

DORA SCHIRO, DIRECTOR

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ADC nominated for "Innovations" award

"Getting Ready: Keeping Communities Safe" receives national recognition for cutting relapse, revocation and recidivism.

The Arizona Department of Corrections has been recognized by the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard Kennedy Jr. School for implementing one of the nation's top 15 innovative programs. Selected from a pool of nearly 1,000 applicants, the Department's real world re-entry initiative, "Getting Ready: Keeping Communities Safe", was selected by an expert panel of practitioners and policy experts for inclusion in its prestigious 2008 Innovations in American Government Awards Program. These programs represent the best in government innovation from local, county, city, tribal, state, and federal levels.

ADC Director Dora



Schiro and CO II Christina Duran, ASPC-Lewis, were invited by the Ash Institute to travel to Boston on June 12 to present their program to the Innovations National Selection Committee. The Director informed the committee that "Getting Ready" is a pragmatic pre-release program in which state inmates partici-

pate. Starting the first day of their sentence and continuing through their last, inmates acquire and apply in simulated real world situations, the literacy, sobriety, social skills and employability that are essential to their success and our safety when they are released.

"Getting Ready" is

ADC Director Dora Schiro and CO II Christina Duran represented the department's re-entry initiative, "Getting Ready: Keeping Communities Safe." They appeared before the innovations award selection committee on June 12, who will select six winners from the nation's top 15 innovative programs and announce the winners in September.

premiered on the research that ex-felons are more likely to be law abiding and self-sufficient in the community when they have ample opportunity to acquire and practice these skills and reap the consequences, good and bad, commensurate with their efforts, throughout their incarceration. This approach yields the

measurable benefits of reducing violence in prison and cutting relapse, revocation and recidivism in the community.

CO II Duran then spoke about how the program has not only affected inmates, but her as well. At first reluctant to embrace the program, Officer Duran says seeing the impact the program had on inmates has inspired her to become one of the programs more vocal advocates. CO II Duran told a story about how even the most difficult inmates have been willing to change their behavior in order to participate in the program.

The Director completed their presentation by saying since the program was first implemented about four years ago, there have been appreciable improvements in prison operations

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The Arizona Department of Corrections honored one of our former corrections officers who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country overseas.

On the day after the one year anniversary of CO II Charles Browning's death, SMU II was renamed Browning Unit. Browning was killed June 1st, 2007 by a roadside bomb while serving with the Arizona Army National Guard in

Mehtar Lam, Afghanistan.

The renaming ceremony took place on June 2, 2008 at ASPC-Eyman and was attended by hundreds of Browning's family, friends and co-workers.

Guest speakers included ADC Director Dora Schiro, Eyman Warden Robert Stewart, Arizona National Guard Adjutant General, Major General David Rataczak and Brigadier General Gregg Maxon, Director of ADC

Veteran's Services.

Sgt. Michael Fettkether offered his thoughts on his former coworker and a standing ovation followed his heartfelt words. Browning's mother, Tribly Jo Glover even went up to the platform and gave Sgt. Fettkether a comforting hug.

After CO II Candy Wait read a poem that she wrote for the event, CO II Michael Ryan presented memorial photo albums to Browning's wife, Lisa Browning and her daughters, Briana and Jessica and Browning's mother.

Following the retiring of the colors by the AZNG Color Guard and the ADC Honor Guard, there was a fly over by Blackhawk helicopters from the 1st of the 28th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion.



After unveiling the new name for SMU II, Browning's mother, Tribly Jo Grover, gave Director Schiro a hug as Lisa Browning and her daughters applauded.



Members of the Browning Memorial Planning Committee, left to right: CO II Ronald Nelson, CO II Anthony Spears, AA III Susan Curtis, CO II Ryan Urias, CO II Mike Ryan and CO II Thomas Kri- zan. Committee members not present: Eyman Warden Robert Stewart, Deputy Warden of OPS James Arnold, Browning Unit Deputy Warden Carl ToersBijns, Captain Robert Rowland, CO II Eric Griffin and CO II Porfirio Caldera.

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From her desk

Pack to School An A+ Success!

For the fifth year in a row, ADC staff has donated the most school supplies and cash contributions for the Governor's annual school readiness effort.

I am so very proud to report that you have done it again! The Arizona Department of Corrections continues to lead all other state agencies in collecting school supplies for Governor Janet Napolitano's annual "Pack to School" fundraiser.

In each of the five years that "Pack to School" has given school-aged children a great start to the academic year, you have consistently donated more school supplies and money than any other state agency and as was the case in every year, you also set a new standard for giving in 2008!

Working with the inmate population, we donated a record 69,052 items including 1,513 backpacks, 11,240 pens and pencils, 19,109 notebooks and thousand of other school supplies, many of them purchased with cash contributions totaling \$35,419.46. Not stopping there, an additional \$11,258.95 was given directly to the Salvation Army to buy still more school supplies for school-aged children around the state

Let's all recognize the exceptional efforts, organization and energy of our "Pack to School" coordinators and the generosity of our donors!

ASPC-Douglas' efforts were led by ESA Veronica Abrigo whose team raised \$5,116 and collected 1,212 school supplies.

ASPC-Eyman's efforts were led by CO III Wendy Eccles whose team raised \$679 and collected 9,634 school supplies.

ASPC-Florence's efforts were led by CO IV John Hernandez whose team collected 340 school supplies.

ASPC-Lewis' efforts were led by CO III Rachel Dupree whose team raised \$4,618.94 and collected 5,457 school supplies. What energy!

ASPC-Perryville's efforts were led by CO III Barbara Lancaster whose team raised \$10,470.95 and collected 1,239 school items. WOW!

ASPC-Phoenix's efforts were led by AA III Tami Bowman whose team collected 2,459 school supplies.

ASPC-Safford's efforts were led by ADW Roxanne Hill whose team raised \$6,863.54 and then purchased 31,514 school supplies.

ASPC-Tucson's efforts were led by AA III Danielle Hallahan whose team raised \$9,145.30 and collected 5,346 school supplies.

ASPC Winslow's efforts were led by CO IV Michele McComas whose team raised \$2,704.28 and collected 5,694 school supplies.

ASPC-Yuma's efforts were led by AA III Shannon Price whose team raised \$368 and collected 314 school supplies.

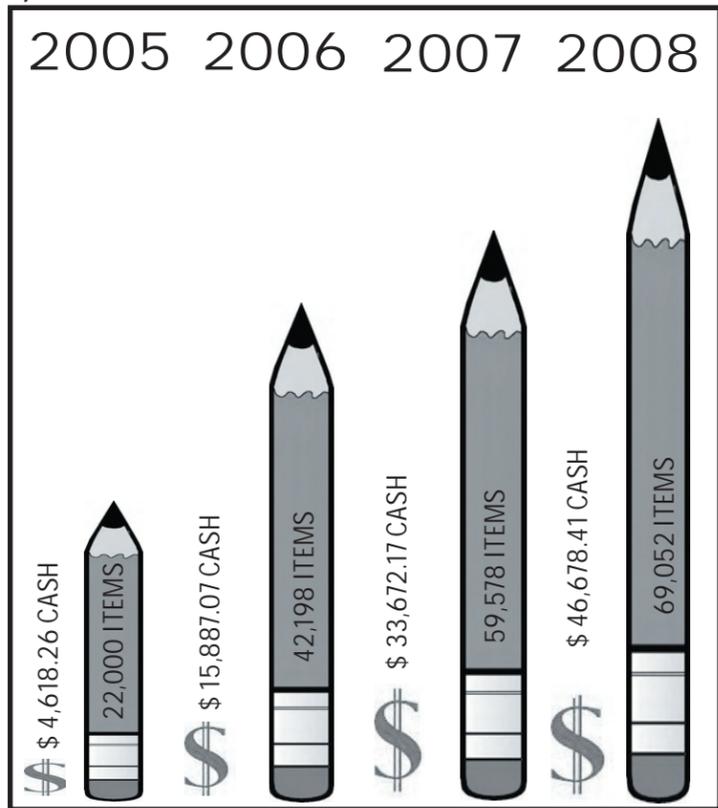
At COTA, Sgt. Shawn Sanders and AA III Jenni Soop organized events that raised \$1100 and collected 3,075 school supplies.

At the 801 Building, SI Mike Core and CCS Jeff Sanders led the effort that netted 421 school supplies.

At the 1601 Building, ESA Terri White, EA Alex Benlein, ESA Jeanne Dodd, ESA Laurie Berg and ESA Elsa Romero formed a formidable team that hosted hotdog and root beer float sales, raising \$478 to purchase 1,245 school supplies.

At the 1645 Building, bake sales and pulled pork sandwiches sold by PTS Liaison EA Heather Price, CRT II Connie Yates, FSS II Margaret Deskins, BSA Jerry Soulvie and ESA John Theisen raised \$285 to purchase another 481 school items.

Once again your ingenuity and generosity has made a measurable difference in the lives of children throughout Arizona. Once again, you've demonstrated extraordinary leadership. Once again, you expressed high expectations for the inmate population and once again, they met and exceeded that challenge. Heartfelt congratulations, everyone! You are a cadre of exceptional correctional professionals.



ADC innovations award nomination continued...

and public safety. Specifically, institutional violence is down, with inmate-on-inmate assaults dropping 37 percent and inmate-on-staff assaults decreasing 51 percent. Sexual assaults have declined 70 percent and suicides are down 33 percent.

The community is also safer. Relapse to drugs and alcohol is down, with 24 percent fewer positive urine analysis results. Technical revocations are down as well 32 percent. Recidivism for the cohort of 2,674 inmates completing Getting Ready in its entirety since FY 2004 is just 1.87 percent. Pro-social problem solving is better. Inmate grievances are down 17 percent;

medical grievances, 20 percent; and new inmate lawsuit filings concerning conditions of confinement, 42 percent.

More inmates are preparing for the real world as well. Arizona inmates have earned over 27 percent of all GED certificates awarded in the state in each of the past three years. Today, 74 percent of all inmates have a high school equivalency diploma. Nearly 12,500 inmates have completed one of 61 jobs training programs and almost two-thirds of the prisoner population is productively engaged everyday in school, work and treatment.

Inmates are increasingly taking responsibility for

their criminal conduct and it's impact on crime victims. Over the last four years, Arizona inmates have raised \$831,499 for Arizona crime victims' agencies and today they have exceeded \$1,000,000 in donations. Compliance with court-ordered restitution has also improved 23 percent per inmate.

Of course, none of these amazing transformations could have been possible without the hard work and perseverance of the ADC staff. Committees around Arizona established guidelines, set up procedures and created training programs to ensure that correctional officers understood the new plan and were

both able to introduce and explain the program to the inmates.

Established in 1985 at Harvard Kennedy School by the Ford Foundation, the Innovations Awards program is designed to improve government practice by honoring effective government initiatives and encouraging the dissemination of such best practices across the country. Over its 20-year history, the program has honored 181 federal, state, and local government agencies. The winners of this years \$100,000 grant will be announced at an awards gala and reception in September.

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Officer loyalty knows no bounds

Story and photo submitted by
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Perryville C.I.R.T Leader



CO II Thomas Hamilton and Sergeant Araceli Rascon, members of the ASPC-Perryville, Critical Incident Response Team, went above and beyond in caring for the needs of a valued friend and coworker.

The ASPC-Perryville Critical Incident Response Team would like to recognize two of their finest C.I.R.T Members, Sergeant Araceli Rascon and Officer Thomas Hamilton.

In April 2008, Lt. Roger Braun from ASPC-PV-Santa Maria Unit was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. As soon as Sgt. Rascon became aware, she immediately offered C.I.R.T services to Lt. Braun. From that moment on, Sgt. Rascon was by the side of Lt. Braun and his family. Sgt. Rascon went above and beyond what was expected and what one would say impossible. It wasn't long before Lt. Braun's condition worsened and at his request, Sgt. Rascon brought in C.I.R.T Member Officer Thomas Hamilton.

These two individuals stayed with Lt. Braun and his family 24 hours a day for the last two weeks of his life. His wife, Sandy, his son Roger, and his daughter Cassandra were at ease when Sgt. Rascon and Officer Hamilton were there. Anything the family needed they made sure they received and any worries were put at rest.

On June 9th Lt. Roger Braun passed away, but Sgt. Rascon's and Officer Hamilton's work was not over yet, staying to help Mrs. Braun with all of the funeral arrangements. Afterward, Mrs. Braun let it be known how much that Thomas and Araceli have helped and that she would be lost if it wasn't for them being right there ready to handle anything that came their way.

Araceli Rascon and Thom-

as Hamilton both have families of their own with young children. During the time they spent with the Braun family they sacrificed time with their own so that Lt. Braun's wife and children could spend every possible moment by his side.

The support that was given and the sacrifices that were made by Rascon and Hamilton could only come from the most extraordinary and giving kind.

Their services have been honored by being presented the Lighthouse Award. The C.I.R.T are both proud and honored to have not just one, but two remarkable caring individuals on their staff.

Special Olympics passion puts officer on top

Story submitted by CO IV John Hernandez



CO II John Risch spent 48 hours on the roof of an east Valley Krispy Kreme donut shop in early June to help raise thousands of dollars for the Special Olympics.

An ADC correctional officer stands his post 30 feet above the ground. With the temperature nearing 114 degrees, his only protection is his uniform, a large sprinkled donut costume and pink fuzzy gloves. CO II John Risch's mission is to raise money for Special Olympics.

John joined the Arizona Department of Corrections in 1990 and for the past six years, he has been involved with the Law Enforcement Torch Run Special Olympics when he was first asked to be a unit coordinator. He enjoys fundraising and is a natural when it comes to approaching others to donate money and help with events.

This year, John was elected

to the statewide Law Enforcement Torch Run Council of 22 members. He is one of only two ADC employees on the Council serving with Associate Deputy Warden Yolanda Elliott also from ASPC-Florence. John attended an International Conference in Oklahoma City last November, where he got to meet athletes and their families. After listening to them and their families speak at the Conference he was inspired and hasn't stopped since then to support the Special Olympics.

Who else do you know that has spent over 48 hours on the roof of Krispy Kreme Donuts in Mesa in triple digit heat, waving at customers in a donut costume and collecting donations by lowering a bucket on a rope from the roof of the restaurant. And, he convinced three local professional sports team mascots to join him on the roof to perform for the people who came by to donate.

The Phoenix Suns Gorilla, the Phoenix Coyotes Howler and Rocky the Roadrunner all stopped by to see John and show their support for his fundraiser. Between Friday and Sunday evenings, John collected over \$1,600 for the Special Olympics and he made it to work on Monday on time at the ACI Laundry at South Unit, albeit sunburned, tired and sore.

Volunteering is nothing new for John Risch. Married with two teenage daughters, he's been involved with their school activities including serving as Vice President at his daughter's elementary school Parents Teachers Organization.

He is also active in ASPC-Florence's SECC activities and other fundraisers. He's donated personal funds and autographed sports memorabilia for raffles, and been the grill chef at several fundraising barbecues.

ASPC-Douglas nurse receives prestigious award

Story and photo submitted by
OHN Bob Kappler

Nurse Supervisor II Alaine Taylor was honored this May as one of the recipients of Tucson's Fabulous 50 Nurse Alumni awards.

Since 1994, Tucson nurses have celebrated their professionalism, education, and personal vitality. In January of this year, Ms. Taylor was nominated by her peers and chosen by the selection committee to receive the award.

Alaine joined the Arizona Department of Corrections as a Registered Nurse in 1995 at ASPC-Douglas. Today, she leads a staff of 20 Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Certified Nursing Assistants who ably provide care to 2,800 inmates at the prison's six units.

Ms. Taylor oversaw the NCCHC accreditation process and now ensures the complex maintains its high standards for correctional health care. Her people skills are contagious, her smile is infectious and her ability to make everyone feel better is widely admired. Her interaction with difficult patients is exceptional, blending the firmness that is required by the care setting with the compassion that helps to heal the sick.

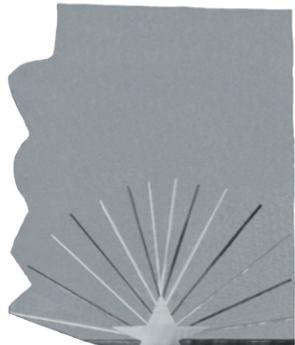
Her leadership is yielding dividends. ASPC-Douglas has the fewest inmate medical complaints and the lowest turnover in the department's Health Services Division.

Alaine is tireless. She works as well as the Emergency Department Charge Nurse and House Supervisor at Southern Arizona Medical Center in Douglas. In 2005 First Lieutenant Taylor was also commissioned an officer in the Army Nurse Corps of the United States Army Reserve. She continues to serve in the reserve today with the 6253rd United States Army Hospital.



ASPC-Douglas FHA Sam Tardibuono, Douglas, CRNS II Alaine Taylor, RN and OHN Bob Kappler, RN, celebrate Taylor's nomination for the "Tucson's Fabulous 50 Nurse Alumni" awards.

Around



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CENTRAL OFFICE

ACJC Thank You Letter

Not surprisingly, ADC Director Dora Schriro receives hundreds of letters, but correspondence from the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission caught her eye and she asked to share it with you.

On behalf of the crime victims' services community, and the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, I wanted to thank you and the Department of Corrections staff for all of your efforts in collecting \$78,213.16 from the inmates for the crime victim compensation program. In this time of fiscal crisis, all funds are critically needed and are very much appreciated. As we battle to maintain our own programs, sometimes we forget to thank those who continue to make the effort to improve things. But we sincerely appreciate your efforts and I apologize for the delay in thanking you properly for the dedication you continue to show to the people of Arizona.

We also recognize the benefits of this program in your overall restorative justice efforts and we applaud your work in this area, it makes a difference in Arizona.

Again, thank you.

John A. Blackburn Jr.

Executive Director of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

COTA

Dunk Tank Fundraiser

Story and photo courtesy of AA III Jenni Soop

Lunchtime proved to be a drenching experience for COTA Commander, Angelo P. Daniels and his staff. The Commander, along with Lt. Lisa Oberle, Lt. Fernando Dicochea and the COTA Sergeants all took a turn in the dunk tank to raise money for the "Pack to School" drive and the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Commander Angelo Daniels gets ready to take the plunge for a good cause, raising funds for "Pack to School" and the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

DOUGLAS

Unit Beautification

Story and photos courtesy of Clerk Typist II Eloisa Vargas



The benches and Gila Monster sculpture were created by the Gila Unit Special Project Crew, which is run by CO II Karal Gasca.

Sgt. Sunderland, DW Judy Ledsworth, (retired) Gila staff and inmates came together with a vision to incorporate the principals of Parallel Universe, mural art and the idea of giving a personal touch to the Gila Unit. Benches were constructed to pay tribute to troops fighting for our country and to our agencies values. It took the artists about 8 months to paint the murals on the benches, which are located between Gila Control and Gila Visitation.

The Gila Unit Special Project Crew, run by CO II Karla Gasca, inspired by Sgt. Sunderland, wanted to change the way that people viewed the Gila Unit and sculpted a giant Gila Monster. Sgt. Sunderland believes that the first impression is always the lasting impression and the sculpture is the first thing that you will see after you leave the Gila Control sally port.

EYMAN

Pack To School Collections

Story information and photo courtesy of CO III Wendy Eccles

As part of Governor Janet Napolitano's statewide Pack-to-School Drive, several correctional officers at ASPC-Eyman in Florence supported their local school, Florence K-8, by donating 24 backpacks filled to the brim with school supplies.

CO III Wendy Eccles, the Restorative Justice/Community Betterment Officer for Eyman, explained the officers wanted the backpacks to go to deserving students who might otherwise go without the needed supplies critical to starting the new school year strong. Eccles also had high praise for one inmate who donated \$2000 this year to purchase 216 backpacks for distribution. In the last four years he has donated \$4000 to the Pack-to-School Drive, with plans to contribute at least \$1500 annually for as long as he is able.

Other Eyman inmates also donated monies from their own prison accounts to purchase school supplies. Eccles said "So many times all we hear are the bad things that inmates do. It is so gratifying to tell something good!"



CO II Kimm Jones, CO III Chris Weerts, Florence K-8 Principal Manuel Hernandez and CO III Wendy Eccles stand with the school mascot, The Gopher, and dozens of donated backpacks.

FLORENCE

CAB Award

Story information and photo courtesy of CO IV John Hernandez.



CO IV John Hernandez, CAB Chairperson Debbie Limon-Madrid, CAB youth members Jessica Diaz and Annisa Galindo and Warden Carson McWilliams with several musical instruments donated by ASPC-Florence to Youth Justice Center activities.

On June 16 two ASPC-Florence staff received a "team" award as members of the Pinal County Juvenile Justice Community Advisory Board (CAB). The award

was presented at the 2008 Arizona Judicial Conference in Tucson. Warden Carson McWilliams and CO IV John Hernandez are volunteer members of the Board.

Warden McWilliams and CO IV Hernandez are familiar with juvenile justice issues as they both worked at Catalina Mountain School when it was part of the Department of Corrections in the 1980's. Warden McWilliams also worked as a supervisor for juvenile probation.

LEWIS

Wills for Heroes Event

Photo information and story courtesy of AS I Heather Torre, ASPC Lewis/Stiner Unit



ADW Carla Hacker-Agnew, CO III Rachael Dupree and AS I Heather Torre worked very hard to make the Wills For Heroes event at ASPC-Lewis one of the most successful events ever.

Wills for Heroes is an event that is sponsored by the 100 Club and the State Bar of Arizona Young Lawyers Division, providing the writing of wills and estate planning, at no charge, for First Responders and their families.

On July 19th, 12 attorneys, five paralegals and three notaries visited ASPC-Lewis to assist 77 security staff in creating their new wills. Associate Deputy Warden Carla Hacker-Agnew was chairman of the committee organizing this event at the complex and Correctional Officer III Rachel Dupree was tasked with marketing. She visited every unit and spoke with the staff and was instrumental in making all the initial appointments. "We really strived for success in this event," says Rachel "Our goal was to never let the attorneys have any lag time." AS I Heather Torre helped, calling each officer who had scheduled an appointment to confirm they were able to take advantage of this opportunity, insuring the greatest number of staff had access to this exceptional service.

PERRYVILLE

Prison Provides Playground

Story and photo courtesy of PIO Bill Lamoreaux



CO III Barbara Lancaster, back row center, the female construction crew and members of Harmony House proudly stand before the newly completed playground. A bronze plaque attached to the structure will testify to the hard work of the women of ASPC-Perryville.

When a Peoria shelter for battered women put out a request for help, CO III Barbara Lancaster answered the call. Harmony House needed a playground for children who stay at the shelter during some extremely difficult times in their lives and ASPC-Perryville's Restorative Justice Coordinator was confident that was something their female inmate construction crew could provide.

Under Barbara's direction, the inmates raised the money needed to purchase the materials, and in a single day, transformed a weed filled yard into a children's playground, complete with a raised, covered play structure, slide, swings, rope climb, climbing wall and rubberized playground mulch.

An additional \$13,000 were raised to help the shelter provide essentials to women and children when they are needed most.

ASPC-Perryville is the ADC leader in inmate donations and CO III Lancaster's hard work and dedication is a big reason for Perryville's success. At the Strategic Planning Session at ASPC-Perryville in August, Barbara was presented a Lighthouse Award in recognition of all she has accomplished

PHOENIX/GLOBE

First Place Trophy

Story and photos courtesy of Ralph Pendergast



CO II Rick Farley and his Service Dog Nero with their four awards. Thanks to the hard work by **Officer Farley and Nero and Officer James Bay and Bo**, the ADC won 1st place, Top Patrol Agency Team.

CO II Rick Farley and his service dog, Nero, from ASPC-Phoenix/Globe and CO II James Bay and his service dog, Bo, ASPC-Safford, represented the Arizona Department of Corrections with excellence in the Arizona Law Enforcement Canine Association (ALECA) K-9 Trials. The two officers and their dogs competed in the three-day event in Scottsdale in April. They were with approximately 60 canine teams from over 20 agencies. Both ADC teams completed the narcotic detection exercises and the obedience exercises and did well!

Officer Farley and Nero took 1st place in Tactical Obedience (Team confidence course) and Tactical Challenge (Officer/SD safety course), each competition peppered with challenging threats and obstacles. Farley and Nero also took 2nd place in Area Search and Top Dog combining Narcotics detection and Patrol. With Officer Bay and Bo contributing very good scores, ADC handily won 1st place, Top Patrol Agency Team.



TUCSON

ADC Assists Habitat For Humanity



CO II Anna Avila and CO II Clinton Carter and the 24 female inmates who helped build seven new homes for Habitat for Humanity.

Since 2002, ASPC-Tucson and Habitat for Humanity have partnered to help over 100 Tucson families get new homes. The help comes from SACRAC, the Southern Arizona Correctional Release Center at ASPC-Tucson where female inmates strive to overcome the addictions and reduce problems that led to their incarceration, learning construction skills through work-based education.

Three days a week and sometimes more, under the supervision of CO II Anna Avila and CO II Clinton Carter, the inmates apply what they've learned, building homes for Habitat for Humanity. The inmates do it all, from pouring each home's foundation to putting up the walls, running electrical wiring and plumbing, installing doors and windows, laying tile and carpet. Making the finishing touches on a home.

On June 24, in a special dedication ceremony for seven newly completed homes, the Tucson Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Michael McDonald thanked the ADC, its staff and the inmates for their hard work. We are proud to make the dream of home ownership a reality for Tucson families.

WINSLOW

PARK DEDICATION

Story and Photo Submitted by DW Ernie Garcia



Eagar Mayor Kim Haloway (center) cutting the ribbon during the Ramsey Park Grand Re-Opening. **Mayor Haloway is joined by town officials, Chamber board members, and ADC representatives in the second row, including John Hallahan (left), Ivan Bartos (center left), Dave Rempel (center right) and Berry Larson (right).**

On June 7 the citizens of Eagar, Arizona celebrated the grand re-opening of Ramsey Park with the help of Arizona Department of Corrections Division Director John Hallahan and his wife Jean Marie; NROD Ivan Bartos and his wife (Perryville CO III) Kathy Bartos; Winslow Warden Berry Larson and her husband, Rich; Apache Unit Deputy Warden Dave Rempel, CO IV Brenda Burgess and CO III Wayne Mooney.

Over the past two years the redesign and rebuilding of this small park has been made possible by a \$400,000 Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund grant and by stretching those grant dollars with community volunteers and ADC inmate laborers. This Eagar-ADC partnership is a resounding win-win! Utilizing inmate workers, the community was able to complete the project years ahead of its original projections.

The project afforded the ASPC-Winslow/Apache Unit many opportunities to support the ADC Strategic Plan. At times as many as 20 inmates were employed full-time in the construction of the park, giving real world experiences to inmates, providing Parallel Universe oriented decision-making and responsibilities, exposing inmates to enriching community betterment opportunities and support the Arizona Plan goals of preparing inmates for successful re-entry back into their communities.

Around



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FLAG DAY EVENT

The ADC Celebrates its Men and Women Who Wear "Two Uniforms"



Sergeant Lee Tsosie, ASPC-Florence and his wife, Mercedes. CO II Maureen Gregory, ASPC-Tucson and her husband, Lt. Michael Gregory.

The Arizona Department of Corrections honored its co-workers who selflessly serve our country and our state. On June 19, the Department hosted a luncheon at the Arizona National Guard Armory in Phoenix to celebrate the dedicated service of 90 ADC staff who are deployed today and 78 more on standby awaiting orders. They stand tall with over 2,300



Sgt. Katina Murphy, ASPC-Tucson sings the National Anthem while CO II Robert Powel, ASPC-Tucson Honor Guard, salutes the flag during the posting of the colors.

ADC employees who are veterans. It is estimated that about one half of all veterans employed by the state are Department of Corrections employees. This is the fifth year that the ADC has celebrated Flag Day and hosted an event to pay homage to our exceptional correctional professionals for their extraordinary service and sacrifices that keep us safe.

Several guest speakers paid tributes to the men and women who wear two uniforms, including Arizona Representatives Ben R. Miranda and John Kavanagh, Arizona Army National Guard Major General David P. Rataczak, Director of Arizona Department of Veterans Services Brigadier General Richard Gregg Maxon and ADC Employee Assistance Coordinator James Gierke.

ADC Director Dora Schriro introduced the "Tours of Duty" award, recognizing three ADC staff, each of them deployed many times. The first award recipients were Sergeant Lee Tsosie, ASPC-Florence/East Unit, Lt. Michael Gregory, ASPC-Tucson/Santa Rita Unit, and CO II Nicholas Riddle, ASPC-Perryville/Santa Rosa Unit.

During Sgt. Tsosie's 29 years of military service, he has participated in 12 tours of duty. Sergeant Tsosie has also served the Arizona Department of Corrections with distinction for 13 years.

Lieutenant Michael Gregory, a 23-year ADC veteran, has had an extraordinary military career spanning 26 years, during which time he completed seven military tours of duty.

CO II Nicholas Riddle joined the ADC two years ago. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 2002 and today proudly holds the rank of sergeant. Officer Riddle, who has completed six military tours of duty, was unable to attend the ceremony to receive his award because he was on seventh assignment overseas. For additional information and photos on these and other stories in the ADC Post, please visit our website at www.azcorrections.gov.



C.O.T.A. CORNER

The Arizona Department of Corrections congratulates the graduates of the Correctional Officer Training Academy. COTA is located on 40 acres in the foothills west of Tucson, with additional classes held at ASPC-Perryville and other locations as necessary. COTA not only trains men and women for the ADC, but for county jails and other detention centers around the state and twice a year COTA, hosts a K-9 academy. The curriculum encompasses 360 contact hours and the graduating cadets receive 21 college credits through Rio Salado Community College, which they can then use towards higher-level education degrees. Cadets are trained and assessed in six different areas including academics, physical fitness, firearm qualification, self defense, professional behavior and ethical standards. Following nine weeks of training, graduates are sworn in as correctional officers.

COTA Class 821



Class Lt.: Lisa Oberle
Class Sgt.: Bruce Miller

Advisor: CO II Maria S. Cortina
Advisor: COII Race Haynes

CLASS ROSTER

Robert C. Andrade, Jana J. Bilderback, Lawrence E. Burdette, Victor M. Caldera, Tischer M. Canty, Amy S. Evans, Leslie E. Fisher, Jean M. Fox, Irene Garcia, Shannetra D. Linscomb, Barry F. Mastyk, William M. McClure, Stephen Medeiros, Walterio Nunez III, Murrey C. O'Connor, Stephen J. Pena, Joseph M. Powell, Carlisa Simpkins, Joshua H. Smith, Daniel J. Stumberg, Melissa M. Vincent.

CLASS AWARDS

Professionalism: Murrey C. O'Connor; Barry F. Mastyk. Academic: Lawrence E. Burdette - 95.26%; Jean M. Fox - 94.00%; Robert C. Andrade - 93.21%. Firearms Expert: Lawrence E. Burdette - 247

COTA Class 822



Class Lt.: Lisa Oberle
Class Sgt.: Russell Simpson

Advisor: CO II Harry Ebeling
Advisor: COII Kenneth Wilson

CLASS ROSTER

Jill G. Anthony, Robert Aranda, Gabriel Barraza, Michael Chavez, **Lois M. Clark, Avau S. Coffin, E. B. Cooper, April A. Crippen, Alma B. Davis, Ruth M. Durate, Shane W. Easton, Leslie D. Hall, Naomi B. McChesney, Evangelina Ramos, Anthony P. Royal, Sean Ruoff, Ernesto D. Santillian Barry J. Tyson, Joseph A. Varela Jr., Darryl R. Weimer.**

CLASS AWARDS

Academic: Lois M. Clark - 95.58%; Gabriel Barraza - 94.79%; Naomi B. McChesney - 93.84%. Firearms Expert: Michael Chavez - 248; Anthony P. Royal - 243

COTA Class 823



Class Lt.: Lisa Oberle
Class Sgt.: Norma Rubio

Advisor: CO II Dawn Cryar
Advisor: COII Keith Thomas

CLASS ROSTER

Dustin L. Aven, Thomas, Balaci, Kaleb L. Dodge, William E. Fargo, Amalia L. Felton, Cheryl S. Gerson, Joel Gonzalez, Claudio Grisanty, Franklin E. Jimenez, Joyce E. Kanlan, Thomas K. McMurtrey, Patricia Parra, Arvin Puhuyesva, Wade L. Robertson, Steven A. Saucedo, David A. Valenzuela, Miguel A. Vargas, Richard B. Walsh

CLASS AWARDS

Professionalism: Joyce E. Kanlan; Arvin Puhuyesva. Academic Achievers: Dustin L. Aven - 95.58%; Cheryl S. Gerson - 95.10%; William E. Fargo - 91.31%. Firearms Expert: Franklin E. Jimenez - 246; Dustin L. Aven - 245; William E. Fargo - 244; Edward A. Reyes - 242; Arvin Puhuyesva - 240

COTA Class 824



Class Lt.: Lisa Oberle
Class Sgt.: Alfred Martinez

Advisor: CO II Robert Winfrey
Advisor: COII Dustin Truelove

CLASS ROSTER

Tareva A. Amalani, Ryan T. Andersen, Mildred O. Anderson, Rene D. Barcelo, Shena Barnes, Brian J. Chambers, Jung H. Choi, Jesus A. Del Cid-Felix, Fernando Estrada, Ame M. Flores, Raeleen Y. Francisco, Sharrid M. Hill, Shirley Jo Hoffman, Luis Hurtado, Dominic X. Jphn Jr., Myles Keane, Charles C.R. Kilmer, Robbie D. Legendre, Rodolfo G. Lopez, Shannon M. Ludlow, Dustin G. Massey, Nohemi Monroy-Roman, Nettie Naranjo, Jorge R. Padilla-Martinez, Juliana Y. Pineda, Tamara I. Rice, Rolando Rodriguez, Melanie A. Scarberry, David L. Smith, Christopher Street, Patricia M. Suarez, Daniel Vallejo

CLASS AWARDS

Professionalism: Jung H. Choi; Jorge R. Padilla-Martinez. Academic Achievers: Brian J. Chambers - 95.42%; Robbie D. Legendre - 94.31%; Sharrid M. Hill - 93.21%. Firearms Expert: Rolando Rodriguez - 244



C.O.T.A. CORNER

COTA Class 825



Class Lt.: Lisa Oberle
Class Sgt.: Jourdain Richter

Advisor: CO II Tony Florez
Advisor: CO II Lisa Villa

CLASS ROSTER

Carlos A. Aguilar, April L. Anderson, Lori J. Belone, Aaron S. Brown, Juan Burciaga, Tina M. Carmichael, Todd M. Childs, Amanda J. Clark, April D. Conn, Thomas W. Crowder, Teryl Dickson, Carol A. Ebrele, Rosa I. Enriquez, Carlos B. Fuentes, Bertha Guadarrama, Adrian Iturralde-Quintana, Sally James, George W. Lemoine, Janin Lopez, Ben Mendoza, Manuel Pinedo, Edward A. Reyes, Daniel A. Rivera, Jason H. Roach, Raymond C. Scarberry Jr., Maritza S. Solis-Fernandez, Michael H. Spector, Dusten R. Trounce, Joshua L. Van Nostrand, Aaron J. Will.

CLASS AWARDS

Professionalism: Teryl Dickson; George W. Le Moine. Academic Achievers: Sally James - 93.88%; Dusten R. Trounce - 92.74%; Michael H. Spector - 91.83%. Firearms Expert: Dusten R. Trounce - 245.

COTA Class 826



Class Lt.: Lisa Oberle
Class Sgt.: Shawn Sanders

Advisor: CO II Michael Wiegand
Advisor: COII Michael Cole

CLASS ROSTER

David R. Archer, Jason D. Brown, Lindsay M. Chavez, Ricardo Correa Debra C. Cramer, George W. Crego Jr., Thomas B. Dominguez Jr., Derek D. Hall, Jessica Herrera, Kevin S. Kales, Thomas Kiss, Jean G. LaPorte, Casey J. Le Fevre, Joseph A. Menard, Edgar Minor, Shawn E. Nez, Candice L. Puyana-Studley, Jennifer Quick, Roman E. Ramirez, Gerald M. Roche Jr., Torrance M. Robinson, Danielle M. Rodriguez, Chris A. Tieman, Jorge C. Vazquez, Adam V. Young.

CLASS AWARDS

Professionalism: Shawn E. Nez. Academic Achievers: Candice L. Puyana-Studley - 94.10%; George W. Crego, Jr. - 91.88%; Kevin S. Kales - 91.70%. Firearms Expert: Kevin S. Kales - 247; Shawn E. Nez - 241.

COTA Class 827



Class Lt.: Lisa Oberle
Class Sgt.: Tom Dimmick

Advisor: CO II Jonathan Wiseman
Advisor: CO II Florentino Murillo

CLASS ROSTER

Debra Bennett, Christopher W. Bercu, John Breinlinger, Anthony J. Camit, Cody C. Digirol, Joshua D. Dixon, Emily C. Espinoza, Daniel J. Findlay, Augustin A. Gavina, Jimmy G. Gonzales Jr., Trish Grace, R. David Gross Jr., Gary S. Hammonds, Shaun M. Kimbler, Reuben R. Moreno, Nicholas Sarinana JR., Frederick J. Schuch, Ulises L. Serventi Jr., Roman G. Switzer, Patricia L. Trejo, David C. Udave.

CLASS AWARDS

Professionalism: Nicholas Sarinana, Jr.. Academic Achievers: Trish Grace - 92.25%; Nicholas Sarinana, Jr. - 91.88%; Anthony J. Camit - 90.77%. Firearms Expert: Gary S. Hammonds - 244; Jimmy G. Gonzales, Jr. - 243; Nicholas Sarinana, Jr. - 242; Cody C. Digirol - 241; Daniel J. Findlay - 240; Roman G. Switzer - 240.

COTA Class 828



Class Lt.: Lisa Oberle
Class Sgt.: Russell Simpson

Advisor: CO II Connie Ramirez
Advisor: CO II Adrian M. Cervantez

CLASS ROSTER

Anthony J. Aquilone, Ernestine F. Begay, William C. Byrd Jr., Brian E. Correa, Neil R. Cusick, William T. Edgerton, Elizabeth M. Fender, Daniel C. Forbes, Ralph J. Gamez, Gary M. Geraghty, Danielle M. Gomez, Justin C. Guadiana, Jona L. Hrdlicka, Mythea M. Lacy, Michael J. Larsen Jr., Susan L. Lindsey, Luis A. Miramontes, Dina Mistretta, Gilbert Morales, Guillermo M. Murillo, Daniel L. Offutt, Michelle L. Rabka, Sergio J. Ramirez, Tannie S. Rea, William D. Schifano, Herbert C. Sphan III, Christopher Torres Jr..

CLASS AWARDS

Professionalism: Brian E. Correa; William T. Edgerton. Academic Achievers: Elizabeth M. Fender - 92.99%; Mythea M. Lacy - 92.62%; William C. Byrd, Jr. - 92.25%. Firearms Expert: Daniel C. Forbes - 249; Herbert C. Spahn III - 245.

Centennial celebration

Story submitted by Warden Carson McWilliams. Photos provided by CO IV John Hernandez and Public Information Officer Bill Lamoreaux



One of numerous displays that showed the history of ASPC-Florence



Lynn Smith, Warden McWilliams & Christine Reed pose with an original 1968 poster of the movie "Riot", one of several movies that have been filmed at ASPC-Florence. Lynn & Christine are from the Pinal County Historical Society & Museum. The poster was donated to the museum at the end of the day's celebration

ASPC-Florence observed its 100th birthday with a special celebration that included distinguished speakers, a BBQ lunch, historical displays and guided tours of the prison.

In July of 1908, 18 inmates and three or four staff arrived in Florence by train to start building the new prison. Four years later the transition from the Territorial Prison in Yuma, AZ to the new site in Florence was complete.

On July 12, nearly 500 guests participated in the centennial celebration at the Warden's residence at the Complex. Staff from around the state, retirees and local area residents enjoyed the festivities.

The day's events began with a formal ceremony that included



Nearly 500 visitors, including current and former ADC staff, participated in ASPC-Florence's 100th birthday celebration.

the posting of the colors by the ADC Color Guard, a very moving rendition of our national anthem by Sgt. Katina Murphy and welcoming speeches by Director Dora Schriro and Warden Carson McWilliams.

Afterward, everyone enjoyed viewing the historical displays, eating lunch, taking tours hosted by DW Jim Kimball and Staff Historian CO III Martin Hall, visiting and reminiscing about the prison and its rich history. The fun-filled day also included a chance to showcase our current strategic goals and accomplishments.

It was a wonderful day filled with memories, vision and a big "Thank You" goes out to the Centennial Committee and those that made this day possible.



A BBQ lunch was provided for guests and staff who attended the celebration.



DW Jim Kimball escorted visitors on several of the tours of inside Central Unit.

National Correctional Officer Week



Standing from left to right are CO III Evangelina Flores, ASPC-Perryville; CO II Melody Jones, ASPC-Eyman; CO III Arlese McGill, ASPC-Perryville; CO II David Sevey, ASPC-Florence; CO II Arturo Aguayo, ASPC-Douglas; CO II Kristine Saenz, ASPC-Lewis; CO II Robert Tovar, ASPC-Tucson; CO II Susette Kohler, ASPC-Yuma CO II Erin Francher, ASPC-Winslow; CO III Stephanie Graff, ASPC-Lewis; CO II Jun Abad, ASPC-Phoenix; CO II Sandra Hottelano, ASPC-Safford and Director Dora Schriro; sitting is Governor Janet Napolitano

The Arizona Department of Corrections proudly celebrated National Correctional Officer Week, recognizing the excellence with which our distinguished officers perform their duties.

Arizona's cadre of nearly 6,000 exceptional correctional officers daily manage the activities of over 38,000 inmates, continuously exceeding the field's high standards and the public's expectations while performing their duties in an exacting environment.

The challenging work of the correctional officer requires due diligence and dedication, qualities that the men and women of the ADC colleagues routinely demonstrate as they tackle the challenges and opportunities found in the management of a burgeoning inmate population. There isn't a day that goes by that our correctional

officers do not make a measurable difference.

During the week of May 4-10, the Arizona Department of Corrections highlighted the work of its 500-plus Field Training Officers who assist academy graduates transition from a classroom setting to their assigned duties throughout Arizona. FTO' maintain the highest standard in all aspects of their duties and with their guidance, professionalism and expertise, build on the foundation of the outstanding correctional officers within the ADC.

On May 5, Field Training Officers representing each of the state's ten prison complexes were invited by Director Schriro to participate in a proclamation signing event hosted by Governor Janet Napolitano at the state capitol.

National Community Supervision Week

July 13-19, 2008, is celebrated nationally as Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week. In Arizona, we honor the state's exceptional cadre of Community Corrections Officers, who expertly oversee the activities of over 6,500 offenders daily in communities and counties state-wide, performing some of the most critical functions in the criminal justice system.

The work of our co-workers in Community Corrections is critical to public safety and their services essential to neighborhoods' stabilization. Our colleagues establish and enforce offenders' conditions of supervision in the community, relying on their considerable skills as problem solvers, crime prevention specialists, motivators, educators and facilitators to support inmates' transition from prison to parole.

CCOs press offenders to

make more thoughtful choices, pro-social decisions and obey the law. Whether focusing on interstate transfers, working with law enforcement to locate and apprehend absconders or gather intelligence about street gangs; or interacting directly with offenders to secure housing, employment and remain sober, they contribute considerably to our commitment to provide the public with the highest level of public safety now and later. Their wisdom, compassion and commitment are critical to increased compliance with conditions of release, and lowered relapse to drugs, technical revocations and recidivism.

On July 16, Community Corrections Officers from around Arizona were invited by Director Schriro to participate in a proclamation signing event at the state capitol, hosted by Governor Janet Napolitano.



Front Row, left to right: CCO Ray Salazar, CCO Brandon Walton, CCO Jennifer Barraza, Gov. Janet Napolitano, CCO Donna Phillips, CCO Sheryl Watkins, Director Dora Schriro. Back Row, left to right: CCO Carl Dodge, CCO Marlon Booth, CCO Robert Tafoya, Sr. CCO Eric Fahy, Sr. CCO Brian Bylbie