

RIDOC Happenings

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Upcoming & Recent Events & News of Interest to the RIDOC Community

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*“Life is
a long
lesson
in
humility.”*

James M. Barrie
*Scottish dramatist
& novelist
(1860 - 1937)*

In Memoriam:
Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of C.O. Captain Bruce Tancrell, who passed away on Sunday, July 25th, after a brief illness. Captain Tancrell worked at Minimum and was a 32-year veteran of the RIDOC.

Listings or photos for the e-calendar *RIDOC Happenings*, the quarterly newsletter *RIDOC Review*, or changes or updates to the Department's Intranet site or external website (www.doc.ri.gov) should be submitted to Tracey E. Zeckhausen, Chief of Information & Public Relations
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RIDOC Honor Guard Members Participate in Relay for Life

On their own time and with no compensation, Honor Guard members Rachel Kowalski, John Bray, and Randy Denton and Correctional Officer William Provencal marched as volunteers in the “Hometown Heroes” lap of the *Relay for Life* on June 18th at Tollgate High School in Warwick. The *Hometown Heroes* included Warwick Police and Fire and several other local law enforcement agencies. According to Officer Provencal, as they looped around the high school track in full regalia despite the 95 degree heat, they were applauded. In addition to the great camaraderie the event afforded, it supported a cause which is near and dear to Officer Provencal's heart. Proceeds support cancer research. C.O. Provencal lost his father to cancer five years ago.

RIDOC Staff Members Play Pivotal Role in Identifying Robbery Suspects



Chief Inspector Aaron Aldrich and Correctional Officer Kathy Cormier each played a role in identifying robbery suspects through watching video surveillance tapes. Inspector Aldrich was at the Smithfield Police Department preparing to do a training when the Chief decided to show footage of a robbery that had just taken place at a nearby convenience store. Inspector Aldrich immediately recognized the suspect as a former inmate and later confirmed his identity on INFACTS. C.O. Cormier saw news coverage of robberies

in the Cranston area and recognized a home confinee as the culprit. She emailed Investigator Figuerido, who contacted the Cranston Police. As a result, the suspect is now behind bars.

Recent Motorcycle Ride Honors the Late Stephen Johansen

Organized by Price Facility Correctional Officers David Petronelli and Anthony Carvahlo, a group of RIDOC employees spent a beautiful Sunday together in memory of former Correctional Officer Stephen Johansen who tragically died last October. Approximately 45 motorcycles, including the Blue Knights (a law enforcement club) gathered in the Maximum Security parking lot and rode down to the beaches, winding up back at the Warwick FOP where a bbq was held. Proceeds from the sale of 70 tickets and 21 T-shirts went directly to the Johansen family. Approximately \$1755 was raised from ticket sales alone.

FMLA Forms Posted

Please note that information regarding your rights and responsibilities under the RI Parental and/or Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), updated FLMA Certification forms, Requests for Discharge of FMLA Leave forms, and contact information are currently posted on the Department's Intranet site under a new link in the right hand margin. You may also contact Karen Zambarano in the Office of Human Resources for information or Certification Forms.

Team Gorman Events

All RIDOC employees are invited to participate in the Fourth Annual Team Gorman Golf Tournament to be held on **Monday, August 16th**, with check-in time at North Kingstown Golf Course at **7:15 a.m.** and tee time at **8 a.m.** Fees are \$130 per person and \$520 for a foursome. Prices include 18 holes of golf with cart, buffet dinner (steak fry) raffles, prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin as well as Team awards. Those interested in attending the dinner only pay \$35. Organizers are also still looking for hole sponsors (cost is \$125). Proceeds will benefit cancer research organizations within New England. Contact Mike Porter at **ext. 23873**. In addition, Team Gorman will participate in the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk on **September 12th**. Anyone who would like to participate or donate to Team Gorman may do so by visiting www.jimmyfundwalk.org/2010/teamgorman. Team Gorman was formed in honor of Intake Service Center C.O. John Gorman who continues his battle with brain cancer.

Farewell Celebration for Deputy Warden Kirk Kaszyk

A retirement party will be held for John J. Moran Facility Deputy Warden Kirk Kaszyk, a 28-year veteran of the RIDOC, on **Wednesday, August 11, at 5 p.m.** at Twin Oaks. Tickets are \$27 and are available from Mary Lynch at ext. **23702**, Deputy Collins at ext. **22515**, or Warden McCauley at ext. **23700**.

Corrections.com Looking for Interesting “Off the Clock” Stories

Do you have a unique hobby or special interest you'd be willing to share with other corrections professionals around the country? Corrections.com, an online national newsletter, will publish interesting “Off the Clock” stories in its August edition. Please email tracey.zeckhausen@doc.ri.gov, if you have a story you are willing to share.

PHOTO GALLERY

HOMETOWN HEROES



Some members of RIBCO's Honor Guard, seen above marching down Howard Avenue during National CO Week in May, participated in the Hometown Heroes lap of the Relay for Life last month.

JOHANSEN HONORED IN MOTORCYCLE RIDE



Over \$1700 was raised for the family of late Correctional Officer Stephen Johansen, who died tragically last October, by employees and friends and family who participated in a motorcycle ride on Sunday, July 18th. The ride was followed by a bbq at the Warwick FOP. Among the riders were members of the Blue Knights, a motorcycle club made up of law enforcement officers.