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# AROUND THE BLOCK

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## DOC welcomes New Commissioner Harold Clarke

Massachusetts Department of Correction staff extend a warm welcome to new Commissioner Harold Clarke. Commissioner Clarke began his first day at the DOC on Monday, November 26, 2007.



Commissioner Clarke had been the Secretary of the Department of Correction for the state of Washington. Prior to that, he had served in Nebraska's correctional system for 30 years, as Director, Warden, Deputy Warden, Correctional Superintendent, Administrator, Rehabilitation Counselor and Parole Advisor.

A nationally respected leader in the field of public safety and corrections, Commissioner Clarke is President-elect of the American Correctional Association, past President of the

Association of State Correctional Administrators and a faculty member of the National Institute of Corrections. He has served as a consultant to the National Conference on Juvenile Violence and the Department of Corrections in St. Croix, US Virgin Islands and continues consulting with the US Department of Justice.

We look forward to a long and fruitful association with Commissioner Clarke.

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## 2007 "Toys for Tots" Holiday Toy Drive

By Diane Wiffin

Once again, the Massachusetts Department of Correction is joining with the United States Marine Corps Reserves in support of their 60th annual "Toys for Tots" toy drive this holiday season.

All toys were picked up at DOC facilities and then delivered to the "Toys for Tots" headquarters in Boston.

The DOC has a long history of generously giving to this very worthy charity. Together, we are making this year a very special one for many children in Massachusetts.



Major General Joseph Carter, Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard; Robert McInnis and Michael Blanchette, DOC Central Transportation Unit and Harold W. Clarke, DOC Commissioner (left to right)

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## Beyond Excellence Awards Banquet

By Patricia Murphy

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Beyond Excellence Awards banquet was held on November 2nd at Luciano's-Lake Pearl in Wrentham to honor and present awards to the DOC award winning recipients from all institutions and divisions. The recipients represent the very best of the Massachusetts Department of Correction.

Robert Watson, Chairman of LPM Holding Company, was this year's host and introduced all of the winners, who received their awards from Deputy Commissioner James Bender. A crowd of approximately 300 DOC staff, family and friends of the recipients attended the ceremony. Mary Elizabeth Heffernan, Undersecretary of Criminal Justice, was introduced and spoke briefly to the audience, noting what a tough job corrections is and congratulating all of the award recipients.

An award for Innovation in Public Safety Partnership was presented to Sheila O'Brien, Executive Director of NEADS "Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans." She established the Prison PUP Partnership Program, where inmates train puppies to be assistance dogs and is currently operational in six of our state institutions.

James Perron, a Correction Officer from MCI-Norfolk, was presented with the "Best of the Best" honor which represents the overall Department of Correction Employee of the Year.

After the ceremony, two trips were raffled off. Cil Belisle from South Middlesex, won a trip to Aruba, and Ann Marie Picone of Bridgewater State Hospital, won a cruise to Bermuda.

Following are this year's winners:

Central Office- Tom Connolly,  
CPO D

BSCC – Sgt. Robert Bennett

BPR – Roland Peters, CPO A/B

BSH - Capt. Andre Carvalho

MCI Cedar Junction - Lt. Joseph  
Veilleux

MCI Concord - CO Anthony De-  
moura

MCI Framingham - CO Steve  
Gonynor

MASAC- CO Donald Beauvais

MTC – CO Stephen Madden

NECC – CO William Thomas

MCI Norfolk - CO James Perron

NCCI – CO Richard Newell

OCCC – CO Paul Brasseur

MCI Plymouth – Sgt. James Butler

Pondville – Michael Enos, CPO B

Shattuck – Sgt. Wendell Williams

MCI Shirley -DOS Patrick DePalo

South Middlesex, Larry Shanahan,  
CPO C

SBCC – Capt. Martin Leonard

Administrator - DOE Christopher  
Lanoue - MCI Framingham

Care and Custody - CO Lisa An-  
tunes - MASAC

Contract / Volunteer - Khalid Khan,  
Director of Medicine - BSH

Office Clerical Group – MCI Con-  
cord Group – Diane Wilkins, Andrea  
Sargent, Kristen Fedele

Support Services - Tech Services  
Group – Ron Blair, Don Dunlop,  
Richard Hardy, Steve Jette, Samuel  
Lu, Scott McKenna, Frank Servello,

Brian Silvia, Gary Thompson

Technical/Maintenance - Steven Smith,  
Storekeeper IV – MCI Concord

Joseph Ribeiro Award of Valor - MCI  
Cedar Junction Group – Paul Murphy,  
Glen Gaspar, Michael Normandin, Ed-  
ward Porter, Lucien Mandeville

Charles Gaughan Award - Donna Le-  
bow, Associate Director of Rehabilitation  
Services - BSH



DOC Employee of the Year, James Perron of  
MCI Norfolk, with Deputy Commissioner James  
Bender and Superintendent Luis Spencer

Commissioner's Citation - CO Jeffrey  
Cardin, SBCC

MCI Concord Group -Scott Migala,  
David Cibor, James Bailey, Jesse John-  
son

Humanitarian Award - CO William  
Newcomb, – Boston Pre-Release Center

Distinguished Service Award - Thomas  
Connolly, CPO D – Reentry

Deputy Superintendent-Karen Dinardo,  
MCI Concord

Superintendent -Luis Spencer, MCI  
Norfolk

Innovation in Public Safety Partnership  
Award - Sheila O'Brien, NEADS

DOC Employee of the Year – CO James  
Perron – MCI Norfolk

## Mass. National Guard and DOC make Thanksgiving Donation

By Diane Wiffin

Brigadier General Thomas J. Sellars, Massachusetts National Guard, joined DOC Associate Commissioner Ronald T. Duval and Salvation Army Captain William Geracia in the annual donation of turkeys to the Milford Corps of the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army distributes the turkeys to the Milford community.

This has become an annual effort by the National Guard and the DOC to give something back to the Milford community, since the headquarters for both agencies is located in Milford. Brigadier General Sellars said, "We look forward to the opportunity to give something back to Milford."

"We are pleased to be able to share the spirit of Thanksgiving with our host community," said Associate Commissioner Duval.



## NEADS Prison Pup Program

By Larry Amblo

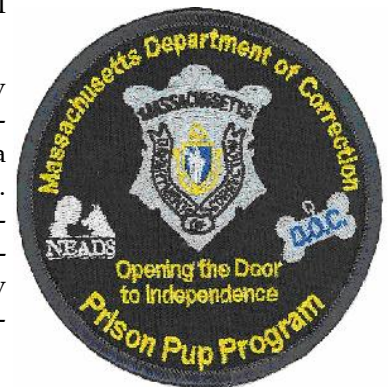
The NEADS Prison PUP Partnership Program began in 1998 under the guidance of Sister Pauline Quinn. There are currently eight facilities in three states (Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut) involved in the NEADS Prison PUP Partnership Program. NEADS opened its first Prison PUP Partnership in December 1998 at North Central Correctional Institution in Gardner, MA. In June 2002 the second NEADS Program opened at Northeastern Correctional Center in Concord, MA. A third NEADS Program was added in June 2003 at the Pondville Correctional Center, Norfolk, MA. There is a program at MCI Plymouth and one recently started at MCI Norfolk.

In September 2004 a NEADS Program was initiated at MCI Framingham. Not only was this the first medium level facility to adopt this program, it was also the first female facility to provide training for NEADS service dogs. This program has made a positive impact on the inmate climate. It has also impacted the staff in a positive way. This program is clearly in line with the Department of Correction's Vision and Mission Statement as well as Core Values. The program is a great example of opportunities for inmates to achieve positive behavioral change and to optimize community reparation efforts while working collaboratively with the community and other agencies.

Superintendent Lynn Bissonnette was not only instrumental in bringing the NEADS Program to MCI-Framingham, she was also involved in bringing the first program to Massachusetts in 1998 at NCCI where she was assigned as the superintendent at the time.

In an effort to display her commitment to this important partnership, Superintendent Bissonnette asked that a special NEADS / DOC partnership patch be developed. In July 2007, I developed the NEADS / DOC partnership patch.

Upon graduation from the program at the facility, the service dog will be issued this patch. The patch will in turn be placed on the service dog's vest to be worn throughout his/her service in society.





## RTC 302 Graduation

By Raymond Gonsalves

On November 16, 2007, one hundred and twenty-eight Correction Officers, three Correction Officer Head Cooks, eight Industrial Instructors, and eight Correction Program Officers participated in the graduation ceremony at Mechanics Hall, Worcester, Massachusetts. The ceremony was highlighted by Deputy Commissioner James R. Bender's welcome address and keynote speaker Kevin M. Burke, Secretary of Public Safety and Security. Undersecretary of Criminal Justice Mary Elizabeth Heffernan also participated in the ceremony.

Secretary Burke emphasized the importance of the support family and friends provide as recruits begin their careers in public safety and carrying out the very difficult mission of the Department of Correction. He acknowledged the institution search of MCI Cedar Junction during the training program, in which the Recruits and the Special

Operations Division confiscated several weapons, drugs, gang related materials and other contraband. This work has already improved the safety of both staff and inmates at that institution.

Recruit Training Class (RTC) 302 President, Correction Officer Brian T. Fillios, delivered an impressive commencement speech with a theme that leadership is everyone's responsibility and a sense of commitment that we can make a difference. The ceremony closed with a special video tribute in remembrance and support of all military veterans.



Joshua Johnson,  
Correction Officer  
- RTC 302Alpha

Graham Trout,  
Correction Officer  
- RTC 302 Bravo

The Division of Staff Development and RTC 302 would like to extend its appreciation to all of the Adjunct Instructors who shared their wisdom and leadership in their areas of responsibility during the ten-week training program.

### RTC 302 Awards

#### Commissioner's Award

*Highest Academic Average*

Paul Briggs, Correction Officer

#### Banner Award

*Leadership*

## Department of Correction's Tenth Annual Cook-off

By Christine Anthony

Tuesday, November 20, 2007, was the Department of Correction's Tenth Annual Cook-off. This event is sponsored by the State Wellness Committee and was held at St. Jude's Hall in Norfolk, MA.

There were 23 participants entered into three categories; Appetizer, Entrée, and Dessert. Nine judges were split into three groups, and each group judged one category. Superintendent Paul Ruane, Superintendent Michael Grant, Deputy Superintendent Scott Anderson, Deputy Superintendent Pam MacEachern, Director of Security Brad Cowen, Captain Steven Carrier, Lieutenant Stephen Goldrick, Director William Dupre and Mrs. J. Stoller, wife of CO Jim Stoller, were the judges who had to make the tough decisions.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual DOC Cook-off Winners

#### Presentation

Laurie Vasconcellos - MCI Norfolk

#### Appetizer

1<sup>st</sup>- Bill Thomas - Northeastern Correctional Center

2<sup>nd</sup> - Mary Jane Morgan - North Central Correctional Institution

3<sup>rd</sup>- Heather Beckler - Bay State Correctional Center

#### Entrée

1<sup>st</sup> - Laurie Vasconcellos - MCI Norfolk

2<sup>nd</sup> - Gail Kilpatrick - MCI Plymouth

3<sup>rd</sup>- Viv Spuria - Division of Staff Development

#### Dessert

1<sup>st</sup>- Lucy Ferreira - Health Services Division

2<sup>nd</sup>- Linda Woodward - MCI Cedar Junction - HSU

3<sup>rd</sup> - Sue Lynch - Northeastern Correctional Center

As part of the cook-off, several Institution/Division Wellness Representatives sorted food donations into six baskets of complete Thanksgiving meals and delivered them throughout the state to different families in need. There were several boxes of food that were delivered to food shelters from Gardner to Plymouth. Thank you to those who participated in donating food for this wonderful cause. If it had not been for the kindness of others this would not have been possible.

Again, thank you to all the Wellness Representatives for your help coordinating your local cook-off competitions and the DOC event. You are all a true measure of what this event and overall Wellness represents: developing healthy habits, building and maintaining social connections, and making a difference in the community.

## MCOFU holds 3rd Annual Neely Run

By Rich Allain

On Sunday, October 21st, MCOFU held its 3rd Annual 2-mile walk/5k run to benefit the "Neely House" for the Cam Neely Foundation for Cancer Care. The event was attended by over 200 participants, who met at the MCOFU Union Hall in Milford, MA. Among the participants in this year's race were approximately 50 personnel from DOC Recruit Training Class 302 who were led in a formation run along the 3.1 mile course by Lt. Ray Gonsalves. As Lt. Gonsalves and the class started their run, Scott Neely, Executive Director of the Cam Neely Foundation for Cancer Care, stated, "This is great, this is really great."

Ray Gonsalves, Bill Dupre (Director of Staff Development) and RTC 302 were recognized for their participation and presented with a plaque by Rob Brouillette, MCOFU Business Agent. Along with the regular trophies awarded to the participants, this year's event added something new. As race director, I wanted to add a new tradition to this year's race by incorporating a MCOFU/DOC team competition. Hopefully this will catch on in years to come and we can create some healthy rivalries among the different DOC facilities.

MCI Framingham won this year's team competition. The four-person team included Dave Barbato, Laura Smith, Phil McNulty and Carlos Harvey. Each received a trophy for their first place finish along with a memorial plaque honoring CO Saillens Dumay from MCI Norfolk who passed away of brain cancer in October 2004. The plaque will be brought back to MCI Framingham with the names of the team members inscribed along with their individual race times.

Dave Barbato also won a trophy by finishing second in the male 40-49 year old division with an impressive time of 19:28. Laura Smith received a trophy for her first place finish in the female 20-29 year old division with a great time of 19:45.

MCOFU raised approximately \$6,100 and



MCI Framingham Winners—Dave Barbato, Carlos Harvey, Laura Smith, Phil McNulty, all from MCI Framingham (left to right)

to date has raised over \$20,000 for the Cam Neely Foundation. MCOFU is honored and proud to put on this annual event to help the Cam Neely Foundation and those afflicted with cancer.

Events like this cannot be successful without the help of many volunteers. MCOFU's thanks go out to the following DOC personnel: Ron Duval (Associate Commissioner), Sue Martin (Director, Office of Communications and Outreach), Diane Wiffin (Director of Public Affairs), Bill Dupre (Director of Staff Development), Lt. Ray Gonsalves and the Recruit Training Class 302.



## DOC Recipient of a "Leading by Example" Award- Highlighting Renewable Energy, Efficiency, and Recycling Efforts

By Andrew Bakinowski

Following the Governor's "Leading by Example - Clean Energy and Efficient Buildings" Executive Order 484, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) honored the Department of Correction, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), Cape Cod Community College, Bridgewater State College, the City of Boston, and the Town of Andover.

"We are pleased to recognize the bold and creative steps these communities, colleges and agencies have taken to cut energy use, invest in clean energy technologies, ramp up recycling programs, and construct state-of-the-art environmentally-friendly buildings," said EOEEA Secretary Ian Bowles, whose office hosts the state Leading by Example Program.

On October 25, 2007 the DOC was recognized for its efforts over the past several years. The Leading by Example Program recognized energy projects at the DOC that have



Ronald Duval, Associate Commissioner; Todd Gundlach and Jeffrey Quick of Resource Management, and James Bender, Deputy Commissioner (left to right)

reduced electric load at the agency's Bridgewater and Norfolk/Walpole complexes by 15 to 20 percent. The Department is also conducting a feasibility study for at least one large-scale wind turbine at NCCI Gardner and developing a contract for solar photovoltaic installations totaling more than 400 kilowatts at five locations. This photovoltaic project was recently profiled in the Mass High Tech Journal.

In the area of recycling, the DOC has improved the recycling rate from 7% in Fiscal Year 2002 to nearly 42% of all waste generated

or nearly 3,000 tons of materials. Recycling of cardboard, metal cans, paper and plastic in FY 07 increased to nearly 600 tons.

Since 2003, the DOC has reduced its annual trash disposal costs by a total of \$225,970.00 (from \$876,470 to \$650,500). The DOC has made a long-term commitment to recycling and has seen great success in its program in just four years. Through better management of its trash, creative use of regional consolidation centers and the training of prisoners to oversee much of the recycling processes, the DOC has also been able to dramatically reduce its solid waste costs by hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Presenting the awards were EOEEA Undersecretary for Energy Ann Berwick, Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Laurie Burt, and State Purchasing Agency Ellen Bickelman.

For more information about the Leading by Example Program, visit [www.mass.gov/envir/Sustainable](http://www.mass.gov/envir/Sustainable).

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## The Holidays

By Amy Owen

The 5th annual Children's Christmas party was held on December 1, 2007 for the kids of staff at the Souza Baranowski Correctional Center, MCI Shirley Complex and NCCI-Gardner. About 40 children attended the festivities. The children participated in several arts and crafts projects. David Hall amused and entertained the kids and the adults alike with his magic act. All who watched the show were amazed at David and his trick performing bunny Hokus.

Kudos go out to the following staff for their assistance in preparing for the party and the clean up following. Chris Pare, Nicole Kennedy, Lorna Schwartz, Dan Swanfeldt and CJ Rivera-Sturges of MCI Shirley, Sara Dunham of NCCI Gardner and Scott Blake of SBCC. A special thanks goes out to Michael Singas of Souza Baranowski Correctional Center for preparing the food. Once again Mike outdid himself. A big shout out to the Training Academy for the use of the facility. We would also like to acknowledge all of Santa's elves who helped with the activities.

The highlight of the party was the arrival of Santa Claus! Once again, Santa took time from his busy schedule to make sure that all of the children received a gift and a goody bag. Santa pleased each and every child with a special something just for them. Thanks again to all who participated and hope to see you all again next year. Happy Holidays!



## Captain Scott Paiva Golf Tournament

By Gary Lapierre

The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #28 sponsored its first golf tournament in memory of Captain Scott Paiva. Scott was a 19-year veteran of the Department of Correction, serving all 19 years at MCI-Norfolk. Scott suddenly passed away on August 22, 2007 at his home. Scott had been an active member of the FOP for several years.

The tournament had an overwhelming response of 80 golfers representing every institution as well as outside law enforcement. Everyone wanted to come together to honor Scott and raise money for his family. It was a drizzly Thursday on October 11<sup>th</sup> but it certainly did not dampen the spirit for the FOP Scott Paiva Memorial Golf Classic. The course was decorated with tee signs. Tee Sponsors from all aspects of Scott's life were visible as you navigated the course.

The signs were a moving tribute to Scott and really brought home the reason why we were there. Dozens of volunteers worked tirelessly all day and didn't stop until the last golfer was off the green.

The momentum carried into the banquet hall where everyone enjoyed a delicious meal. MCI-Norfolk Superintendent Luis Spencer addressed the crowd and spoke about Scott's impressive career and the positive impression he left on us all.

Michael Aucoin, who served as Master of Ceremonies, called the lucky raffle winners to the podium. Each winner donated the money back to the Paiva Family. Everyone thanked Scott's wife, Carla, and their daughter, both in attendance, for Scott's dedication to the Department of Correction. FOP State President Arnie Larson said it best to the Paiva Family, "You have been a part of our family and always will be."

As a result of the generous people who participated in the FOP Scott Paiva Memorial Golf Classic, FOP Lodge #28 was thrilled to present a check in the amount of \$3,700 to the Paiva Family.

As President of Mass. FOP Lodge #28 and on behalf of the lodge, I would like to thank Superintendent Spencer, the Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union (MCOFU) and the Department of Correction for their support in making this tournament an overwhelming success! Again, thank you to all who participated, especially to the Paiva Family for sharing Scott with all of us over the years. He will be surely missed but never forgotten.



Correction officer Paul Cordeiro, Sgt Robert Carpentier, Richard Davis, (FOP supporter and husband of CO Jen Davis) and Sgt. Larry Clement, all from MCI-Norfolk (left to right)

## NECC Thanksgiving

By Maribeth Ivarson

At Northeastern Correctional Center, Concord, over 200 Thanksgiving pies were made by Culinary Arts inmates under the direction of Instructor Eddie Jacobs. The pies were donated to local organizations before Thanksgiving. Maynard Food Pantry, Concord Council on Aging, Acton

Council on Aging and Concord Housing Authority received the pies.

Bird houses made by carpentry inmates with recycled wood were sold to raise money for Thanksgiving food baskets.

Funds raised were spent on purchasing fresh produce

for a food pantry in Maynard and Worcester, MA. Squash grown this summer by inmates were donated to the food pantries along with apples that were picked by inmates. This endeavor benefited 225 families.



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**DOC Flag Flies in Iraq**

By Larry Amblo

On June 7, 2007 an American flag that was made at MCI Framingham and donated to the institution by MassCor was sent to Correction Officer Stephen Keefe who is currently serving in Iraq. On July 11, 2007 the donated flag was flown over Camp Victory, the headquarters of the Multi-National Corps in Iraq.

On October 30, 2007 S.S.G. Stephen Keefe returned to MCI Framingham and presented the flag to Superintendent Lynn Bissonnette. This flag will be encased and displayed in the Muster Room as a gesture to honor the sacrifice and hardship that all serving in the country's armed forces and families have endured.

S.S.G. Stephen Keefe is currently on leave and scheduled to return to Iraq. (Photo by Larry Amblo)



CO Stephen Keefe with Superintendent Bissonnette

**Retirements: October – December**

Leroy Baker, Jr.	James Flynn	Harold Marrow, Jr
Richard Beauregard	John Gamache	Gary Perrin
Elizabeth Boardman	Steven Hamilton	William Phillips, Jr.
Robert Boardman	James Hennessy	Paul Robert
Scott Botelho	Robert Leonardo	Thomas Sharples
Gary Dicarolo	Stephen Lipka	Robert Souza
Antone Fastino, Jr.	Anthony LoConte	Marc Tetreault
	Robert Machado	Susan Ware

**Promotions: October – December**

John Andrade	Jeannine Guertin	David Pakell
Jeffrey Bohning	Jessica Hobbs	William Poitras
Brian Brady	Claire Kilawee-Corsini	Susan Rebello
Ronald Burr	Candida Leonard	Larry Shorey
Ronald Cavanaugh, Jr.	Daniel Linhares	Jennifer Schubert
Joseph Grady	Marianne McAuliffe	Eileen Wilcox