he delivered the keynote address at the volunteer

conference. He energized the audience and got a crowd on the stage (see photo above) as they declared the above-mentioned message. Dr. Wilson Goode is the motivational speaker for the Department’s new faith based volunteer-mentoring program called “Amachi- Family Friends Program.”

Following-up, DOC VISTA Members Doris Datil & Ginger Wilk introduced “the heart and the nuts & bolts” of DOC’s Amachi-Family Friends Program, essentially a mentoring project for children of inmates. As Ginger & Doris explained, DOC Chaplains will refer inmates with children and a qualified commitment to institutional religious activities to our VISTA team, who in turn will assist volunteer faith-based groups to develop mentoring services for willing families of inmates & their children left behind in the community.

Nationwide, 70% of children of inmates, too large a portion of the roughly 10.9 million children in America with a parent incarcerated, are at risk of being arrested and/or incarcerated themselves. To provide these children with mentors from faith-based volunteer groups working with their parents is one way to prevent another generation of prisoners from developing today.

A buffet luncheon with an ice-cream sundae bar that was prepared by Cafe’ 24 staff, delighted their hearty cadre of “Soul Achievers” and concluded this year’s successful event.



**May 29** - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Anthony Tr am a n t a n o M e m o r i a l Education Golf Tournament, held at the Watertown Golf Club in Watertown, CT. The reception dinner (which is \$50) & awards ceremony will be held from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. For more info contact Rich Blanc at 203.228.2681, Joe Petruzzi at 203.910.3027, or Rich Dubay at 203.725.5493.

## Calendar



**June 8** - State Employees Appreciation Day at the New Britain Rock Cats Stadium for the Rock Cats vs. the Bowie Baysox Gametime is 6:35 pm. Reserved Tickets, for STATE EMPLOYEES ONLY, are \$7. For additional information, contact Jan Gwudz at 860.951.7399 or at [jan.gwudz@po.state.ct.us](mailto:jan.gwudz@po.state.ct.us).



**SAVE THE DATE** – **March 15, 2008** - An 8-day/7-night cruise on the Norwegian Cruise Line’s GEM. Ports of call are New York, Florida, and the Bahamas. For information, call Capt. Rocco Sweat and Lt. V. Martin at 203.806.2500 or Barbara Westerberg at 203.806.2502.

## Did You Know?... Cont'd

If you do not have a personal watercraft license and you get stopped you will be fined \$120. If you don't have a license take the course, it's the law and is usually a fun course. Class locations are listed on the DEP website at: (<http://www.ct.gov/dep>). The course will teach you about the rules of the water. You will learn about boat navigation and terms like "Red Right Returning." They will teach you the meaning of green and red buoys, how to pick the right lifejacket, and how to secure your boat safely to the dock with the proper knots. In the course I took they even taught you how to tie the Dragging Bowline knot. If you find you enjoy learning about boating, more advanced courses offered by the Coast Guard include Power Squadron courses such as Boat Smart, Chart Smart, and Seamanship.

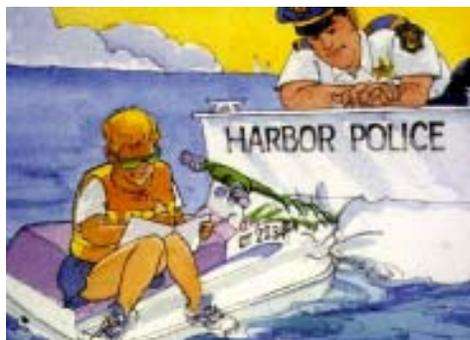


According to the DEP there are 113,000 registered boats in the state of Connecticut. The DEP identifies the four most at risk boating groups as:

1. *Anglers (Fisherman)*
2. *Hunters*
3. *Intoxicated Boaters*
4. *Paddlers (Kayaks, Canoes, or Rowboats)*

More than 50% of boating fatalities are from the Paddling group. Paddlers are not required to take a safe boating course or be certified like other boaters and many fatalities are related to lack of experience on the water. The DEP offers a free two-hour paddling safety course. I suggest you take it even before you buy a kayak or canoe.

As a boating operator your fun on the water depends on you. It is your responsibility to have the safety equipment required



by law, on board in working condition, and know how to properly use it. With the proper knowledge you will be in command. You are the captain. Have a safe boating season.

## MVP's

Atchue, Joseph, CO	CRCI
Barber, Earl, CO	CRCI
Beaulieu, Leo, CO	CRCI
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Berardino, Todd, CO	CRCI
Champagne, Lorry, Sec.2	CRCI
Cleveland, David, Lt.	CRCI
Correia, Nelson, Lt.	CRCI
Crowley, Gerald, CO	CRCI
Cruz, Antolin, CO	CRCI
Googe, Dwayne, CO	CRCI
Faneuff, William, Capt.	CRCI
Garner, Susan, HRS	CRCI
Golfieri, Joseph, CO	CRCI
Gorman, Scott, CO	CRCI
Griffith, Kathy, CO	CRCI
Guilbert, Paul, CO	CRCI
Henneberry, John, CO	CRCI
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Pisano, Domenic, CO	CRCI
Provencher, David, CO	CRCI
Regan, Matt, Capt.	CRCI
Rivera, Sam, CO	CRCI
Rumore, Steven, CO	CRCI
Ruops, Vincent, Voc.Ed.Inst.	CRCI
Shilolulk, Jeffrey, CO	CRCI
Simmons, Joshua, CO	CRCI
Staton, Vernon, CO	CRCI
Stewart, Ken, CO	CRCI
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