

# RIDOC Happenings

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

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## PHOTO GALLERY

### CO WEEK 2011



Attorney General Peter Kilmartin and RIBCO President David Mellon lay the wreath at the May 5th annual Memorial and Wreath Laying Ceremony in honor of officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.



C.O. Frank Morrobel of the RIBCO Pipe and Drum Band plays at the Memorial and Wreath Laying Ceremony as fellow officers look on.



Officers John Bray and Rachel Kowalski of the Honor Guard pose with guest speaker Rep. Joseph McNamara, C.O. Justin Curran, and RIBCO President David Mellon at the 40th anniversary Retirement and Awards Ceremony held on May 7th at the West Valley Inn. Officer Curran was named Correctional Officer of the Year from the Intake Service Center. Additional photos and a full list of honorees will be included in the next edition of the quarterly RIDOC Review.

### RHODE ISLAND HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION AT THE RIDOC



Acting Warden of Medium Securities Matthew Kettle speaks to members of the board of the Rhode Island Hospitality Association. The board held its April 19th meeting in Admin-A and then toured the Intake Service Center.

### CO Recruitment Period to Kick Off June 1st

The RIDOC will officially kick off the recruitment period for its next Correctional Officer Training Academy on **Wednesday, June 1st, at 10 a.m.** at the **netWORKri office at One Reservoir Ave., Providence**. Among the guest speakers will be Governor Lincoln Chafee. RIDOC employees are encouraged to spread the word to anyone they know may be interested in applying to be a Correctional Officer. Applications will be accepted between **June 1st and 22nd** and can be filled out online at [www.netWORKri.org](http://www.netWORKri.org) or [www.doc.ri.gov](http://www.doc.ri.gov) (the application will be posted by June 1st). Optional information sessions will be held on the following dates at the Training Academy:

**Wednesday, June 8th, 4 - 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 11th, 10 a.m. - noon**

**Tuesday, June 14th, 5 - 7 p.m.**

**Thursday, June 16th, 4 - 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 18th, 10 a.m. - noon**

**Monday, June 20th, 5-7 p.m.**

Radio, television and print ads will run during the weeks following the kickoff, a billboard will go up on Rte. 10, and brochures and posters will be disseminated. Dates for the Training Academy will be **March 19th - May 18, 2012**. Call the Training Academy at **462-JOBS** or visit our website for additional information.



### EOAC to Hold Diversity Event this Afternoon

The Department's Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee will present the second half of a two-part training on *Valuing Differences - An Experiential Approach to Appreciating Diversity*, today, **Monday, May 23, from 2 - 4 p.m.** in the second floor conference room of Admin-A. Please respond to Linda Milner ASAP at **ext. 25112** if you will attend.

### Upcoming Longevity Awards Ceremony

The H.R. Office will hold its next Career Service Awards Ceremony on **Thursday, May 26th, at 9:30 a.m.** (check-in for honorees begins at 9 a.m.) Please support your colleagues as we recognize staff who have reached major milestones in their career with the state. If you received an invitation from the H.R. Office's Stacey Dussault, please RSVP to her at ext. 25120, and return your Staff Media Waiver form to Tracey Zeckhausen in Admin-A or via fax at **462-2630**. Please note that the event will be held in Regan Auditorium of the Arnold Conference Center, not the Minimum Security Multipurpose Room as in previous years.

### Open Enrollment Reminder

Any employee wishing to apply for or make changes to their medical, dental, vision, group life, AFLAC, or Signature Legal Care must do so by **June 10th, 2011**. All changes will be effective **July 2nd**.

### Counselor Lisa Soderlund Receives Certification

Congratulations to Lisa Soderlund, Adult Counselor at the John J. Moran Facility, who recently received certification as a Certified Criminal Justice Professional (C.C.J.P.) with the Rhode Island Board of Chemical Dependency Professionals. Lisa is the second of only two RIDOC staff members with this certification. The other is Adult Counselor Margaret Plunkett.



Lisa Soderlund

### Spring Recognition Ceremonies



The Education Unit will soon hold its annual spring recognition ceremonies for inmates who have completed an educational or vocational training program during the past academic year. The schedule is as follows:

**Minimum Security - Tuesday, June 7th, at 1 p.m.,**

**Guest speaker - Dr. Kenneth Walker, Chair, Parole Board**  
**Women's GM Facility - Monday, June 13th, at 8:30 a.m.**

**Guest speaker - Kim Choinard, Adult Education Specialist, RIDE**

**New Women's Facility - Monday, June 13th, at 1 p.m.**

**Guest speaker - Nancy Sheridan, Adult Education Specialist, RIDE**

**Donald Price Facility - Tuesday, June 14th, at 8:30 a.m.**

**Guest speaker - Dr. Philip Less, Administrator, Adult Ed & GED, RIDE**

**Maximum Security - Tuesday, June 14th, at 1 p.m.**

**Guest speaker - Dr. Kenneth Walker, Chair, Parole Board**

**Moran Facility - Wednesday, June 15th, at 8:30 a.m. - ESL, ABE, Vocational, and Arts**

**Guest speaker - Terry Gross, Executive Director, Center for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence**

**Moran Facility - Thursday, June 16th, at 8:30 a.m. - GED and CCRI**

**Guest speaker - Andrea Castaneda, Chief of Accelerating School Performance, RIDE**

A record number of inmates (8) will receive Associates degrees from CCRI this year.

*"The best way  
to predict  
your future  
is to  
create it."*

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