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## DOC Military Recognition Ceremony



Warden Daniel Martin poses with staff after the Military Recognition Ceremony that was held at their facility.

In the auditorium of the State's Veterans' Home, surrounded by the insignia of dozens of military units, staff members of the Connecticut Departments of Correction and Public Safety were awarded the Connecticut Veterans Wartime Service Medal. The ceremony was presided over by Lieutenant Governor Michael Fedele and Veterans Commissioner Linda Schwartz.

As each of the nearly 50 DOC staff approached the stage and

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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.

About and for correctional professionals

November 1 - 30, 2007

## USD#1 Succeeds in GED Challenge

In response to a challenge issued by Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz, Unified School District #1 has surpassed the goal she set for the agency's teachers of awarding 1,000 GED's to incarcerated offenders during the 2006-2007 school year. From July 1, 2006 to mid October, a total of 1,041 inmates have been able to successfully pass the exam. "At the foundation of our re-entry mission is a commitment to improving the educational level of our offenders," said Commissioner Lantz. "Unified School District #1 has excelled at elevating the number of inmates who can now proudly proclaim that they have succeeded at improving their opportunities when they rejoin society." Inmates from the ages of 17 to 58 took the GED exam under a new program, which tested more frequently, opened the process to the general population, utilized tutors and hired trained GED examiners. One inmate scored a nearly perfect 3,880 out of a possible 4,000. The Manson Youth Institution had the highest number of students who passed the exam at 83. The Bergin Correctional Institution was second with 78. The Hartford Correctional Center achieved the largest increase over last year with a 50 percent jump in GEDs awarded. In all, 14 of 18 facilities were successful in increasing their rate of inmate passage on the exam. The staff of USD #1 is no doubt aiming for an even higher GED attainment rate for the remainder of this school year.

## Osborn Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month



(l-r) Imam Esa Akbar, Deputy Warden Andrew Iweka, Counselor Supervisor Karen Bernard, Chaplain Hector Mendez, Representative Kelvin Roldan, Luz Torres, Warden David Strange, Deputy Warden Angel Quiros, and Volunteer Coordinator Dennis Morgan.

On October 22, 2007, State Representative Kelvin Roldan from the Fourth District in Hartford visited Osborn CI to speak to inmates as part of the activities marking the celebration of the Hispanic/Latino Heritage month. He was accompanied by a member of the Town Committee, also from the Fourth District and one of Osborn's most active Religious Services Volunteers, Ms. Luz Torres. Ms. Torres provided the opening remarks and the introduction.

Representative Roldan discussed the value of education, the importance of mentors, and stressed the need for inmates to set goals for their life. He stated that education is a key that could lead inmates to becoming productive citizens. He informed the inmates that statistics have shown that high recidivism rates have a correlation with low educational achievement, and challenged them to invest in education.

Having grown up in the low income, high crime housing project in Hartford known as Stowe Village, with seven siblings, and raised by a single parent, he related how he avoided many of the traps that were commonplace in that environment by setting goals, having mentors, and striving to attain those goals. He also related that he refused to be lured into street life.

At the conclusion of his speech, he entertained questions from the inmates on a wide range of topics, including the Cheshire incident, adult education, and job opportunities.

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## DOC Health Services Staff Earns Certification



Director Patricia Ottolini of the Health & Addiction Services unit is pleased to announce Madeline Gallagher, RN, BSN, CCHP earned professional certification in the field of correctional health care on October 1, 2007. To become a Certified Correctional Health Professional (CCHP), Ms. Gallagher demonstrated mastery of national standards and the knowledge expected of leaders working in this field. Ms. Gallagher joins nearly 2,000 correctional health care professionals nationwide who have earned this distinction.

CCHP is highly regarded as a symbol of accomplishment and self-improvement, and provides immeasurable benefits. It promotes correctional health care professionals' knowledge, understanding, and application of standards and guidelines essential to the delivery of appropriate health care in the correctional environment; their role in delivering that care; the basic legal principles underlying their practice; and their ethical obligations. Some institutions make certification a condition of employment or a prerequisite for pay raises and bonuses, and for all CCHPs, the credential enhances their professional standing in the community.

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## New Member of DOC Family



Commissioner Lantz and Canine Officer Luis Melendez welcome Tahoe to Central Office. The 10 week old Blood Hound was donated to the DOC by the Penny Harris Foundation, a national organiza-

tion dedicated to enhancing public safety through innovative canine training and placement.

## Around The Cell Block



**Scotland-** A convicted killer has launched a legal challenge demanding that he be the first inmate in the country to be permitted conjugal visits.

**Florida-** Correction officers, noticing a woman was acting suspiciously as she visited her husband, found two marijuana filled condoms when they confronted her.

**Massachusetts-** Prison officials are offering a 15-week, 75-hour course on the History of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art that requires offenders pass an interview to be accepted.

**Ireland-** Officials at one prison have confiscated 210 cell phones from inmates in just the last 13 months.

<p><i><b>Total Supervised Population on November 15, 2007 23,805 On November 15, 2006 the population was 23,755</b></i></p>
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# Commissioner Lantz Receives Islamic Center Leadership Award

At a ceremony which celebrated and embraced the broad diversity of Connecticut's religious beliefs, Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz was among those recognized for her leadership by the Muhammad Islamic Center. The award was recently presented at the Center's Fifth Annual Leadership Awards Banquet,

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(l-r) Chaplain Akbar Esa (Osborn CI), Chaplain Nasif Muhammad (Bridgeport CC), Chaplain Dawud Amin (Corrigan-Radgowski CC), Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz, Chaplain Yaha Abdul-Shakoor (New Haven CC), Director of Religious Services Anthony J. Bruno, and Dr. Imam Abdul-Majid Karim Hasan, Islamic Expert Advisor.

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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 Jay Harder and questions relating to it may be answered by contacting him at 203.806.2667.*

### ***Stone Walls in Connecticut -Part Two***

In part one I explained the origin of all those stones that went into the making of stone walls commonly seen almost anywhere in Eastern or Western Connecticut that the first settlers made. But remember the mystery, no stone walls in the Connecticut River Valley? Now that I've brought that to your attention, look. The next time you're traveling the back roads in central Connecticut on business or pleasure, look, notice. No stone walls.

The Connecticut River Valley was the first part of Connecticut settled, Windsor and Wethersfield being the first two settlements, and the reason it was settled first is because of the rich soil which included the lack of stones. So we can't blame them for moving all their stones to the east and west; they didn't have any. Why? There was no miracle where the glaciers parted and went around the central valley.

The answer is, they are there. They're just buried deep beneath sediment. As the afore mentioned glacier started to melt and retreat North, dropping its till across the landscape about 18,000 years ago, a dam was formed by glacial till in the Rocky Hill area preventing the glacial melt water from flowing to Long Island Sound. A glacial lake started to fill with this melt water from the glacier. As the glacier continued to melt over thousands of years, the lake grew larger and larger. This lake, named Glacial Lake Hitchcock, after the Reverend who first proposed it, grew to the size of Lake Champlain, about 20 miles wide in the Hartford area and around 200 miles long, all the way up into Vermont and New Hampshire.

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## Warden Ricks Visits Prison in South Africa



Warden Lori Ricks of the Hartford Correctional Center was part of a contingent of American correctional professionals that toured a South African Prison. Warden Ricks is pictured above with Vusi Nhlapo, Deputy Commissioner, Head of Ministerial Services, Department Correctional Services Republic of South Africa. One of the highlights of their tour was when the group was shown the cell where Nelson Mandela was jailed for over thirty years.

## Did You Know Cont'd

Glacial till was dumped into the valley just the same as other areas of Eastern and Western Connecticut but in this case the lake formed over it. Sediment from the eroding mountains in central New England washed down into Lake Hitchcock and the lake bottom slowly filled with sediment that covered over the glacial till. In some cases the pile of till left by the melting glaciers rose above the water level of Lake Hitchcock and they are still there today. We see them as rounded hills or knolls called "drumlins". As a matter of fact I believe our own Enfield CI sits atop a drumlin.

Sometime around 12,000 years ago the glacial till dam in Rocky Hill had eroded enough to drain Lake Hitchcock leaving behind the Connecticut River Valley we see today. The lake bottom became the level, fertile fields that is some of the very best farm land in all of New England and.... NO ROCKS.. Thus no stone walls in the Connecticut River Valley. Think of all those acres of flat tobacco fields you see in Connecticut and Massachusetts as being the bottom of a vast New England lake which is of course exactly what it was, once upon a time about 12,000 years ago.

So there you have it, a brief 20,000 year geological history of Connecticut and why we may or may not have STONE WALLS.

## Condolences



Director Patrick Hynes and the staff of the Offender Programs and Victim Services Unit are saddened to announce the passing of James Austin, brother of Administrative Assistant Deborah Austin.



Director Randy Braren and the staff of the Parole and Community Services Unit are saddened to announce the passing of Theodore M. Tetreault, father of Parole Officer Scott Tetreault.



Warden Peter Murphy and the staff of MacDougall-Walker CI are saddened to announce the passing of Michael Fairnot, nephew of Records Specialist Sylvia Bell.



Warden Christine Whidden and the staff at Manson YI are saddened to announce the passing of retired Correction Officer Clayton Rogers, father of Correction Officer Freda Rogers Shaw.

# MVP'S

Addabbo, Emil, GMO	JBGI	Jimenez, David, Lt	CRCI	Reutt, Stacey, Sec1	WCCI
Ames, Robert, Lt	NCI	Johnson, Helen, Sec2	CRCI	Reyes, Jesus, CO	BCC
Barone, Tony, CC	NCI	Kaplan, Eric, CO	CRCI	Richard, Andre, CO	WCCI
Barry, Steven, Lt.	NHCC	Karpf, John, CO	BCI	Rizza, Robert, CO	NHCC
Beaulieu, Leo, CO	CRCI	Kennedy, Kevin, Lt	WCCI	Rodriguez, Carlos, SST	CRCI
Beetham, Russ, Plumber	JBGI	Kowal, Diane, OA	NCI	Rodriguez, Cecelia, Sec2	JBGI
Bishop, Timothy, CO	MYI	Jacobsen, Craig, GMO	NCI	Rodriguez, Cheryl, CO	CRCI
Branch, Linwood, CO	BCC	Kvietkauskas, Gary, HVAC	JBGI	Russell, Keith, CO	NHCC
Breed, Norman, PO	CO	Laverty, Sean, CFSSII	CO	Reid, Domenic, CO	NHCC
Brooks, Dana, CO	NHCC	LeFebvre, Eileen RN	WCCI	Rutkis, Bobby, CO	JBGI
Burns, Robert, CO	NCI	Lorenzetti, Stacy, CC	WCCI	Salius, Scott, Capt	NCI
Burroughs, Diana, CO	NHCC	Lovett, Robert, CO	NCI	Sanchez, Dionisio, CO	MYI
Buskey, Frank, CO,	NHCC	Lukas, Elaine, RN	WCCI	Santa, Jose, Lt..	WCCI
Butkiewicz, David, Lt	NCI	Mack, George, CFSSII	NCI	Santopietro, David,	NHCC
Cameron, Andrew, RS	NCI	Massey, Randy, CO	WCCI	Santoro, Anthony, CO	WCCI
Caruso, Edward, PO	CO	Mathews, Marvin, CO	CRCI	Sas, John, GMO	JBGI
Casey, Joseph, Lt	NCI	McAlpine, William Elec.	JBGI	Saunders, Michael, GMO	JBGI
Castro, James, CO	WCCI	McEwan, Tara, CC	NCI	Sauza, Benjamin, CO	MYI
Chartier, Roger, Capt.	CO	McLaughlin, Thomas, CO	WCCI	Scarchilli, Edmond, CO	BCI
Clebowicz, Nicole, Sec 1	CO	Mendillo, Anthony, CO	NHCC	Scott, Tracy, CO	BCC
Correia, Nelson, Lt.	CRCI	Minder, Tom, CO	NHCC	Senerth, Pam, CS	JBGI
Davidson Theresa, CO	NHCC	Mitchell, Michael, CO	NCI	Shaw, Conrad, CO	NCI
Delorge, Scott, CO	WCCI	Morgan, Adam, Lt	WCCI	Shikoluk, Michael, CO	BCI
Delucia, Vincent, PO	CO	Mosena, George, CO	JBGI	Sistare, Jimmy, GMO	JBGI
Dorozko, Anna, Capt	WCCI	Moskites, Thomas, CO	NHCC	Sizemore, Sherman, CFSSII	NCI
Drummond, Barry, CO	HCC	Navarro, Jesus, CO	WCCI	Smith, Edward, CO	NHCC
Edgar, Thomas, CO	JBGI	Neigel, Richard, CO	JBGI	Staton, Vernon, CO	CRCI
Flanagan, Roberta, Sec.1	CO	Nelson, Joe, CFSS III	NCI	Stewart, Ken, CO	CRCI
Forkey, Mary, Lt.	WCCI	Nieroda, Deborah, Lt	WCCI	Stone, Brian, CO	JBGI
Gandolfo, Roberto, CO	WCCI	Nieves, Eduardo, CO	MYI	Sutherland, George, CC	CRCI
Gargiulo, Marc, Lt	NCI	O'Brien, Anthony, SST	JBGI	Szaban, Scott, CC	NCI
Gordon, Andrew, CO	MYI	O'Donnell, Richard, CO	NHCC	Thibodeau, Heather, SST	NCI
Grandy, Richard, CO	MYI	Olivas, Richard, CO	MYI	Thomas, Kathryn, Sec2	CO
Guilbert, Paul, CO	CRCI	Ortiz, Julio, CO	WCCI	Tkacz, William Main Spvr.	JBGI
Guillet, Rick, HVAC	JBGI	Ortolaza, Angel, CO	HCC	Trahan, Linda, CC	BCI
Harasimowicz, Tom, CO	JBGI	Pearsall, William, CO	BCI	Wales, Preston, CO	HCC
Harley, Jason, CO	NCI	Pellegrino, Anthony, CFSSIII	YCI	Walton, Kim, CO	NHCC
Heikkinen, Kenneth, CO	JBGI	Pezzolesi, Lee, Locksmith	JBGI	Warner, Jerome, CO	JBGI
Hein, Nathan, CS	BCC	Plusynski, Martin, CO	JBGI	White, Clint, CO	WCCI
Henry, Donna, CC	JBGI	Prior, Matthew, CO	NCI	Whiteley, Scott, CO	BCC
Hernandez, Ernest, CO	CRCI	Radel, William, CO	BCI	Wilkins, Clinton, CO	NHCC
Huffman, David, CO	NCI	Ramirez, Roberto, CFSSII	YCI	Wilson, Other, CO	JBGI
Hunter, Gary, CO	NHCC	Ramos, Juan, CO	JBGI	Zacharewicz, Michael, Capt	JBGI
Jacobsen, Craig, GMO	NCI	Reid, Charlene, CO	MYI	Zegarzewski, Jeff, CC	JBGI

## Parole Supervisor Headed To Iraq



Parole Supervisor Gary Barwikowski, pictured above with Parole Supervisor Jennifer Bennett, was deployed to Iraq for a second tour of duty. He was activated on November 2nd and he left the US on the 1st of December, headed to Iraq. His peers and staff at the Waterbury Parole and Community Services Office had a party to wish him well.

## Leadership Award Cont'd

which was hosted by Iman Dr. Abdul-Majid Karim Hasan, a revered and long-time member of the Department of Correction family.

The evening was entitled “ A Testimony to Leadership.” The presentation to Commissioner Lantz was made by Mary Marcial, the agency’s Director of Programs and Treatment. ‘God changes not what is in people, until they change what is in themselves,’ said Mrs. Marcial in quoting the Quran. “Our role, as Commissioner Lantz has redirected the agency, is to provide offenders with the opportunities to make those changes in their lives so that they may rejoin law-abiding society,” she said. A number of the agency’s Islamic chaplains, who were present for the ceremony, joined in congratulating the Commissioner on her award. Among the other awardees, the president of the Interfaith Cooperative Ministries of New Haven, the resident Imam of the New Africa Learning Center and the founder of Teachers Against Prejudice.

## Promotions

### *September 2007*

<u>Name</u>	<u>New Position</u>
William Carey	Training Officer
Lynn Choquette	Parole Officer 2
Luis Colon	Lieutenant
Frank DeCusati	District Food Svc. Mgr.
Derrick Molden	CTO
Jay Rawlinitis	District Food Svc. Mgr.
Jose Angel Rivera	Lieutenant
Diane Sylvestri	HR Specialist
Ferdinand Velez	Lieutenant

### *October 2007*

<u>Name</u>	<u>New Position</u>
Erin Forrest	Counselor Trainee
Jason Gagnon	Lieutenant
Angela Maiorana	Counselor Trainee
Joseph McGuire	Counselor
Alexander Muzykoski	Lieutenant
Donna Pantin-Worrell	Prin HR Spec
Deborah Sass	EEO Assistant
Reginald Stanford	Counselor Trainee
Angela Williams	Counselor Trainee
Kathleen Verrastro	Counselor Trainee
Luis Zayas	Lieutenant



## Military Recognition Cont'd



(l-r) Lieutenant Governor Michael Fedele, Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs John Wiltse, Attorney General Blumenthal (obscured by award recipient,), Deputy Commissioner Brian K. Murphy, and Director Mary Marcial at the military recognition ceremony.

announced their military rank, branch and years of service, they were presented with the service medal, suspended from a red, white and blue ribbon. "Each and every American owes a debt of gratitude to these men and women, who willingly put their lives on the line to protect our nation in a time of need," said Commissioner

Theresa C. Lantz. To be eligible, each staff member had to have served in time of war. Those who came forward had been on battlefields from Vietnam to Iraq. Among the staff recognized were a number from the Carl Robinson Correctional Institution who gathered with Warden Bruce Cuscovitch at a reception afterwards. Other facilities such as York CI, followed up with their own ceremonies to highlight the military involvement of a number of staff. Warden Daniel Martin led a special ceremony for over 85 Military Veterans assigned to the York Correctional Institution. Men and woman from all disciplines in the facility, as well as UCONN Correctional Managed Health Care staff were acknowledged and honored with a plaque for their noble and courageous service in protecting the freedom of the American people and for protecting our country while serving in the US Armed Forces. In addition to the special recognition, each staff member was asked to sign a banner in the form of an American flag with both their name and branch of service, which will be displayed in the facility. Any staff member who served during wartime and was not awarded the Service Medal can obtain an application on the Department of Veterans' Affair website.



Warden Cuscovitch with CSAC Roy Stephens and Correction Officers Rosendo DeLeon and Harry Neveski at the Veterans' Affairs Military Service Awards Ceremony.

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## Pomp and Circumstance

Correctional Head Nurse Janine Russell (UCMHC at Hartford CC) graduated from the University of Hartford on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> with her Masters of Science Degree in Nursing Education. She was also inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society. Congratulations!



## A Visit From Riker's



Deputy Warden Phillip Billik, Captain Shirley Grant, Assistant Chief Wayne A. Lamont - Emergency Preparedness Unit, Correction Officer David Kim and Correction Officer Peggy Joseph of the New York City Department of Correction recently visited the Connecticut Department of Correction. During their visit to Central Office, which was coordinated and facilitated by Captain Joseph Carlone and Lieutenant Jacelyn Lepaojoa, the group received an inside look at and an overview of our agency's pandemic training manual and emergency plans. The group toured Cheshire CI and viewed demonstrations by our CERT and K9 Units.

### Operation E.L.F.

*(Embracing Lonely Families) to help Connecticut servicemembers and their families during the holiday season.*

"The holidays are usually a time for festive family get-togethers and celebrations. This year, many military families will spend the holidays worrying about and missing their loved ones who are on active duty," said Governor Rell. "Many of our Connecticut servicemembers, in turn, are worried about their families back home.

"We're grateful for the courageous service of our men and women in uniform serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. One meaningful way we can say thank you is to make sure that the families that they have left behind are given any help they need," she said.

This year's **Operation E.L.F.** will primarily be focused on helping family members and the children. For the families, donations of grocery gift cards, department store gift cards, phone cards and new, unwrapped toys for all age groups, both sexes, are being sought. Donations of fuel oil, Christmas trees, snow removal services and financial contributions may also be made to the Connecticut National Guard Foundation, Inc.

## Congrats



Warden David Strange and the staff at Osborn CI are proud to announce that Deputy Warden Andrew Iweka and his wife Ijeoma welcomed a beautiful baby girl to their family. Sharon (Ifenna) weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd.

## Thank You

I would like to express my appreciation for all the kind words, cards, and expressions of sympathy on the passing of my mother. I will always treasure your kindness. - Judene Beausoleil

On behalf of our deceased family member James Austin, I would like to thank you for acts of kindness and condolences during our time of bereavement.

Deborah Austin & Family

# Did Someone Say Turkey Carving?



CFSS2 Carl Vaughn of Café' 24 as he began to "wow" the crowd with his culinary expertise at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey carving demonstration at Central Office.

## Cell Phone For Soldiers

Correction Officer Edward Busher of Northern CI is coordinating the "Cell Phone For Soldiers" project for the agency. This program takes donated old, unwanted cell phones in any condition and sells the phones to a company called **Re-Cellular**. The money that is raised from the selling of these phones is then used to purchase phone cards which are **donated** to the soldiers overseas. "Cell Phones For Soldiers" provides; postage paid, self addressed envelopes making it very easy to send the phones to the company. The beauty of this program is that no one needs to bring the unwanted phones to work/facility ... they simply take the envelope home, place the cell phone into the envelope and mail . Please contact Nancy Lieper at 860.763.8626 to get an envelope. They have 2000 envelopes ready for distribution.

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## Years of Service

### October 2007 - 20 Years of State Service

Edward Greene	CSAC	Central Office
Bruce Johnson	CSAC	Central Office
Jeffrey McGill	Warden	Northern CI
Donald Mead	Maint Supv	Bergin CI
Kathleen Olkowski	CC	Manson YI
Robert Smith	PO	Central Office
James Wood	PO	Central Office

### October 2007 - 25 Years of State Service

Suzanne Smedes	HRM	Central Office
David Strange	Warden	Osborn CI

### October 2007 - 30 Years of State Service

Barbara Lieber	AA	Central Office
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### November 2007 - 20 Years of State Service

Michael Burns	CS	York CI
Bernard Camarro	GMO	Bridgeport CC
Elwood Evans	CO	York CI
Carole Hutchins	AA	Central Office
Mark Madden	GMO	Webster CI
Greg Mazur	GMO	Webster CI
Kirk Nelson	CO	CRCC
Allison Ouellette	Rec Spec	WCCI
Edwin Rivera	CO	Bridgeport CC
Jerome Robert	CFSS3	York CI
Pamela Senerth	CS	Gates CI
John Wahlberg	CC	Bergin CI

### November 2007 - 25 Years of State Service

Donald Hallabeck	PFE(Mgr)	Central Office
Michael Cleaver	Capt.	MWCI
Dennis Molloy	Voc. Instr	MWCI

### November 2007 - 30 Years of State Service

Ronald Napper	Principal	York CI
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## Save The Date

The DOC Holiday Gathering will be held on Friday, December 14th, from 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Maloney CTSD in Cheshire.