Haymakers for Hope: Rock ‘N Rumble 5
Records and ID Captain Kathy Lyons is participating in Haymakers for Hope Boston 2015 on May 14, 2015. HOH’s goal is to give lifesaving researchers the resources needed to fully focus their efforts on finding a cure. This is done through participants who train for and compete in charity boxing events to raise money and awareness. The fighters, coupled with the support of generous donors, may just help deliver cancer a knockout punch! You can donate to Captain Lyons’ cause by going to https://www.crowdrise.com/HaymakersforHopeBoston2015 or by making a check payable to “Haymakers for Hope” and placing “Kathy Lyons” in the memo section. Let's show Captain Lyons our support for this great cause!

Annual Career Awards
265 employees were honored at this year’s Career Awards Ceremony held on January 21st in the visiting room of the John J. Moran facility. These employees reached career milestones in the year 2014.

2015 Departmental Awards Ceremony
On Thursday, February 26th at 9:30 a.m., RIDOC will honor 33 of its own staff members and 3 “Friends” in the annual Employee Awards Ceremony. This year’s ceremony will take place in the 1st Floor Conference Room in the DIX Building. The award recipients are as follows: John J. Moran Award: C.O. Vincent Jacavone; Community Corrections Award: Emily Daniels; Distinguished Service Award: C.O. Joseph Pelletier, C.O. Kyle Cordeiro, C.O. Lester Lindell, C.O. Jason Masielo, C.O. Clifford Moniz; Correctional Officer of the Year: C.O. Stephen Perry; Supervisor of the Year: Michael Rigney; Commendation Award: Paul Northup; Meritorious Award: C.O. Michael LaPlume; Friend of the Corrections Department Award: Steven M. Paré, Commissioner of Public Safety for the City of Providence, Colonel Hugh Clements, Police Chief, Providence Police Department, Steven Lucci, D&H Therapy Associates, LLC; Robert M. McCutcheon Award: Michelle Lanciaux; and the Teamwork Award: Peer Support Unit. Please join us in celebrating our outstanding staff.

Prison PUP Partnership 10 Year Anniversary
On Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., the RIDOC and NEADS (National Education for Assistance Dog Services) will celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the Prison PUP Partnership Program at the John J. Moran Medium Security facility. The program, which started in January 2005, allows specially selected and trained inmate handlers to train and care for puppies to become assistance dogs for deaf and disabled individuals. Since 2005, the John J. Moran facility has trained approximately 112 puppies with roughly 60 of them graduating and, the Donald Price facility, when open, trained 10 puppies with 6 successful graduates.

New Employee Orientation
The next NEO for permanent and contract employees is scheduled for Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mentors, volunteers and interns only need to attend on Monday, March 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Facility tours will be scheduled at a later date.