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Thomas Rynning:
Arizona's First
Superintendent of
Prisons





THE DIRECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

From the desk of ADC Director Charles L. Ryan

Progress in ADC Recruiting...We Can All Help!

Our recruitment officers are doing a terrific job carrying out ADC's critical recruitment mission, and showcasing this agency as a great place to work.

Still, the agency struggles with the challenge of higher vacancy rates, and that's something we take very seriously.

With more than 7,000 corrections professionals working inside state prisons every day, safety and security must remain the utmost priority.

In just the past year, ADC filled nearly 200 open positions, dropping down from a 10 percent CO vacancy rate to now just 7 percent.

From hiring fairs to aggressive advertising campaigns to reforming the hiring process to be faster and easier, the Department is making measurable, positive progress ... and we are all committed to driving down that rate even lower.

Everyone at ADC can play a role in this effort.

Your word of mouth can be the most powerful form of advertising.

Each of you is a role model in your community. Your families, your friends, your neighbors, all look up and listen to you for your outward commitment to public safety and service.

Encourage others to follow your lead. If you know someone who is looking to start a career, tell them about corrections and invite them to consider ADC.

And I will continue to work with our elected officials to pursue employee compensation that is competitive.

Thank you for the outstanding work that you do and for supporting your fellow ADC officers!

*Sincerely,
Charles L. Ryan
Director*

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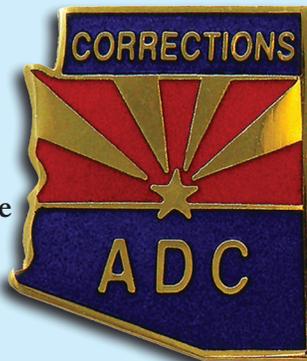
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Generations of ADC Tradition

Article provided by Directions Staff, photos provided by AA III Becky Nawrocki



From COTA Class 153 to Class 1053, the Dicochea family share an ADC legacy through the generations. Fernando's son was born two years after he graduated from COTA in 1992.

In March 1992, cadets from COTA Class #153 graduated. Among them was Fernando "Dico" Dicochea.

Fast forward 24 years and 900 COTA classes later when, in March 2016, cadets from Class #1053 received their badge and welcomed into ADC. Among those graduates was Fernando Dicochea...Jr.

"It was a humbling experience to see him at the academy," Dico said. "Those seven weeks together allowed us to share a unique experience. I am extremely proud of him, and hope he gets as much out of ADC as I have."

Dico is well-known to many for his positive nature and more than 20 years of service in uniform at ADC, earning his way up to Lieutenant, and eventually taking on his current role as facility coordinator at the training academy.

Now, as a proud father, Dico is able to watch his son begin his own career with ADC.

It's another example of a second generation passing through the academy. It's something that we in ADC love, as the Department seeks to encourage and develop new leaders who will help shape the future of the agency.

"When multiple generations choose to serve their community through a career in corrections, it says a great deal about your family, and is a remarkable honor for the agency," said Charles Ryan, ADC Director. "The Department is tremendously proud of our employees and the positive work that they do on behalf of all Arizonans."

Congratulations to the Dicochea family, and everyone from Class #1053. Welcome to the important and challenging world of corrections, but more significantly, welcome to the ADC family!



Not many fathers get to the chance to pepper spray their son, but in this case it was all part of Fernando Dicochea Jr.'s training during week 7. While cadets normally do not get sprayed by their parents, in this case Fernando Sr., who happens to be facility coordinator at COTA, was given the honor.

This isn't the sole example of ADC being a family affair. Do you have a similar story? We'd love to hear about it. Drop us a line at: Directions@azcorrections.gov

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Arizona Correctional History

Thomas H. Rynning

Article by CO IV Richard O'Marro, ASPC-Eyman/Meadows Unit. Photos provided by Directions Staff.



Thomas Rynning was appointed the 2nd Captain of the Arizona Rangers in 1902; the following year, he posed for this photograph. Rynning was in the U.S. Cavalry during the Indian Wars. He was a lieutenant in the Rough Riders and was appointed as the Superintendent of Arizona Prisons in 1907 by President William Howard Taft. (Image courtesy of Scottsdale Community College).

You've likely heard of Rynning unit, and some of you that are familiar with ADC history may know the name has a solid connection with Florence Prison, but how much do you really know about Thomas Rynning?

Born in Christiana, Norway on February 7, 1866, Thomas Rynning immigrated to the United States when he was two years old. He lived in Wisconsin, and then Chicago, before becoming an orphan at the age of 12. Life in Illinois wasn't what he dreamt of though, and at 16 he moved to Texas to work as a Bullwhacker and Cowboy.

Dreaming of action and adventure as an Indian fighter, he joined the United States 8th Cavalry Regiment when he turned 18 and fought against the Cheyenne, eventually transferring with his regiment to the Arizona Territory. There he rode with General Crook as a dispatcher during the Chiricahua

Apache conflict.

Rynning was with Lt. Leonard Wood at the capture of Geronimo and afterward, they rode to the Dakota Territory to relieve the 7th Cavalry, Custer's former regiment, and to pursue Sitting Bull up to British Columbia. In six years of service, Rynning found himself in 17 battles against the Indians.

After leaving the Cavalry in 1891, he worked for the World's Fair and was offered a place in Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, but turned it down. Because Rynning enjoyed building things, he headed west, settling in Tucson, where he took on work as a contractor designing and building bridges for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Rynning and the Rough Riders

In 1898, the Spanish-American war broke out and Rynning learned his old friend, now Colonel Wood, was raising a volunteer cavalry



While not identified in this historical photo of Roosevelt's Rough Riders, a young Lt. Rynning is said to be among those pictured.

regiment. Rynning was quick to join the First Volunteer Cavalry, eventually known by nickname - Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

Rynning was quickly promoted up the ranks, from Private up to Lieutenant, fighting alongside Wood and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. In the battle of San Juan, Captain "Bucky" O'Neill was killed and command was placed on Rynning's shoulders. A few minutes later he led the Rough Riders up Kettle Hill and was the first American to reach the summit.

Under heavy fire from the nearby San Juan Hill, Rynning ordered his men to wave the regiment's flag to rally the others and it was during this time that the flag was badly holed. That same flag is now preserved by the Department of Library and Archives near the Arizona state capitol building.

After the war, Rynning moved back to Arizona and continued working as a contractor. However in 1902, Rynning's friend and fellow Rough Rider, Alexander Brodie became the Arizona Territorial Governor and he appointed Rynning the new Captain of the Arizona Rangers.

Rynning as an Arizona Ranger

Rynning was one of only three men ever to hold that position and he was credited by some with bringing the Arizona Rangers "to perfection" though there were some big risks that he chose to take. In 1906, when there was a mining strike in Cananea, Mexico because of disputes over the wages of American vs. Mexican miners.

Due to rioting, the Americans and their



This early 1900s group of Arizona Rangers includes Capt. Thomas H. Rynning, shown third from left. (Image courtesy of Scottsdale Community College).

families were in jeopardy and Captain Rynning was asked by people in Bisbee to go help. Knowing he was risking an international incident, he asked for volunteers and took 300 armed men to go rescue the Americans.

They were stopped at the border by the Governor of Sonora, Rafael Izabal, who insisted



Arizona Rangers, including Capt. Tom Rynning (3rd from left) meet with the legendary Col. Emilio Kosterlitzky (on white horse), the iron-fisted leader of the Mexican Rurales, and two unidentified Rurales. The Rangers and Rurales often assisted each other in the apprehension of border bandits in an informal manner that avoided diplomatic red tape. (Image courtesy of Scottsdale Community College).

he could not allow such a large party of armed men into Mexico. Rynning was able to convince him that they were not a party but 300 individuals who happened to be crossing all at once and they were just going to make the best solution of a bad situation.

At Cananea, they encountered the Commander of the Sonoran Rurales who demanded that they immediately leave. Rynning reportedly pointed to the nearby hillside and responded in a quiet voice, "My men are up there, and you can see they command the situation. I am going to see that the Americans here are protected until they can be taken out of town and across the American line. We don't want trouble, but if you want it, we can accommodate you."

After returning to Arizona with the miners, Rynning reported his actions to Governor Kibbey who related the incident to then President Theodore Roosevelt. Teddy's response was reportedly to laugh and say, "Tom's all right isn't he?"

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Women in Corrections Conference

Photos and article provided by Business Manager Mel Davis / COTA



The first ever “Women in Corrections Conference” was held at COTA on December 8. Hundreds of women from around the Department attended the event, which featured several guest speakers, both from within the Department and from outside agencies.

On December 8, 2015 the Arizona Department of Corrections held its first Women in Corrections Conference. It was the brain child of Training Officer II Ramona Grewe and Training Officer I Ann Murchek. After attending a seminar hosted by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Ramona and Ann were inspired to challenge our staff to generate an event that would focus on women working in prison, pitfalls that they may succumb to and ways to stay healthy and have a happy, productive career.

The first guest speaker of the day was Training Officer III Dawn Miller. She presented “Fifty Shades of Orange” which is part of a series of ADC courses on inappropriate staff and inmate relationships.



TO III Dawn Miller presents “Fifty Shades of Orange.”

This presentation captured the audience’s attention and offered an honest, open look at how inmates can prey

on staff.

The next guest speaker, ASPC-Tucson Deputy Warden of Operations Anna Jacobs, presented “You Can Do It.” She emphasized that no matter how hard the obstacle, there is nothing that you cannot accomplish with hard work and determination. She encouraged the audience to share hardships and how they overcame them.

Training Officer I Danielle Ortiz presented “Claim Your Power,” a presentation



DW Anna Jacobs receives a thank you gift from Ramona Grewe for her presentation “You Can Do It.”

on personal protection, security, and women's abilities to take care of themselves. The presentation explored violence among women in the U.S., tactical intelligence rules, applications and martial arts myths. Conference attendees practiced simple techniques of self-defense using a "What weapons do I have available model" (e.g., hands, feet), "Power Tools" (e.g., pepper spray, Tasers), and how to use them.



TO I Danielle Ortiz offered advice on personal protection, security and women's abilities.

Angela Noyce, with the Federal Correctional Institution in Tucson and Desiree Baker, with the U.S. Penitentiary in Tucson, presented "Eating Your Own," a session that focused on women's

Angela Noyce and Desiree Baker presented a discussion about health care, education, and self-awareness.



health awareness, education, and a supportive network among co-workers.

Pima County Sheriff's Department Corrections Chief India Davis presented "No Apology Necessary," a unique perspective on accepting praise. She shared that it's okay to be good at what you do and to be recognized for it. Be confident and build your portfolio, learn something every day, ask questions, and take advantage of opportunities.

The Conference ended with "Women Behind Bars.... uhhm Chocolate Bars." COTA Armory Sergeant Gabriela



India Davis is the 2015 recipient of the Pima County Women's Leadership Award and holds the Arizona Jails Administrator of the Year distinction.

Cimarrusti led an interactive session focusing on staying healthy with exercise and telling yourself you're worth it. Acknowledge self-worth and inner beauty. It doesn't take a lot to start exercising and it can be fun.



Sgt. Gabriela Cimarrusti ended the conference on a high note...Chocolate!



A special thanks to all staff who participated in making the conference a success. Vicki Brumfield, JoAnn Landers, Rebecca Nawrocki, Ramona Grewe, Luz Rabago, Brandi Moyer, Ann Murchek, Gabriela Cimarrusti. Not pictured Mel Davis (photographer).

Warden Escapule Retires

Photo and article provided by ESA Erin Reese / ASPC-Yuma



From left to right: ASPC-Phoenix Warden Kevin Curran, incoming ASPC-Yuma Warden Carla Hacker-Agnew, ASPC-Perryville Warden Judy Frigo, Deputy Director Jeff Hood, ASPC-Eyman Warden James O'Neil, ASPC-Lewis Warden Chris Moody, ASPC-Douglas Warden Meegan Muse, Retiring ASPC-Yuma Warden Laura Escapule, Director Charles Ryan, Offender Services Division Director Carson McWilliams, ASPC-Florence Warden Greg Fizer, and NROD Ernie Trujillo.



A celebration was held on February 19, 2016, to honor the retirement of Warden Laura Escapule. Attendees included Director Charles Ryan, Deputy Director Jeff Hood, Director of Offender Operations Carson McWilliams, Northern Region Operations Director Ernest Trujillo, Warden Moody, Warden Fizer, Warden Muse, Warden Curran, Warden Frigo, and Warden O'Neil.

Director Ryan presented Warden Escapule with her 20 Year Length of Service pin and the Governor's Certificate recognizing her for her years of service. Administrators from the Yuma Complex presented Warden Escapule with a plaque with her retired badge, along with the Complex flag that flew during her leadership. Administrators took the opportunity to express their gratitude for the leadership that Warden Escapule provided. Many expressed their appreciation for the mentoring and "tough love" by Warden Escapule. Her extraordinary efforts established a benchmark of leadership for everyone to follow.

Warden Laura Escapule obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.



Yuma staff, family, and friends gathered at Cibola visitation to attend the retirement party of Warden Escapule.

She began her career with the Department of Corrections in 1996, graduating with COTA Class 272. Her first assignment was as a Correctional Officer I at the Douglas Complex.

Mrs. Escapule promoted to CO III at ASPC-Yuma, followed by a promotion to CO IV. She later promoted to Deputy Warden at ASPC-Tucson, followed by her promotion to Deputy Warden of Operations at ASPC-Yuma.

Mrs. Escapule promoted to Warden at ASPC-Winslow and later was appointed as the Warden at the Yuma Complex. On February 27, 2016, Warden Escapule retired from the Department of Corrections.

Warden Escapule was a friend, a mentor, and a leader. She will be missed by not only the Yuma Complex, but the entire Department as well.



To start the festivities, Laura was invited to walk the Red Carpet.



Richard Selapack Earns the NCIA Western Region 2016 Staff Award

Article and photos provided ACI Marketing Director Clark DesSoye

The NCIA (National Correctional Industries Association, Inc.) is an international nonprofit professional association whose members represent state correctional industry agencies, Federal Prison Industries, foreign correctional industry agencies, and city/county jail industry programs.

The Staff Award recognizes the superior performance and supervisory excellence of a correctional industries staff member who has made a significant and sustained contribution to a correctional industries program. Like all Staff Award recipients, Richard Selapack excels in the use of human resources, effectiveness in meeting goals and objectives, and quality of service.



Mr. Selapack is ACI's Vice President for Labor

Contracts, and negotiates all new labor partnership contracts and renewals for Arizona Correctional Industries (ACI). This involves coordination with the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) Complex Wardens and support staff, the ADC Contracts Department, the AZ Department of Administration Risk Management unit, the AZ Department of Labor, and the private industry partners themselves. Inmate Work Contracts are official agreements between a Labor Contract Partner and the ADC Director, for and on behalf of ACI. Like all legal contracts, each party agrees to perform certain tasks or services for the other under clearly defined terms and conditions. A typical Inmate Work Contract will run 30 or 40 pages and include attachments and revisions over time, as scope of work or requirements change.

ACI is very grateful to Richard for his dedication to this program, of which he has been a part since 2001. He has brought in new partners like Swift Trucking (Common Market Equipment) while helping us retain and grow other partnerships, including the ones begun in 1995: Hickman Family Farms and Televerde. This year Richard helped



Richard Selapack has been with the Department for over 17 years, graduating from COTA in 1999 and joining ACI in 2001.

ACI negotiate with ADC to have minimum-security inmates moved from different facilities so that we could complete a partnership that will employ 100 inmates. This new labor contract partner, Papa John's Salads and Produce, supplies Arizona grocery and convenience stores with fresh fruits and vegetables, deli salads, sandwiches, and various specialty items.

Richard has also personally escorted inmates injured on job sites to the hospital and stayed with them until ADC facility personnel could arrive to assume custody. Another innovation he has introduced to the labor contract program is tapping into the closed circuit TV systems at our private business partners' locations so that he and the rest of the labor contract team can monitor inmates across the state, from their desktops.

The ultimate team player, Richard Selapack will receive his NCIA Western Region 2016 Staff Award in April at the NCIA National Convention and Training Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Employee Spotlight: CO II Chris Kriebel



Employee Spotlight questions provided by EA Tina Wilson and photos provided by Directions Staff

Where were you born?

Norristown Pennsylvania.

What is your fondest childhood memory?

Traveling around the east coast and visiting places of historical significance like Valley Forge, Colonial Williamsburg and Washington D.C. with my family.

Where is your favorite place to vacation and why?

I don't know that I have a favorite place. I am always looking forward to experiencing new places and trying new things.

What are your hobbies?

Doing woodworking projects and volunteering for Special Olympics Arizona and the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

What are your favorite sports and/or teams?

Baseball and the Arizona Diamondbacks!

What brought you to Arizona and when did you arrive?

My dad always had the desire to live here, so he moved the family here in March of 1986.

Would you like to share anything about your family?

My amazing 18-year-old niece Ali has Down Syndrome and is a Special Olympics Athlete. She is my inspiration and my motivation for volunteering for Special Olympics.



Kriebel going "Over the Edge" in 2015 to support Special Olympics Arizona. He has led two teams over the last two years.



Kriebel, with Special Athlete Clinton Gode at a Special Olympics/LETR Conference in Sedona in February.



Kriebel, center, helped organize a number of Tip A Cop events at Texas Roadhouse in Mesa, including this event last year.

What are your family fun spots?

I don't know that we have any specific fun spots. I think that part of having fun is changing up what you do so that you can experience new things.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

I still haven't decided what I want to be when I grow up.

When did you join the State of Arizona?

March 13, 1995.

What positions have you held?

CSO I, CSO II and CO II.

How many years have you been an employee?

21 years.

If you win the lottery, how will your life change?

I don't see any significant changes in my life other than having the freedom and finances to do the things that I like to do.

Is there anything unique that you would like to share about yourself?

I enjoy taking pictures, especially at Special Olympics events and I am always trying to learn more about taking better photos.

Warden Broadhead Retires

Article provided by Deputy Warden Richard Haggard/photos provided by Warden Juli Roberts / ASPC-Safford



From left to right: ASPC-Florence Warden Greg Fizer, ASPC-Tucson Warden Al Ramos, ASPC-Phoenix Warden Kevin Curran, incoming ASPC-Safford Warden Juli Roberts, retiring ASPC-Safford Warden Lyle Broadhead, ASPC-Douglas Warden Meegan Muse, NROD Ernie Trujillo, ASPC-Perryville Warden Judy Frigo, ASPC-Lewis Warden Chris Moody, and ASPC-Winslow Warden Berry Larson.

A celebration was held on February 24, 2016 to honor the career and retirement of Warden Lyle A. Broadhead. Attendees included Northern Region Operations Director Ernie Trujillo, Warden Frigo, Warden Moody, Warden Larson, Warden Fizer, Warden Curran, Warden Ramos, Warden Muse, and DWOP Roberts, the newly appointed Warden of the Safford Complex.

Regional Director Trujillo presented Warden Broadhead with a letter from Director Ryan, thanking him for his 20 years of service and wishing him well in his future endeavors. Mr. Trujillo also spoke of the way that Warden Broadhead, throughout his career at the agency over the years, "left every place he touched, a little better." Administrators and staff presented Warden Broadhead with a plaque depicting all his dates and locations of service throughout his 20 years. An additional plaque was presented by his staff thanking him for making us better prepared for

tomorrow by allowing us to be better today.

Lyle Broadhead obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/ Finance from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

Warden Broadhead began his career in February 1996 as a Correctional Officer III and later graduated from COTA. He promoted through the programs side, holding every position. He promoted to Associate Deputy Warden and held this position at the Florence, Eyman, and Lewis Complexes. He promoted to Deputy Warden at the Santa Rosa unit in Perryville in 2004 and in 2008 he was promoted to the Warden of the Safford Complex. On February 29, 2016, Warden Lyle Broadhead retired from the Department of Corrections.

Warden Broadhead was a mentor, leader, and friend to many at ASPC-Safford. He made the Safford Complex part of the community we serve. He will be missed.



Lyle Broadhead and his wife, Dana, with the retirement cake that says it all.

ADC Staff on the Move

The following Grade 23 and above staff members have either been hired or promoted, transferred or retired. Congratulations on their new assignments!



TRANSFERS & RETIREMENTS

**Project Manager
Jerry Baba:**

Retired 1/29/2016

**Systems LAN Administrator
George Harris:**

Retired 2/2/2016

**Correctional Administrator IV
Laura Escapule:**

Retired 2/26/2016

**Correctional Administrator III
Linda Vega:**

Retired 2/26/2016

**Correctional Administrator V
Lyle Broadhead**
Retired 2/29/2016

NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS

**Communications Systems
Specialist Robert Church:**

Promotion from CSS
to
Emergency Preparedness
Administrator

**ASPC-Florence DWOP
Juli Roberts:**

Promotion from CA IV
to
CA V - Safford



**ASPC-Yuma DWOP
Carla Hacker-Agnew:**

Promotion from CA IV
to
CA V - Yuma

YWCA Award Winner



On February 13, 2016 the YWCA hosted its 22nd Annual Tribute to Leadership Gala at the Scottsdale Resort at the McCormick Ranch. This year the honoree for the "Police, Military and Fire Award" was ADC's Victim Services Administrator Jan Upchurch.

Running for Honor

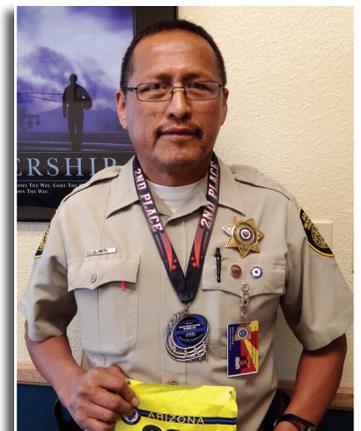
Article and photo provided by AA II Chris Owens / ASPC-Winslow

Winslow's own, CO II Charlie Smith, received 2nd place in the age category at the March 6, 12th Annual Arizona Fallen Officer's Memorial Run.

This yearly 5K walk/run takes place at the State Capitol, honoring Arizona's Law Enforcement Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

CO II Smith, who represented ASPC-Winslow and was among over 100 ADC participants, also placed 12th overall, finishing at 22.2 minutes.

When asked why he runs in these events CO II Smith said, "I have been a law enforcement officer for over 20 years and it is to honor the fallen. This is also a hobby and I believe that this is a commitment to health and wellness."



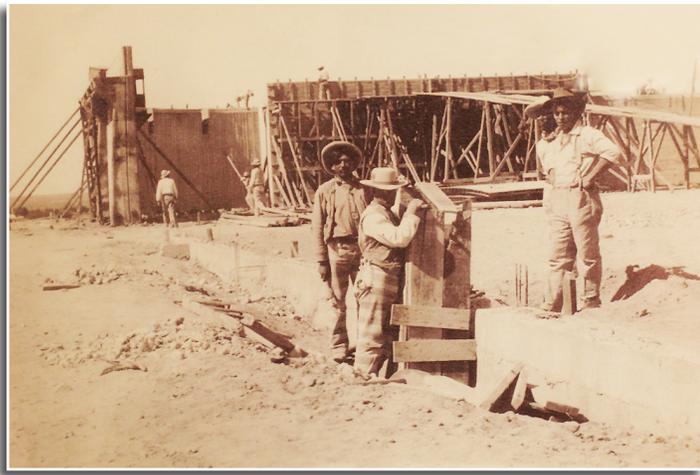
Rynning and the Arizona Prison

The first rumors of Rynning becoming the Superintendent of the Territorial Prison were already floating around in 1905. Prison Superintendent Ben Daniels (another former Rough Rider) was taking a position as a U.S. Marshall, so someone would have to take over the prison, and the name on many lips was Thomas Rynning.

When Rynning resigned his position as Captain of the Arizona Rangers in 1907, he was appointed the Superintendent of the Yuma Territorial Prison by President William Howard Taft.



Florence Prison circa 1916, approximately four years after Rynning resigned...but he would be back.



Inmates working at the site of the new prison. (Images courtesy Pinal County Museum).

It was Rynning's engineering knowledge that made him most desirable for the position to Governor Kibbey. The Yuma Prison had long since been pushed beyond its design by all the convicts housed there, making a real need for a newer, bigger prison. Governor Kibbey decided if he was going to oversee a new prison being built, then it was going to be built right.

An Article in the Daily Arizona Silver Belt from September 14, 1907 discusses Governor Kibbey touring prisons in California to see how they were constructed and run, about Rynning's history as a contractor creating buildings and bridges in the Territory. The article noted Kibbey's vision: "Governor Kibbey has expressed a wish that the Florence prison be one of the best constructed and most modern in the west."

Thomas Rynning put his contracting experience to work. He worked with an Architect

named Fitzhugh to design the new prison at Florence and oversaw its construction. He and Governor Kibbey decided on a controversial method to keep costs down by using inmates to actually do much of the labor in exchange for time off their sentences. As an incentive, Rynning shaved one day off the inmates' time for every two days they worked on the construction.

Even critics had to admit that the work progressed at an impressive pace. Once the prison was completed enough to move the inmates from Yuma into it, the Governor started looking at more projects for the convicts to complete. Captain Rynning designed a Sewer System for the City of Florence, the Gila River Bridge, and the Tempe Bridge, just to name a few of the projects.

Rynning the Inventor

Thomas Rynning enjoyed his engineering and even did a bit of inventing. In 1909, when the voters decided to make executions the duty of the Superintendent rather than individual County Sheriffs, Rynning devised a special electrically-powered gallows with 12 buttons that were in his office. Only he would know which switch released the trap door on the gallows, so all 12 men would feel free of the guilt of taking a life.

The Death Cell was below the gallows and the inmate would be taken up a set of stairs when it was time and the trap door would drop the condemned down into the darkness of the

cell, saving the witnesses from having to see the corpse. On January 5, 1910, Jose Lopez became the first to put this execution setup to the test.

Captain Rynning worked on social innovations as well. He convinced the Board of Control to approve a Parole Clerk position for the prison in 1911. Frank E. McCrary was the first Parole Clerk and worked with Rynning to create a Parole system that was based on behavior and history to quantify the value to the Territory of a convict's release. This was the early framework that would lead to the formation of a Parole Board under R. B. Sims's administration in 1915.

In 1912, Rynning resigned as the Superintendent of the Prison due to political issues. He went to California, got into real estate, and also became the Undersheriff of San Diego. In 1917, at the request of Arizona Governor Thomas Campbell, Rynning returned to Arizona to organize a regiment of "volunteer rough riders" to serve wherever needed. This group became the first Phoenix Police Reserves, and helped to provide security while volunteers for the Army headed off to Europe for World War I. He served for one year, resigning in April 1918 to return to his business ventures in San Diego.

He wasn't gone for long, though, as Governor Campbell called upon him again - this time to return as the Superintendent of the Prison in Florence once more. Newspapers around the state were abuzz with excitement. The December 21, 1921 Border Vidette spoke of how "The appointment of Captain Rynning by Governor Campbell met the approval of everybody in Arizona, Democrats and Republicans." At a time period of very divisive politics, this was quite the achievement.

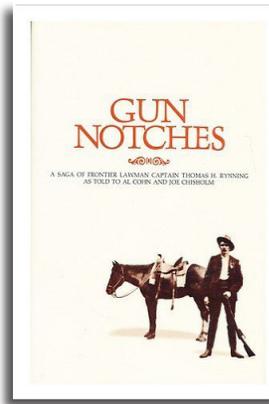
Rynning and Prison Reform

Rynning set out to continue improving the prison. Seeing the improvements in the inmates that he attributed to their physical fitness and organized sports, he started a campaign to raise money to help get equipment for the baseball team, boxing matches, and a proposed gymnasium.

A December 15, 1921 Bisbee Daily Review

article spoke of Captain Rynning's plans for the prison for Christmas. "Captain Rynning said that a special feast and an entertainment consisting of moving pictures and boxing matches would be given at the prison on Christmas."

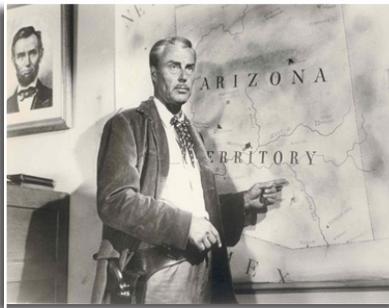
Rynning resigned in 1923 and went back to California, continuing in Law Enforcement and Real Estate.



In 1931, a book Rynning had worked on with Al Cohn and Joe Chilsom was published under the title of "Gun Notches." The book included rare photographs of frontiersmen with whom Arizona Ranger Captain Rynning came in conflict. The book was reprinted in 1971 and issues of that copy can still be found.

Rynning passed away in California in 1941, but his story lived on. In 1957, a television show called "26 Men" debuted, starring Tris Coffin as Captain Tom Rynning. The show was premised on the Arizona Rangers in the early 1900's.

In 1991, Thomas Rynning's legacy returned once more to the Arizona State Prison when a newly constructed unit at ASPC-Eyman was named Rynning Unit.



In this publicity still from 1957, Tris Coffin is seen playing Arizona Ranger Captain Thomas Rynning.



ASPC-Eyman Rynning Unit, named for Thomas H. Rynning, the first Superintendent of Arizona Prisons.

Core Values in Action

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CO II Loretta Begay / ASPC-Winslow

"How may I help you?"

That is how CO II Begay greets everyone who calls the control room on the phone. Her pleasant way of handling phone calls makes a person feel good just for calling!

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CO II Tracy Tanner / ASPC-Winslow

"I got that done L.T."

Each day CO II Tanner is pulled in every direction. He may be tasked with processing inmates, UA's, searches, and always an unexpected task. He gets everything done!



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CO II Sadie Powell / ASPC-Winslow

"I just wanted you to know..."

From the mail room to the control room, CO II Powell makes sure supervisors are aware of any situation that comes up.

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CO II Justin Yazzie / ASPC-Winslow

"They were acting suspicious so I pat searched them and found some drugs!"

CO II Yazzie is not reluctant to challenge a suspiciously acting inmate. A pat search, a house search, and it's all over!



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CO II Randy McIntyre / ASPC-Winslow

"Timing is everything!"

I need to get the medicals over, be back to help do count, and get that last perimeter done. Not a moment wasted as he assists shift in between medical runs.

PROFESSIONALISM + RESPONSIBILITY + INTEGRITY + COURAGE + EFFICIENCY

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