

# RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things."*

Theodore Roosevelt

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## Mark Your Calendars for Annual C.O. Week in Early May

The Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers has scheduled several events as part of **National Correctional Officers Week** (May 1 - 7). The RIBCO cookout will be held at Garvey Field on **Wednesday, May 4th**; the annual wreath laying and memorial ceremony with guest speaker Attorney General Peter Kilmartin will be held on **Thursday, May 5th**; Family Night, which features tours of the facilities for staff and their families, is scheduled for **Thursday evening, May 5th**; and the week will end with the 40th anniversary celebration and awards ceremony with guest speaker Governor Lincoln Chafee on **Saturday, May 7th**. Retirees being honored include Roger Phillips, Joanne Biggin, Rosemary Digiulio, Richard Beard, Edward Mitsmenn, Keith Fransson, Joseph Legros, Mark Messier, Wayne Shepard, Frank Cook, Claude Burdick and Ronald Jacques. Nominations for C.O. and Supervisor of the Year for each facility are now being accepted, and additional events are being planned. Details will be posted in facilities.

## Update on C.O. Ernie Chartier

Because he is starting to have some sensation in his hips, C.O. Ernie Chartier's condition has been upgraded and doctors feel there is a higher probability that he will get more mobility back over time. He has about three more weeks of therapy at the West Roxbury V.A. Hospital and then will happily return home to his family.

## Upcoming NEO

The next New Employee Orientation will take place **Monday - Tuesday, April 11-12th**, from **8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Supervisors are urged to call the Training Academy at **22697** to register their permanent and contract employees. The 3.5 hour orientation for mentors, volunteers, and interns will be held from **8:30 a.m. - noon on Tuesday, April 11th** only.

## Facility Visiting Schedules on RIDOC Intranet Page and Website

Most RIDOC facilities are now asking to have their facility visiting schedules posted on the Intranet (under Facility Visiting Schedules) and on the Internet (external website) where they appear in three places: under FAQ/Visits, under the facility's page, and through a link in the "I Want To" section of the home page called "Find Visiting Hours."

## Probation and Parole to Recognize Partners

There will be a special recognition ceremony for law enforcement partners of Probation and Parole on **Friday, May 20th, at 10 a.m.** in the Arnold Conference Center. Please mark your calendars. More details will be forthcoming.

## Reminder about Public Presentations

Please remember that if you are invited to speak at a school or any other organization in connection with your role here at the Department, you must, per policy, fill out a "*RIDOC Request to Make a One-Time Presentation*" form - available on the Intranet under DOC Forms/Public Relations and Information. Similarly, if you are teaching a course at any area college or school, you are expected to fill out an *Academic Course Notification* form, also available in the same place.



## NEADS Clients to Visit Moran

Four NEADS pups and their human partners will visit the John J. Moran Facility next **Thursday, April 7th, at 10 a.m.** Michael Johansen of North Chelmsford, Mass., and Service Dog *Chesterfield*; Ted Berbarian of Paxton, Mass., and Service Dog, *Sherry*, and two veterans: Russell May of Shapleigh, Maine and Service Dog, *Joe*; and Matt Nedela (injured after his discharge from the Army in an ATV accident) of Adrian, MI, and Service Dog, *Tina*, will be in the group. The visit allows the clients to express their gratitude to the inmate handlers who trained their pups and gives facility staff and inmate handlers the chance to reunite with the pups one last time before they officially "graduate" from the NEADS Program.

### WHAT'S A POOCH LIKE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?



Chesterfield



Sherry



Joe



Tina

## PHOTO GALLERY

### EOAC MEETS



On **March 21st**, the Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee (EOAC) presented "Harassment, Sexual Harassment, Equal Opportunity, and Diversity". The featured speaker was Cheryl Burrell, Administrator of Human Resources-Outreach and Diversity Office. Cheryl is seen (above top) with Linda Milner, Advisor to the EOAC. (middle photo): Linda Bessette, Kim Mallet, Arthur Bedard, Chuck Dawson, and Ed Allison were all in attendance (bottom) Officers Dantes Carrasco and Armando Spears, both from the Donald Price Facility, listen as Cheryl speaks.

### MOVING WOMEN



Investigator Joe Forgue, K-9 Commander Steve Hauser, and C.O. Chris Braddock pause during the move of female inmates from the Dix Building to the new Women's Facility recently. Minimum Security and Work Release inmates are now housed in the old Gloria McDonald Building (until renovations to the Bernadette Building are completed) and Medium and Awaiting Trial inmates are in new Women's, which will officially be called the Gloria McDonald Building.