

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 restitution, rehabilitation and successful community intergration

Parole Officers Honored



L to R: Parole Officer Levonne Perez Sutton, U.S. Attorney David Fein, and Parole Officer Frank Vieira.

Congratulations to Parole Officer Frank Vieira and Parole Officer Levonne Perez Sutton for being named recipients of the 2012 United States Attorney’s Violent Crimes and Narcotics Unit Award. Annually, the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Connecticut holds an award ceremony for the purposes of recognizing the outstanding efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement agents and officers involved in the investigation and prosecution of significant cases during the previous year.

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From the Commissioner



As I near the end of my 38-plus-year career, I cannot help but reflect on the long journey that brought me to this point. From starting out as a correction officer in 1974, to working for the State Judicial Branch’s juvenile detention system, to the Department of Children and Families, to coming back as Commissioner - it has been an extremely rewarding career. That is not to say there weren’t a few detours and potholes along the way, but, overall, I have no regrets.

Far from complaining, I cannot believe how fortunate I am when I consider some of the recent obstacles encountered by fellow staff members.

Without going into too much detail for fear of omitting someone, and out of respect for their privacy, there are numerous examples of our fellow co-workers suffering serious health setbacks. Whether they are battling/have battled cancer, suffered a stroke, or had a brain aneurism, far too many of our fellow co-workers have gone on (and some continue to go through) a journey that I would not wish on even my worst enemy.

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Living History at Osborn CI



(L to R): Warden Carol Chapdelaine, Connie Nappier Jr. and Captain Gemini Murray.

Captain Gemini Murray brought former Tuskegee Airman Connie Nappier, Jr. into Osborn for a staff luncheon as part of the facility's Black History Month observance. Mr. Nappier is one of the few surviving Tuskegee Airmen. After graduating from Hartford's Weaver High School in 1943, Nappier enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

The Tuskegee Airman were an elite group of African-American pilots in the 1940s. They were pioneers in equality and integration of the Armed Forces. The term "Tuskegee Airmen" refers to all who were involved in the Army Air Corps program to train African Americans to fly and maintain combat aircraft. The Tuskegee Airmen included pilots, navigators, bombardiers, maintenance and support staff, instructors, and all the personnel who kept the planes in the air. The Tuskegee Airmen not only battled enemies during wartime but also fought against racism and segregation thus proving they were just as good as any other pilot. More than 900 pilots graduated from the Tuskegee Institute. The all-black 332nd Air Group flew 15,553 sorties and 1,578 combat missions and

was the only unit to never lose a bomber they were escorting into battle.

Nappier actively fought the racism he encountered. In 1945 in Indiana, Nappier and dozens of other Tuskegee Airmen were jailed because they refused to sign an affidavit agreeing to be separated from whites at the Officers Club. When President Truman heard of the airmen's plight, he ordered that they be set free. In March 2007, Nappier was among 300 surviving Tuskegee Airmen who received the Congressional Gold Medal for their distinguished service.

During his visit, Mr. Nappier shared mementos (photos, maps) from his time in the service. Afterwards, Captain Murray presented Mr. Nappier with a plaque that read, in part -- "Thank you for your bravery in breaking down barriers to freedom and equality. Your contributions to American freedom will be honored for generations to come."

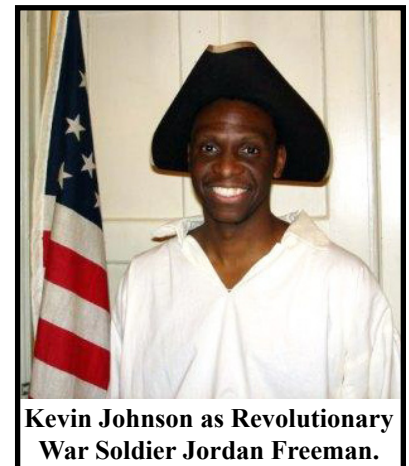
Mr. Nappier now lives in New Britain and is the father of Connecticut State Treasurer Denise Nappier. "Mr. Nappier is a national treasure," said Osborn Correctional Institution's warden, Carol Chapdelaine. "It was an honor to have him share his stories with the staff of Osborn CI."

Reliving History at HCC

As part of their observance of Black History Month, the staff of the Hartford Correctional Center hosted a presentation by historical reenactor Kevin Johnson as *Jordan Freeman, a Revolutionary War Soldier*. The presentation entitled, "A fight to set people free," is based on extensive research Mr. Johnson has culled from the collections of the Connecticut State Library and the Museum of Connecticut History in Hartford.

Johnson is an employee of the State Library's History and Genealogy Unit. He has been presenting William Webb, an African-American Civil War Soldier from Connecticut and Jordan Freeman, a Revolutionary War Soldier for more than twelve years and has given more than 400 presentations.

Additional information about the State Library and the Museum of Connecticut History can be found on its Web page at <http://www.cslib.org/>.



Kevin Johnson as Revolutionary War Soldier Jordan Freeman.

Most Charitable

Staff of the Department of Correction give like no one else.

The totals are in for the 2012 Connecticut State Employees' Campaign for Charitable Giving, and for the first time ever, the employees of the Connecticut Department of Correction have donated more than any other state agency. The impressive department wide total of \$149,851 is up approximately \$25,000 from the approximate \$125,000 donated last year.

A total of 929 employees contributed to the 2012 campaign through payroll deductions or cash/check donations during the past campaign which ran from September 4, 2012 through December 7, 2012.

"We surpassed the University of Connecticut in total donations for the first time," said Campaign Committee Chairman, Captain Timothy Newton of the Hartford Correctional Center. "We are the top dog when it comes to donating to the campaign, which is a tremendous accomplishment for our agency."

In what is becoming akin to a scene from the movie Groundhog Day, for the fourth consecutive year, the staff of the Osborn Correctional Institution donated more money than any other facility. With 56% of Osborn staff members participating, a grand total of \$25,753 was donated to the campaign. The facility that came in second place, in terms of monies donated, was the York Correctional Institution with a sizeable \$15,440 in contributions.

According to Captain Newton, the campaign was successful because of the continued support of all Department of Correction staff. In particular, Newton credited the hard work of the many caring individuals who coordinate the campaign at each facility. Without their continued support the campaign would not have been successful.

The Connecticut State Employees' Campaign for Charitable Giving (CSEC) is the once a year opportunity for Connecticut State Employees to contribute to non-profit charities at the workplace. Through the CSEC you can make a single gift to help people locally, throughout the nation, and around the world. The contributions made by you and your fellow employees make possible a wide range of vital services - shelter for the homeless, protection of the environment, research for cures of diseases, care for both children and seniors - to name only a fraction of the services provided by the more than 700 charities. Thank you to everyone throughout the department for their efforts on behalf of all charities represented by the Connecticut State Employee Campaign for Charitable Giving.

U. S. Attorney Holds Awards Ceremony

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This year's award ceremony was held on March 8, 2013, at the Aldermanic Chambers of New Haven City Hall. The Violent Crimes and Narcotics Unit Award was presented to a team of individuals who have been instrumental in coordinating "Project Longevity," a statewide anti-violence initiative that was launched in New Haven in 2012. In addition to parole officers Vieira and Perez Sutton, other members of the Unit include Assistant Chief Achilles Generoso and Sergeant Al Vasquez of the New Haven Police Department, and Probation Officers Brian Coco and Leonard Jahad.

Project Longevity is premised on a strategy designed to directly communicate the consequences of engaging in violence to at-risk gang/group members. Gang members are told that following a violent incident, law enforcement will use any and all legal resources available to them, to punish those who commit violent acts. Along with the message, service and community partners offer help to those willing to leave the criminal lifestyle.

According to material provided by U.S. Attorney David Fein: "Project Longevity, and the reduction of violence achieved to date, would not have been possible without the devotion to the initiative exhibited on a daily basis by the award recipients. To stand out amongst a team comprised of so many talented and dedicated players is a tribute in and of itself. We thank them for their inspired and tireless work on behalf of Project Longevity and for helping make our communities a safer place to live, work and enjoy."

Love Seats for Vets

Officer Morin makes chairs for wounded warriors



What started as a past-time project for one 17-year Department of Correction veteran officer of the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution has developed into a passion to make and donate to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Correction Officer Carl Morin, who is a former member of the United States Air Force and a current member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Organization, started out making Adirondack love seats for himself and his wife. He envisioned a way of giving back to the men and women who have served this country. So, a little more than a year ago, he sought the assistance of Linda Perry, an Outreach Coordinator with the Wounded Warrior Project. After some initial discussions with Perry, officer Morin began making and donating Adirondack chairs to the amputees who fought in the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Morin takes great pride in making these chairs, which he refers to as "Love Seats for Vets," and therefore, the branch of service insignia along with a unit patch is carefully placed on each chair. Morin wanted to show his appreciation to these courageous women and men who lost their limbs while fighting for our freedom. Thanks to Home Depot who provides the wood and Office Depot who laminates the unit patches/insignia, officer Morin is able to deliver these Adirondack chairs with pride to the veterans. His wish, is to get the American Legion to organize a more rounded project that will get other states involved. This will enable other affected soldiers outside of Connecticut to receive these specially crafted chairs.

Around the Cell Block



FLORIDA - A partnership between law enforcement agencies and a local waste management company hopes to bring more eyes and ears to Florida's Manatee County.

Garbage truck drivers will be trained on how to spot suspicious activity when they're out on their routes, then report it to law enforcement. Some trucks will also be installed with dash cams that have the capability to record criminal activity as it happens.

MARYLAND - A measure that would abolish the death penalty in the state was advanced recently by the state senate.

FLORIDA - A bill has cleared its first stop in the State Legislature that would block law enforcement officers from seizing personal electronic devices, like cell phones, without a search warrant.

**Total
Supervised
Population
on
March 13, 2013
20,810
On March 13, 2012
the population was
21,229**

Lifesaving Measures

On January 15, 2013, Correction Officer Carmen Jenkins was on post inside the Hartford Correctional Center, conducting a routine tour, when he noticed an inmate having a seizure. As officer Jenkins approached the inmate, he observed that the inmate did not appear to be breathing. He called-in a "Code White," told the other inmates in the dormitory to stay on their bunks as he immediately began performing CPR on the unresponsive inmate.

He continued to perform CPR for approximately two minutes until medical staff arrived and took over. Despite the seriousness of the situation, Officer Jenkins remained calm and continued to perform chest compressions. He even had the presence of mind to roll the inmate on his side in order to prevent the inmate from choking on his own saliva.

"There is no doubt in my mind that if it had not been for Officer Jenkins' immediate response to this life threatening emergency the inmate quite possibly could have expired," said Hartford Correctional Center's Deputy Warden Dennis Roche. "It was an excellent job by staff and a testament to the training they receive annually - we are certainly proud of Officer Jenkins."



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Quite frankly I am in awe of not only their physical toughness, but perhaps even more so, their mental toughness. I honestly do not know if I could be so courageous in the face of such adversity.

Yet despite their major setbacks they persevere. Several of those battling cancer continue to come to work. Some who have been sidelined by a major surgery and/or lengthy, difficult period of recuperation, have recently (triumphantly) returned to work. Simply inspiring.

For those of you who have battled back, congratulations. For those of you who continue to battle, I am confident that you will succeed. I applaud all of you for your determination and dedication and desire to continue to fight the good fight.

Health issues are not the only type of obstacle that we face when it comes to work. I doubt that none of us will soon forget the massive amounts of snow the recent blizzard of the century dumped on our state. Even more impressive than the snowfall, are the dozens of stories that have come to my attention of staff members who battled extreme weather conditions to get to work.

For example, one officer, fresh out of the training academy, set out on foot toward the facility in the height of the storm after her car died. Her trip from Bristol to Cheshire C.I. lasted an astonishing seven hours. What's more, she had worked a double shift the day before.

I am also grateful to those of you who were at your posts prior to the start of the storm, for staying as long as necessary to make sure that our mission of protecting the public was not jeopardized.

The countless stories of staff members going above and beyond the call of duties brings to mind our Agency's Annual Award Ceremony, which will soon be held at the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development. Again, how lucky am I that the hardest part of the Awards Ceremony is picking just one person, from the many outstanding nominees, to receive an award. To all of you who will receive awards, and to all of you who were nominated, and to those of you who will be nominated in the future - thank you.

As for the future, the time has come for me to branch off this path we call the Department of Correction. I hope our paths may cross again someday. But if they do not, I just want to say it has been my honor and privilege to share this leg of the journey with you. Happy trails, and above all else, I hope you have a safe trip.

In Memoriam

Director of External Affairs Brian Garnett

Staff from Central Office and beyond gathered at a prayer service held on Friday morning, February 15, in honor of the Director of External Affairs, Brian Garnett, who passed away on February 10, 2013, after a 15-month battle with cancer. He was 57-years-old.

The memorial service was punctuated by several emotional moments including a heartfelt prayer from the Director of Religious Services Father Anthony Bruno, a beautifully soulful rendition of “His Eyes Are on the Sparrow” by Industries Manager Raymond Munroe, or when Honor Guard bagpiper Robert Carrara, stepped just outside Café-24 to play “Amazing Grace,” then halfway through the song turned and ascended up an exterior staircase until he was out of view, with the mournful drone of the bagpipes trailing off into the distance.

But perhaps the most touching moment of the ceremony was when Commissioner Leo C. Arnone spoke passionately of how Director Garnett, with less than three weeks left to live, personally took a newspaper reporter on a tour of the New Haven Correctional Center to refute allegations lodged by an inmate.

The reporter believed the allegations made by an inmate, that the conditions at the New Haven facility were deplorable, that there were feces on the floor, and inmates living in filth. “Brian could not let those statements go unchallenged,” Commissioner Arnone said. “He had to set the record straight, he had to show the reporter the truth.”

When Director Garnett started with

the Department of Correction back in 2001, his role was that of the Public Information Officer for the agency. During his tenure, he was instrumental in the creation of the External Affairs Division, which includes not only the Public Information Office, but also the Legislative Liaison, Policy and Standards, Freedom of Information, Victim Services and Audio-Visual Production Units.

Before coming to corrections, Brian had a long and distinguished career as a news journalist. He was a reporter at WPOP-AM and Hartford’s CBS affiliate, WFSB 3, where he covered crime and state government for more than 20 years.

Director Garnett was a firm believer in the need for transparency in government, and strived tirelessly to promote the many positive aspects of our agency. Although he is no longer with us, Brian’s impact on this agency will be felt for a long time to come.

Please join Commissioner Arnone, along with Deputy Commissioners James Dzurenda and Cheryl Cepelak in extending their deepest sympathies to his family and friends and they ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



Commissioner Leo C. Arnone (second from left) pays tribute to Brian Garnett during a memorial service held at Central Office.

Honor Guard Honors Fallen Federal Officer

Among the hundreds of corrections officers from Pennsylvania and around the nation that lined up on the evening of March 1, 2013, to pay respects to fallen Federal Corrections Officer Eric Williams, were members of the Connecticut Department of Correction Honor Guard.



Throng of correction officers wait to pay respect to Officer Eric Williams.

The Greater Nanticoke, Pennsylvania Area School District provided its high school gymnasium for Williams' viewing in expectation of a large turnout from the corrections and law enforcement communities.

Hired a mere 18 months ago, Williams, 34, was reportedly beaten and stabbed by an inmate at the prison near Waymart. Federal corrections officers are equipped with an alarm system on their bodies that they can trigger if they are in danger, initial reports indicate Eric Williams did not trigger the alarm. It remains unclear why. The FBI is investigating his homicide, which occurred on federal property.

Correction officers from as far afield as California, Oregon, Texas, Florida and Mississippi traveled to the viewing to pay respects and show solidarity. The Connecticut contingent was led by Captain Ned McCormick, and also included Captain Jose Angeles, Correctional Counselor Elizabeth Rivera and Correction Officer Carlos Vasquez.

The outpouring of support for the fallen officer was so great that the Honor Guard contingent waited nearly two hours before they reached the front of the viewing line. Once there, they gave a final salute to officer Williams, and presented his parents with a state flag on behalf of Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Commissioner Leo C. Arnone, and the Connecticut Department of Correction. The parents were extremely thankful and expressed a sincere appreciation for the Honor Guard having made the trip.

"It's obviously very tragic," said Capt. Ned McCormick, of the Connecticut State Department of Correction. "Our hearts go out to the family of Officer Williams and the whole federal corrections system, especially the officers at USP Canaan."

Art at Garner Garner CI's First Art Show, A Big Success

The Garner Correctional Institution's Diversity Council sponsored a staff art show January 24, 2013. Staff members from all three shifts were invited to visit the facility's chapel and view the art display throughout the day. Those whose original works of art were on display included: Imam Kenneth Muhammad, Parole Officer Randy Lagana, Librarian Mark Aldrich, and Correction Officer Simone Johnson.



One of the works of art on display during Garner CI's art exhibit.

The art was an expression of culture and diversity. Garner's Diversity Council hopes to make this as an annual event because of the overwhelming approval and appreciation from staff who attended. The event also sparked the interest of other talented staff members who would like to participate for the next art event.

Years Of Service

Employees with 20 Years of Service as of January 2013

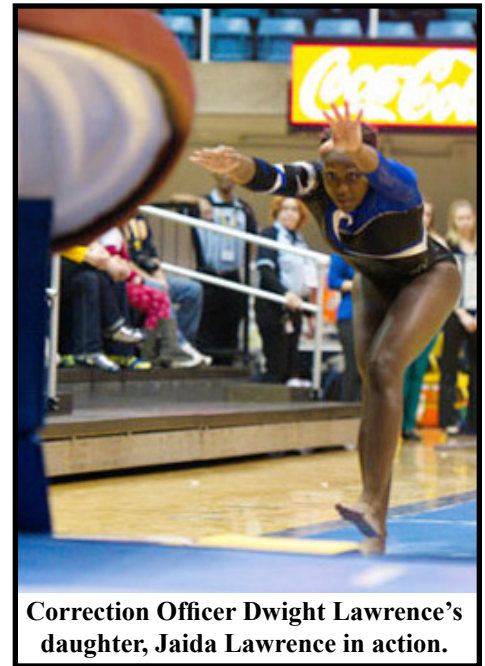
<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Beckwith, Neena	Admin. Asst.	York CI	1/29/1993
Beiler, Jeffrey	Corr.Rec. Supv.	WCCI	1/22/1993
Bowles, Roger	Deputy Warden	NHCC	1/22/1993
Brown, Melissa	Counselor	York CI	1/8/1993
Caruso, Edward	ParoleOfficer2	Cen. Off.	1/22/1993
Chase, Robert	Gen. Main. Off.	Northern CI	1/22/1993
Clancy, William	Subs. Abuse Cnslr.	Cen. Off.	11/13/1992
Dilworth-Jones, Denise	Deputy Warden	NHCC	1/8/1993
Ercolini, Robyn	Counselor	Hartford CC	1/19/1993
Finaldi, Maureen	Admin. Asst.	Cen. Off.	1/8/1993
Fontaine, Janet	Correction Officer	Hartford CC	1/22/1993
Hunter, Brian	Correction Officer	NHCC	1/22/1993
Jones, Mark	Food Serv. Sup. 2	BCC	1/8/1993
Long, Jesse	Correction Officer	CRCC	1/22/1993
Mulligan, Brian	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	1/22/1993
Muzykoski, Lucy	Correction Officer	Hartford CC	1/22/1993
O’Gorman, Francis	Counslr Sup.	Cen. Off.	12/28/1992
O’Malley, Maureen	Counselor	Hartford CC	1/22/1993
Penn, Theresa	Captain	CRCC	1/22/1993
Potter, Darrick	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	7/31/1992
Puzar, Kimberlee	School Teacher	Cheshire CI	1/22/1993
Reyes, Jose	Correction Officer	York CI	1/22/1993
Rios, Miguel	Lieutenant	CRCC	1/22/1993
Roach, Caleb	Correction Officer	MYI	1/22/1993
Sgro, Fred	School Dept. Head	Hartford CC	1/22/1993
Signorino, Sharon	Correction Officer	York CI	1/22/1993
Soderman, Diane	Secretary 2	Osborn CI	1/5/1993
Soto, Edgardo	Correction Officer	MYI	9/18/1992
Spence, Shaun	Correction Officer	Northern CI	1/22/1993
Testa, Joseph	Food Serv. Mgr.	Cen. Off.	1/21/1993
Walsh, Michelle	Lieutenant	Hartford CC	1/22/1993
White, Randall	Corr. Rec. Sup.	Brooklyn CI	1/1/1993
Williams, Wilton	Correction Officer	York CI	1/22/1993
Woody, Craig	Correction Officer	York CI	1/22/1993

Employees with 25 Years of Service as of January 2013

Bellacicco, Gloria	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	1/29/1988
Brown, Michael	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	1/22/1988
Colon, William	Deputy Warden	Cen. Off.	1/15/1988
Martinez, Juan	Correction Officer	Hartford CC	1/15/1988
Stannard, Jeffrey	Correction Officer	WCCI	1/12/1988
Wawrzynowicz, Kathleen	Rcrd. Spec.	YorkCI	1/29/1988

Talented Offspring

Carl Robinson Correctional Instituion’s Correction Officer Dwight Lawrence has every reason to be proud of his daughter, Jaida Lawrence, freshman and top gymnast



Correction Officer Dwight Lawrence’s daughter, Jaida Lawrence in action.

with the West Virginia University Mountaineers. Ms. Lawrence grew up with a passion for the sport and began training at a young age. Her years of training obviously paid off because with her regular season debut on February 1, against Oklahoma, Michigan, and William & Mary she earned a near perfect 9.9 on the vault. As of February 10, she has won the vault event for three consecutive weeks. Following a string of stellar performances, Ms. Lawrence is nationally ranked, and again she is just a freshman.

Congratulations go out to officer Lawrence and his daughter. We wish her continued success.

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April 5, 2013



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Keynote Speaker:
From the TV Series “Parole Diaries”
Featured on Channel TV One
Agent Denise Jackson
Indiana Parole Division

Registration Brochures will be mailed/emailed out in February, 2013.

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