

RIDOC Happenings

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

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In Tribute



This issue is dedicated to the memory of Frankie, a nine-year veteran of the K-9 Unit, who passed away unexpectedly on May 4th. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Frankie's handler, K-9 Officer Anthony Lucca. Frankie's death was covered by local media including the Associated Press, the Providence Journal, and all three local television stations.

“Do not forget
small kindnesses
and do not
remember
small faults.”
Chinese Proverb

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National C.O. Week 2012

At 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8th, the Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers held its annual *Memorial and Wreath Laying Ceremony* in front of Admin-A. Former State Police Superintendent Brendan Doherty was the invited guest speaker. The RIBCO Pipes and Drums Band and Honor Guard were on hand as seven correctional employees from across the country who lost their lives in the line of duty this past year and three of the RIDOC's own who died while on duty were honored and memorialized.



(Above, left to right): RIBCO Honor Guard members fire shots in recognition of fallen officers; An Honor Guard member kneels before the memorial with a rose in honor of a fallen C.O.; former Superintendent of the RISP Brendan Doherty and RIBCO President David Mellon lay the ceremonial wreath; Director Wall and former Chief Inspector Aaron Aldrich are among those observing the ceremony; RIBCO President David Mellon delivers remarks; A member of the Pipes and Drums Band plays the bagpipes; RIBCO Chaplain Reginald Morris delivers the invocation; Honor Guard members march down Howard Avenue toward the ceremony.

Upcoming NEO and Hep B Clinics

The next New Employee Orientation will take place Monday - Tuesday, June 11 - 12th, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Training Academy, 2nd floor of the Pinel Building. Volunteers, interns and mentors need only attend on Monday from 8:30 a.m. - noon. Supervisors must submit registrations through the Training Academy. The next Hep B Clinic will take place on Monday, June 4th, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., also at the Training Academy. There is no cost.

Keep up the Good Work

Rewards for Wellness is in the home stretch and will conclude on May 22nd. Don't forget to log your steps if you are participating for a \$100 co-share credit. A free lunch with a guest speaker from the *Biggest Loser* will take place on Wednesday, May 23rd, at noon at Waterplace Park for all participants.

Open Enrollment Reminder

Don't forget that you can make changes or enroll in the following benefit programs between now and June 8th: medical, dental, vision, flexible spending account health care & dependent care, group legal insurance, life insurance, and short term disability. Contact the HR Office for rates and details.

Walk for a Good Cause

NEADS/Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans will host its first fund raiser walk on Saturday, June 2nd, at the Doyle Community Park and Center in Leominster, Mass. The walk offers two dog-friendly routes, a 3.5 mile walking path and a 1-mile handicapped accessible pathway. Register at 978-422-9064, ext. 37.

Golf Tourney Reminder

All you golf enthusiasts are reminded to register for the 6th annual Team Gorman Golf Tournament on Monday, August 20th, at North Kingstown Golf Course. Visit www.teamgorman.org for details.

PHOTO GALLERY

PLANTINGS DONATED - HABITAT PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION



Top: Volunteers dig holes for shrubbery donated by the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs to the Habitat for Humanity home at 20 Newcombe Street. Above: Acting Warden Donna Collins observes as volunteers and RIDOC inmates from the women's facilities lay a fence on the property. It will be completed and dedicated sometime in June.

DR. JODY RICH NOTED FOR HIV/AIDS WORK



Dr. Josiah (Jody) Rich, who has been coming to the RIDOC to treat inmate/patients for many years, will be the subject of an article in the July issue of Science Magazine about HIV/AIDS in Prisons. He is seen here being photographed for the piece in the Minimum Security Dispensary area.

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION



Training Instructor John Lavery leads New Employee Orientation on Monday morning, May 14th.