

The Best in the Business

The nominees for 2009-10 Warden of the Year Award are listed below. Please join us to honor all these individuals at the August ACA Summer Congress in Chicago.

Marianna Leger	LA
Peter Murphy	CT
Ralph Kemp, CCA	GA
Thomas Dickhaut	MA
Stuart Hudson	OH
Randall Hepp	WI
Barb Lewien	NE
David Mills	TN
Barbara Belas	NC
Cecilia Reynolds	SC
George Hinckle	VA
Lorretta Kelly	VA
Jane K. Standifird	OK
James Walker	CA
Raymond Thompson	TX
Helen Marberry, BOP	IN
Nick Ludwick	MI
Michael Martinez	NM

Life Membership in NAAWS

Robert "Bob" Brown, retired Commissioner of Corrections in Michigan, will be honored at the WOY Banquet with LIFE MEMBERSHIP for his long history of support for NAAWS and Wardens everywhere.



"WARDEN OF THE YEAR" BANQUET

"Ralph Kemp"

Warden, CCA-Georgia

August 2, 2010-6:30 PM

Grand Ballroom—Hyatt Regency
151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL

Cost: \$20

RSVP: Elart26@aol.com (preferred)
(518) 429-1923

Send Checks to: P.O. Box 11037, Albany, NY 12211



We need to find a way to avoid the confusion and chaos that occurs at the start of our banquet.

Please RSVP and send a check for \$20 per ticket. NO TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT PAYMENT.

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NAAWS Business Meeting

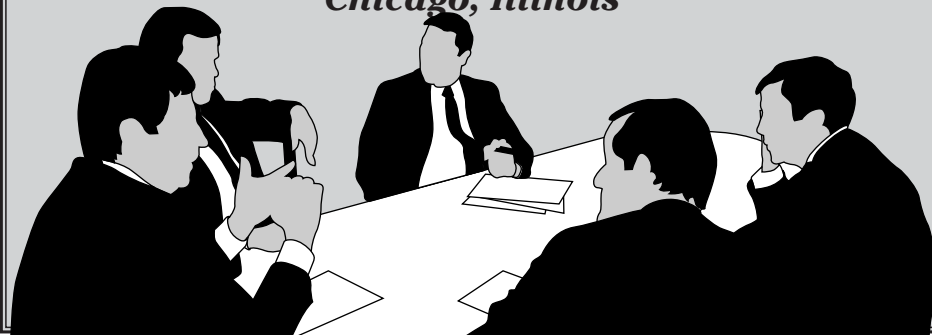
Monday, August 2, 2010

2:00—4:00 PM

Field (Silver Level, West Tower)

Hyatt Regency

Chicago, Illinois



Meeting Notice:

Adult Corrections Committee

Sunday, August 1, 2010 3:00—4:00 PM

Horner (Silver Level, West Tower)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mel Williams

The annual NAAWS conference at Niagara Falls was great! With outstanding programs, tours, events, dinners and a host of supporting vendors all set in the glory of Niagara Falls, it was one to remember! Over two hundred participants from across the United States and Canada attended. We were happy to host a dozen Canadian Wardens from across their great country and were pleased at the interaction we had with them. As our association represents the U. S. and Canada we will continue to foster this relationship. On Sunday, Bill Powers NYDOCS Superintendent Albion C.F., coordinated a Golf tournament, which although wet and cold, had over thirty people participate. That evening the vendors hosted a reception of traditional area foods including Buffalo chicken wings and hot roast beef on kimowick rolls. Pat Keohane did an excellent job of coordinating the vendors. Over thirty-five vendors representing commissary to medical supplies and everything between were represented. Without this tremendous support from the vendors this conference would not have been possible. On Monday morning Gowanda C. F. Color Guard presented the colors and Albion C. F. Correction Officer

Trellis Pore sang excellent renditions of both the Canadian and American national anthems. Commissioner Brian Fischer of NYDOCS opened the conference and reminded us that even with the tough economy and budget we still must be vigilant in programming for offenders who are being released back into our communities. Art Leonardo did an excellent job of securing programs for the conference. The program included N.I.C. management trac, technology, transitions, mental health and many more. There were also tours. Jim Conway, the Superintendent of Attic C.F., facilitated tours of his facility which were a big hit. A highlight of the conference was the dinner at the Elements Restaurant in Canada which overlooks the falls. We enjoyed great food, service, the tremendous location, and even a steel band. What made it very special however was James (Jimmy) O'Sullivan, our previous Executive Director. A man who started as a Carpenters Helper and rose to become the Correctional Service of Canada's longest serving Warden. After a wonderful introduction by Art, Jimmy went on to tell us some of his thoughts and even gave us a few songs. Many of us still remember his famous rendition of "Danny



Boy" at the NAAWS suite. On our last day NYDOCS showed us how they would handle an emergency with an impressive show of their technical wizardry, vehicles and personnel. I believe the conference was a huge success! I am truly thankful for the efforts put forth by Sheryl Zenzen (ZZ) in handling registration and Barb King for working with the hotel and the Conference Center. They both did a great job! Our friends at Keefe did some Web podcasting and you can view some great video from the conference of interviews and workshops at CorrectionalCorner.com. Check it out!

Next year's conference will be in Baton Rouge. We should expect nothing less than the best from the great state of Louisiana. They will offer excellent programs and a special treat of a trip to the famous rodeo at the state prison at Angola. Please put April 17 – 20 on your calendar for a must go to conference.

In June Make A Smile is descending upon Cedar Rapids Iowa. We will be restoring Time Check Park and building a new Playground there. NAAWS members from across the country are pitching in on there on time to help out this community which only two years ago was under a lot of water and is still struggling to get back on their feet. To make a donation to this heartwarming cause contact Chuck Albino at CEAlbino55@gmail.com.

We are continuing on or mission of spreading NAAWS information around the country. This summer Daryl Vannoy (1st Vice President), Cathy (Asst. Warden Angola) and I are visiting both California and Texas. We will be talking to Wardens and administrators about NAAWS and hopefully gain new members. We will continue this mission throughout the year. If you are in a state, city or province where you would like to see a NAAWS representative please contact me; MEL-NAAWS@aol.com.

Together, with God's help, we can make a difference!

Hospitality Suite

Hyatt Regency
Chicago, Illinois

Ask for NAAWS—Art Leonardo

Saturday, July 31 — 6 PM-'til Midnight
Sunday, August 1 — 3 PM-'til Midnight
Monday, August 2 — (after WOY Banquet)
Tuesday, August 3 — 3 PM-'til 6 PM
(Closed during E. R. Cass Banquet)

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1984-85	George Sumner	California
1985-87	Gene Scroggy	Kentucky
1987-88	Tom Barry	New York
1988-89	Lester Beard	Texas
1989-91	Jim O'Sullivan	Canada
1991-92	Sharon Johnson	New Mexico
1992-93	H. L. "Hal" Whitley	Arizona
1993-94	Everett Perrin, Jr.	Florida
1994-95	Art Leonardo	New York
1995-96	Robert Hannigan	Kansas
1996-97	Melody Turner	Ohio
1997-99	Patrick Keohane	Federal Bureau of Prisons
1999-00	Patricia Caruso	Michigan
2000	Joe Booker	Federal Bureau of Prisons
2001-03	Burl Cain	Louisiana
2003-05	Victor Herbert	Florida, New York
2005-07	Luella Burke	Michigan
2007-09	Mark H. Saunders	Ohio

Wardens of the Year

1979-80	Roger Crist	Montana
1980-81	George Sumner	California
1981-82	Carl Robinson	Connecticut
1982-83	Phillip Coombe, Jr.	New York
1983-84	Pierre Viau	Canada
1984-85	Bobby D. Morgan	Texas
1985-86	Thomas R. Barry	New York
1986-87	Dale E. Foltz	Michigan
1987-88	Hilton Butler	Louisiana
1988-89	Wayne Estelle	California
1989-90	Judy Anderson	South Carolina
1990-91	Gene Scroggy	Georgia
1991-92	Jerry Peterson	Texas
1992-93	Jim O'Sullivan	Canada
1993-94	Patrick Keohane	Missouri (FBP)
1994-95	Robert Hannigan	Kansas
1995-96	H. L. "Hal" Whitley	Arizona
1996-97	Everett Perrin	Florida
1997-98	Tim Schuetzle	North Dakota
1998-99	Walt Kelly	New York
1999-00	Ron Edwards	Ohio
2000-01	Pam Withrow	Michigan
2001-02	Emmitt Sparkman	Mississippi
2002-03	Burl Cain	Louisiana
2003-04	Dale A. Brown	Texas (Cornell)
2004-05	Fredric A. Rosemeyer	Pennsylvania
2005-06	Mike Samberg	CCA
2006-07	Brian Fischer	New York
2007-08	James Le Blanc	Louisiana
2008-09	Millicent D. Warren	Michigan
2009-10	Ralph Kemp	CCA-Georgia

❖ The Executive Director's cell phone (518) 429-1923 is provided by LAW, Louisiana Association of Wardens, and Burl Cain. ❖

New Interactive Book for Incarcerated Parents & Their Children

a new approach to building, understanding, and fostering their relationship

How can the children of offenders assist you? We are frequently asked to assist correctional facilities with starting or adding programs for inmates and their children. Silent Victims of Crime, The Messages Project, and children's author Ruth Clark are collaborating on creating a program that can be simply implemented into any facility.

It starts with an interactive book that allows the incarcerated parent to communicate via the book with their child through a series of questions and answers intermingled with their own words. The child responds equally throughout the book.

This starts a dialogue with caring, constructive notes and drawings that enhances their relationship and therefore their lives. If and when visitation takes place, there will be a more intimate and stable environment initiated by their previous communication.

The next stage is for the parent to send a "message" via video. See below for additional information.

A documentary is being produced simultaneously as information is gathered for the book. The first phase was recently completed in March as children of prisoners were interviewed about their heart-wrenching stories and how they are coping on a daily basis to reach a "college bound mentality". It will be released within the next year when all the phases are completed.

The collaboration between the three organizations comes from a combined multitude of experiences. Ruth Clark is an award-winning author/publisher of books for children, contributor to leading magazines for women, parenting, and families,

and owner of Hibiscus Publishing. Hibiscus Publishing's Read To Someone You Love (TM) was founded April of 2009 with the mission to strengthen adult/child relationships through the time spent reading books.

The Messages Project, whose mission is to "maintain, or in many cases re-build, the connection between imprisoned parents and the children that are left behind" is run by producer and "CNN Top 10 Hero" Carolyn Lecroy.

Silent Victims of Crime's mission is "to end the intergenerational cycle of incarceration by leading youth to be college bound, not jail bound". Founder, Paulette Pfeiffer, also co-founded the National Association for Children of Incarcerated Parents (NACIP) to advocate on a national level on behalf of children of prisoners.

This team of passionate and determined individuals are coming together to impact the lives of children of prisoners and their parents from an international viewpoint!

Warmest Regards,

Paulette Pfeiffer

P.O. Box 489, Townville, SC 29689

Phone 864-287-1311

Fax 864-287-1335

info@SilentVictimsOfCrime.org

www.SilentVictimsOfCrime.org

Note: Please make sure to attend or ask for more information on the 3rd Annual NACIP Symposium: Lexington, Kentucky, May 6, 2010

NEWS ITEM

Art Beeler to Afghanistan

NAAWS member and retired BOP Warden **ART BEELER** has come out of retirement to assume the role of Senior Corrections Advisor for the State Department in Afghanistan.

Art will be working out of the Kabul Embassy for a company, Pro-telligent, that recruits and manages Senior Corrections Officials to work in foreign assignments. He begins this assignment July 4th. We wish him success and pray for his safety.

NAAWS Medal of Valor

The NAAWS Medal of Valor will be awarded 2 August 2010 at the WOY Banquet to James L. Bauer, Probation and Parole Specialist, LA DOC.

Mr. Bauer is honored for his valor in subduing an armed robber who fired shots into a crowded commercial setting. His quick action prevented innocent people from being injured.

NAAWS Business Meeting – January 25, 2010 Tampa, Florida

Call to Order: Mel Williams, incoming NAAWS President, at 3:03 PM.

President Williams welcomed all in attendance and an introduction of all Officers and members was conducted.

Secretary's Report and Review of Minutes:

Meeting minutes for the August 11, 2009, NAAWS Business Meeting held in Nashville, Tennessee were provided and accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gloria Hultz provided a comprehensive report on all deposits and expenditures (copy attached). The Treasurer's report was accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Executive Director's Report:

Executive Director Art introduced Kim Taylor, a guest from Cincinnati, Ohio.

It was reported that Gail Heller is working to obtain tax exempt status, 501C-6 Non-Profit Professional Organization, for NAAWS. This will improve NAAWS status as an independent professional association.

Art expressed some concern regarding the upcoming Niagara Falls conference. While early vendor support for the 2010 NAAWS Conference has been outstanding, attendee registration has been slow. Significant effort was put forth to make this a legitimate training opportunity. NIC will host a full training course and tours of both Attica and Albion State Prisons have been arranged.

The 2011 NAAWS Conference will be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Planning is also underway for a NAAWS sponsored workshop at this summer's ACA Congress in Chicago.

President's Report:

A primary focus of President Williams' tenure will be the expansion of NAAWS membership. Preliminary efforts are being made to encourage California's participation.

Mel Williams spoke on behalf of NAAWS at conferences in Iowa this past September and in South Carolina in November.

Additional information regarding the (then) upcoming conference in Niagara Falls was provided. In addition to the training opportunities already outlined, the conference will have a full agenda of social events. A golf outing is planned as are several dinners, one of which will take place at Elements in Canada. We all need to work hard on increasing registrations to make this a successful event.

Warden of the Year for 2010 was announced—Ralph Kemp, a retired Warden from Georgia who is now working as a Warden for CCA. It is also noted that efforts are underway to update and revise the selection criteria to make the process a more objective measure of a candidate's career.

The Medal of Valor Award recipient for 2010—James Bauer, Probation and Parole Department, Louisiana—was also announced. New criteria were also defined for this award and a formal nomination process was established. It was noted that the design of the award was also revised.

Make-A-Smile announced that their next project would be in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The rehabilitation of one playground in a neighborhood ravaged by flooding will commence June 6, 2010. It is anticipated that the project will take a week to complete. While there is strong local support, the project will need donations and volunteers to make this effort a success.

The 2011 Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana will take place during the month of April. The event will be held in a newly remodeled, beautiful and historic hotel that overlooks the Mississippi River and will include a trip to the Angola Prison Rodeo.

Through the efforts of Tommy Norris, NAAWS is formulating training for ACA. Workshops can be of an individual nature or a series of training across the varying corrections disciplines. Volunteers are needed to establish a training committee within NAAWS.

Old Business:

NAAWS has begun the formal process of incorporation. This includes the filing of an application for incorporation in New York and filing for not-for-profit status with the IRS.

New Business:

Executive Director Art Leonardo made a motion to nominate Bob Brown as a lifetime NAAWS member. This motion was seconded by Pat Caruso and approved by unanimous voice vote. Congratulations go out to Bob for his long-term and faithful commitment to NAAWS.

Kim Taylor introduced her company, Kimbers—Heartfelt Letter Lines, to NAAWS. The company produces a line of letters/cards specifically for inmates.

Richard Stalder advised of Wardens Peer Training sponsored by Sam Houston University, Texas. He would like to see NAAWS involvement in this worthwhile training. There is no cost for this training other than the attendee's personal transportation expenses.

NAAWS Secretary Charles Albino reported that New Jersey is very close to the establishment of a Wardens Association. The association will have a joint relationship with NAAWS with its membership dues establishing dual membership in both organizations. It is anticipated that this will bring approximately 50 new NAAWS members from New Jersey.

It was requested that that NAAWS update a membership list with updated email addresses. A sheet was circulated to begin this new list.

Closing Remarks:

President Mel Williams reiterated his commitment to expanding NAAWS membership. He also reminded everyone present about the need to actively promote the Niagara Falls conference. Much of what we accomplish as an organization derives from the training and networking opportunities we provide our members.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Albino, *Secretary*

Correction Officer Suicide: A Call to Action by Leonard I Morgenbesser PhD

Across time, the professional law enforcement field including corrections and policing has experienced the tragedy of officer suicide. In certain cases, such violence may be compounded with a homicide-suicide in which the officer first kills either a spouse/partner and/or one or more children.

Research is relatively negligible. Prof. Steven Stack (Wayne State U) in 1997 found that the risk of correction officer suicide was 39% higher “than that of the rest of the working age population”. In 2009, the New Jersey State Governor’s Task Force on Police Suicide, using State-specific data, found that “correction officers appeared to have a higher suicide rate than other law enforcement officers.”

More recently, some officer suicides have occurred on-duty for the first time. Such locations in various states have included a wallpost tower (NY), perimeter patrol (NC), locker room (MN), and outside a building housing (MO), homicide-suicide.

Action is necessary on various fronts. First, there is no current national data reporting system. Our nation, which goes to great extent to have comprehensive reporting of all types of data on offenders, owes it to the front-line professionals who are in our prisons and jails to have the US Justice Department mandate such reporting. The professional associations (ACA, AJA etc) should make this a public policy priority for legislation.

In addition, prison and jail administrators including, but not limited to, wardens and superintendents should be familiar with resource organizations and individuals experienced in this area. For example, The National P.O.L.I.C.E. Suicide Foundation (1-866-276-4615) was founded by The Reverend Robert E. Douglas Jr. (Baltimore Police Department, Retired, Chaplain-ATF) and welcomes inquiries from corrections personnel, in addition to providing training. Also, John M. Violanti (NY State Police, Retired, Research Professor-SUNY Buffalo Public Health School), is extensively published in the police suicide field including authoring “Police Suicide: Epidemic in Blue” (Charles C. Thomas, 2007, Springfield, Illinois)

In summary, it has often been noted that we in corrections are family. The corrections family suffers and grieves each time a member of service either commits suicide or homicide-suicide. Prevention along with accurate reporting of this issue are key.

Leonard I. Morgenbesser, PhD, is a 35 year career Federal Grantswriter and program evaluator with The NYS DOCS. He also holds a part-time adjunct faculty position at SUNY/Empire State College (M.A. Social Policy Program) where he earlier chaired the first known student thesis on correction officer suicide. LMorgenbesser@verizon.net or 518.482.5108. Views expressed herein are those of the author.

Save the Dates!

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Women Working in Corrections & Juvenile Justice

13th National Conference

Marriott at the Denver Tech Center

Denver, Colorado

September 19-22, 2010

www.womenincorrections.com

NAAWS AND CMIT JOIN FORCES ON WARDENS PEER TRAINING

NAAWS and the Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT) at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) have partnered up to expand and improve upon one of the most dynamic and well-regarded programs for Wardens and Superintendents in the country.

For more than a decade, CMIT has held its bi-annual Wardens Peer Interaction Training Program, hosting 30 Wardens and Superintendents from 15-20 states for the three-day event at SHSU's Criminal Justice Center in Huntsville, TX. NAAWS involvement promises to provide even greater depth and variety, making a great program even better.

The program is designed to be a relaxed, informal forum where seasoned corrections professionals share their expertise and best practices as well as challenges and obstacles with their colleagues. Participants deliver power point presentations on subjects ranging from staff retention, employee recognition, visitation policies to lockdown procedures, female offenders, re-entry programs, the Prison Rape Elimination Act, aging inmate populations, staff-offender relationships, and many more. In her evaluation of the program, Warden Karen Rohling of Kansas said, "Having the participants present 'What Works' information from their home departments ensures that new and creative ideas are shared."

The conversation generated by the presentations is guided by facilitators who have come up through the corrections ranks and finished up their careers at the top of their profession with nearly 100 years of experience. Their observations and comments stimulate lively discussion and debate on some of the thorniest issues facing corrections today. Warden Jeff Marton of Texas summed it up well when he referred to the program as a "gathering of opportunities." "It is a far greater challenge to attend the program and not bring something back or discover a new method or approach, given all of the participants and the vast amount of correctional knowledge and experience that defines the program."

With NAAWS on board, the Wardens Peer Training will be expanded to include more time to exchange views and deepen the networking opportunities. Over the years, participants have followed up their experience in Huntsville with visits to each others' facilities around the country, continuing the dialogue begun in Texas.

An integral part of the program includes tours of local prison facilities. Participants spend several hours observing various local prisons—both state and federal—meeting with the facility Wardens, and applying what they have heard in the classroom. The visits provide the context for further conversation, to reflect on how things are done at home, and to develop new approaches to problem solving.

In a virtually unanimous assessment by participants, the Wardens Peer Training has been called the best program they have ever attended in their careers. The NAAWS-CMIT partnership promises to continue a great tradition.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Keefe Group Celebrates 35 Years of Innovative Solutions with Exceptional Service

Keefe Group, the nation's leading supplier to the correctional commissary market, celebrates 35 years of providing innovative product solutions and outstanding customer service. From only two employees in 1975 selling instant coffee, Keefe Group has grown to more than 2,000 employees and a distribution network consisting of 16 locations across the country.

For 35 years, Keefe Group has been a pioneer in fulfilling the unique requirements of the correctional market. This includes providing solutions such as clear packaging as well as flexible pouch products manufactured at their industry-exclusive packaging plant.

By focusing solely on corrections, Keefe Group has been able to identify and respond to the industry's evolving needs. This is evident in Keefe Group's most recent addition of Access Corrections™, a technology services division focused exclusively on developing new technologies and services to increase the efficiencies, safety and security throughout the correctional industry.

Because of a dedication to corrections and to their customers, Keefe Group proudly celebrates 35 years of being the industry's leading correctional commissary provider.

Keefe Group - Keefe Group, through its affiliates, Keefe Supply, Keefe Commissary Network, Crawford Supply, Access Catalog, Access Securepak®, and Access Corrections™, is the nation's leading supplier of food products, personal care products, electronics, clothing and technology to the correctional commissary market. The industry leader since 1975, Keefe serves the correctional market exclusively and has pioneered the evolution of products, packaging and technology services to fit the needs of commissaries nationwide. Focusing on security, flexibility and convenience, Keefe Group has become the benchmark by which other commissary providers are measured.

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From the desk of ... *The Executive Director* 
Arthur Leonardo

It is a formidable task to try to thank all the people who made our NIAGARA FALLS CONFERENCE a success. President **Mel Williams** led a great effort to make the conference everything we expected. His Presidential message points out who helped put on such a great show. I must make special mention of **Sheryl Zenzen** and **Barb King** who were constantly working to keep us going.

We must thank the Commissioners who supported us by allowing staff to attend, present and support our efforts. **Brian Fischer** (NY), **James LeBlanc** (LA), **Patricia Caruso** (MI), and **Ernie Moore** (OH). These four are all NAAWS members and former WARDENS.

DON HEAD, Commissioner of The Correctional Services of CANADA, sent us a dozen bright, energetic WARDENS who will help us expand back to our Canadian Roots.

Pat Keohane did his traditional great job of bringing in vendors who made it possible for us to have a quality conference at a very reasonable price tag.

Informative programs added the professionalism we are known for. **Evelyn Bush** and her crew from NIC set a high standard.

The final banquet at THE ELEMENTS in Niagara Falls, Ontario was both a culinary and visual experience. A great night, fine food and one of the natural wonders of the world always in our view.

Our guest of honor **JAMES O'SULLIVAN** and his lovely wife **MALU** added a real touch of class to our entire week. Jim thanked us with three songs and yes... he ended the night with **DANNY BOY**.

I am happy to report that Executive Treasurer, **Gloria Hultz** and Ohio member **Gail Heller** have worked to gain us a new legal status. We expect to soon be a 501 (c)4, a Not-For-Profit Professional Association.

NAAWS has sent a \$5,000 check to the "Make-A-Smile Foundation" which is building a playground this summer in IOWA.

We also sent \$6,000 to the NASHVILLE area to help care for needy correctional families, devastated by the spring floods. **Sheriff Daron Hall** and **CCA Chief Richard Seiter** are insuring that the neediest folks get our help as they work to rebuild their lives.

We hope to see you all in CHICAGO this August and we encourage you all to make plans to join us next APRIL (2011) in Baton Rouge.



Honored guest at the Niagara Falls Conference Jim O'Sullivan (left) awaits introduction. Below: many wardens from across Canada attended the Conference



ATTENTION NAAWS MEMBERS!!!



Fearless inmate cowboys compete in heart-stopping events like – Convict Poker, Wild Cow Milking, Bull Riding, and the world famous Guts-n-Glory. You'll hear outstanding inmate bands, feast on a wide array of the south's best food, and shop the unique and affordable inmate-made arts and crafts, including jewelry, leather craft, paintings, woodwork, lawn and garden furniture, and toys. Media and spectators from around the world come each year to witness this one-of-a-kind rodeo. It is an experience not easily forgotten and all are invited to be our very special guests.



Don't miss out on NAAWS 2011!!! We are eager to host all our friends in Louisiana's capital city, Baton Rouge from Saturday, April 16 to Tuesday, April 19. The historic, restored to its 1920's grandeur, Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center overlooking the Mighty Mississippi River has been booked and we ask that you mark your calendars now. We plan to expose you to all that is Louisiana, which means lots of great music and plenty of spicy seafood!

Of course, coming to Louisiana would not be complete without a trip to the Louisiana State Penitentiary to attend the world famous, wildest show in the south, longest running prison rodeo in history, Angola Prison Rodeo. Buses will transport all to Angola on Sunday, April 17, so plan to come on Saturday the 16th as you'll need to be well rested for this awesome event.

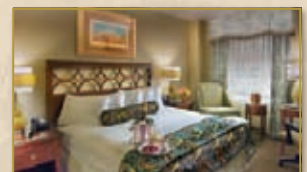
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TECHNOLOGY & TODAY'S REHABILITATION**Female Inmates Working for BSS at FMWCC**

A dozen computers working simultaneously, completely independent of one another other, yet they all come together in an impressive work scene.

Located inside the walls of the medium security Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center in Southern Nevada, Buford Satellite Systems gives female inmates a second chance at life in a unique way. They offer these blue clad inmates work experience and credentials that far exceed what they would have achieved on their previous path. Each of these lucky women, a dozen and counting, work at individual computers, on various projects, from educational DVDs to logo and web design. All of this accomplished without the advantage of the internet.

Buford Satellite Systems is a cable company that provides television services to many corrections facilities across the nation including the Nevada Department of Corrections. It has operated within the women's prison since 1999. Originally, the studio provided educational components to other institutions via live broadcast; however, in 2006 the studio moved from live broadcast to video production. Switching to video was more cost effective and allowed for more versatility. The Nevada Department of Corrections has shown great support and encouragement to this office and its inmate employees. The inmates in this office work hard and strive toward excellence.

Many of the inmates working in this studio had never touched a computer, much less worked with innovative video editing, graphics and animation software. Yet, they are now able to do so with ease and diligent workmanship. This professional setting is comparable to any business standard. The inmate employees greet visitors with warm, genuine smiles that almost make a person forget they are inside a prison or that these are the faces of convicted felons. Every one of them beams with pride as they showcase the various market media elements they have created. Surprisingly, the quality of their work is impressive and professional by any standards.

The educational topics for their DVD's include Food Safety, Victim Awareness, Pre-Release, Personal Growth, Employability, Diversity, and many others. They have even created an instructional DVD used by multiple Corrections Departments for training on Headend Operations and cable distribution systems. One of their latest projects is producing an orientation video for the Nevada Department of Corrections. Weekly orientations prepare and inform new inmates entering the system. This process requires multiple staff members to come in and explain the various departments and functions within the corrections system. This video will eliminate that process and save staff valuable time, as they will not repeatedly explain the rules and functions of each department within the system to each new group. Other current projects include the development of logos, business cards, and interactive websites/designs for both a recently published author and a Prison Ministries organization.

The skills these inmates acquire will significantly increase their likelihood of being successful upon release and staying out of prison. Once released, inmates often rely solely on themselves and their success depends greatly on their ability to secure a job due to their skills and ability to perform in a professional environment. Many states have a recidivism rate around 70% or greater. The recidivism rate for this office is a remarkable 7%.

The studio's director, Laurie Wright, encourages her inmate employees to better themselves in every way; this includes participating in treatment programs as well as educational, vocational and college classes offered within the facility. This positive work environment is both professional and advanced. These inmates and the skills they possess would be a valuable addition to any company in today's workforce.

It is unexpected to discover such an extraordinary group of people in such an unlikely place, but that is exactly what you will find inside the studio. Eventually, these inmates will return to society. The goal of the Nevada DOC and Buford Satellite Systems is that the employees of the studio have the desire and the skills to be successful.

They may be convicted felons but they are also dedicated, hard working, talented individuals with great potential and work ethic.

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