

American Hero Headlines NAAWS Training

By Cathy Fontenot, NAAWS Sgt-At-Arms

There exist people among us who serve as beacons of light when our world seems to be at its darkest. There are leaders who pave a path of hope through seemingly insurmountable obstacles. There are those among us who are able to lift others as they rise to overcome impossible challenges. Fortunately, there are heroes among us.

The planning committee for the upcoming 2011 NAAWS Conference is excited about welcoming our distinguished fellow members to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The conference theme focuses on effective leadership during times of hardship. We know as corrections professionals that budgets often times more than not, have a direct impact on our ability to ensure institutional safety, security and successful re-entry. We are challenged daily to fulfill our mission of public safety as well as to meet our responsibility of creating environments that inspire new rehabilitation. In times of dwindling budgets, we often find that the greatest and most dependable resource we have is that which can be found inside each other.

Those planning to attend this April will hear from an expert on effective leadership during crises. Recent Inductee to the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame, Retired Lieutenant General Russel Honoré, Louisiana's own Ragin Cajun and a recognized national hero, has been locked in as our keynote speaker. Most people remember General Honoré for his awe inspiring ability to get people moving during a period of time when most everyone remained paralyzed in a state of shock and disbelief. Former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said, "...and I give the president some credit on this—he sent one John Wayne dude down here that can get some stuff done, and his name is Gen. Honoré. And he came off the doggone chopper, and he started cussing and people started moving. And he's getting some stuff done."

We, leaders in the field of corrections and public safety, know that we need

more than ever to be "smart" on crime, rather than simply "hard" on crime. Our prestigious keynote speaker gained national attention when he was quoted as telling a reporter to not get "stuck on stupid" in reference to a question about the federal Hurricane Katrina response. It is apparent that General Honoré is the perfect embodiment of our theme – a figure like most of us, charged with doing more with less while still maintaining expectations of excellence. We anticipate hearing his stories of coordinating the

military relief efforts in response to the flooding at USAF bases in Korea during monsoon season, the BP Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico, Hurricane Katrina, as well as the help and compassionate response of the building of a monument of tribute and remembrance for two young girls killed during a training mission in South Korea.

Book your reservations now! Don't wait to register for this must-see occasion. We look forward to hosting you all at what is turning out to be the most thought provoking conference yet. Brochures summarizing the workshop content and highlighting the special events (Wildest Show in the South: the Angola Prison Rodeo followed by a barbeque dinner on the grounds of the historic Louisiana State Penitentiary and an authentic crawfish boil with live Cajun music on the pool deck of the 1920s restoration Hilton which overlooks the Father of Waters, the Mighty Mississippi) will be mailed to you



Lt. General Russell L. Honoré, (Ret.)—Commander, Joint Task Force Katrina and visionary leader

shortly. Don't miss your chance to shake hands with a true American hero. Plan to come down and see us, we guarantee an experience you'll not soon forget, if ever!!!

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April 1st 2011

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From the desk of ...

The Executive Director

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Early registrations are good, but we have decided to extend them until April 1st at the \$195 rate. Our goal is well within reach at 250 participants—but we may be able to break the 300 registration mark with your help.

The training will be world class: Carl Nink on the State of the Economy on Corrections, Four sessions on Ethics from NIC, Dr. Aufderheid (Inside the Mind of a Psychopath), Workshops on Re-entry, Dr. Eric William (A Warden's Role in Fostering Better Relations in the Community), Dr. Wilson & Dr. Barboza on Inmate Self Injury, Burl Cain on Management and Gene Atherton (7 Habits)

Several more workshops will be available along with feature addresses by

James LeBlanc, Pat Caruso and Louisiana Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne. The Southern Directors will also present a lively workshop on Re-entry.

Wednesday morning we will close with a full breakfast and a presentation by Jim Gondles and the ACA Executive Committee on the assistance ACA can give to Wardens.

On a sombre note, Bob Raines, Oklahoma, passed away in December, following nearly 50 years of leadership in corrections. His place on our Emeritus Board will be filled by his wife and former Marine, Ellen Raines.

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President's Message

By Mel Williams, NAAWS President

January brought the Mid Winter ACA conference, and this year it was held in a great place, San Antonio, Texas. The River Walk, the Alamo, and 70 degree temperatures were great distractions. We had important business at hand though with the selection of the Warden of the Year and review of Medal of Valor submissions. NAAWS received 23 submissions for WOY from all over the country. We reviewed letters from State Commissioners/Secretaries of outstanding Wardens/Superintendents that they recommended. It is a very difficult process to select one Warden from so many excellent candidates. After a long and thorough discussion we selected Luis Scott Folino from Pennsylvania as our 2011 Warden on the Year. Warden Folino has been in the business for over 30 years running some pretty tough places and mentoring new Wardens. I contacted the Commissioner's office and they were very excited to get the news. Also at our meeting we reviewed the many submissions for Medal of Valor. We read of many acts of heroism and bravery. One particular submission stood out; a Correction Officer from North Carolina who was savagely attacked and stabbed several times. Wounded, Officer Cassie M. Fueston withdrew briefly from the fight and then returned with her baton to subdue the assailant who was now attacking a fellow Officer. Now that is valor!

We held our semi-annual meeting to discuss our business. The meeting was well attended. Art gave a great report. He informed us how well the Warden Peer Training went at Sam Houston University and advised us that our membership was down a little but strong. He also reminded us of our annual training conference

which is coming up in April at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Warden Darrel Vannoy told us how well we would be welcomed at Angola Prison and Warden Cathy Fontenot described the excellent conference program. Truly this is shaping up to be a great training conference which I hope all of you will consider attending! Gloria gave the treasurer's report and it is good to know that we are in solid financial shape right now. Pat has done an outstanding job of recruiting vendors, without whom we would not be able offer training or open our hospitality suite.

At the meeting Chuck Albino brought up the topic of workshops. Tommy Norris and Chuck are putting together workshops for this summer's ACA conference in Kissimmee, Florida. One topic "How to deal with the death of an employee on duty" rang especially true. Just in the one week we lost three Correctional Officers. On February 2nd Colonel Greg Maloy of the Florida Department of Corrections K9 Unit, was shot and killed in a gunfire exchange with a fleeing felon he was tracking. On January 29 in the state of Washington, Correction Officer Jayme Lee Biendl was murdered in the Prison Chapel; an inmate suspect is in custody. On January 28th, in New York, while transporting an inmate to an outside hospital, Correction Officer Casmiro Pamales died from injuries when a car crashed into his van forcing him off the road. Three Correction Officers were killed in the line of duty last year including in Pennsylvania Correction Officer Cory Chapin who died from injuries in November that he received from an inmate who assaulted him the previous month. Yes, Corrections is a dangerous business. Our thoughts and prayers go



out to all the families of these victims. When tragedies like this strike; everyone throughout the facility is affected. It will take a long time for each facility to heal. The sacrifices of these Officers will not be forgotten. Everyone appreciates the outstanding efforts of The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation who always is there in times of need. As Wardens we feel a great compassion to try to keep our employees safe but it is not always possible. Wardens will always remain ever vigilant to protect our communities, their employees and the inmates.

May God bless the heroes who gave their lives for our protection and the families that they left behind.

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The
Date**

**WARDENS
PEER INTERACTION
PROGRAM**

**MAY 9—13, 2011
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For more info contact JOSEPH SERIO jds019@shsu.edu

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| 1997-98 | Tim Schuetzle | North Dakota |
| 1998-99 | Walt Kelly | New York |
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| 2000-01 | Pam Withrow | Michigan |
| 2001-02 | Emmitt Sparkman | Mississippi |
| 2002-03 | Burl Cain | Louisiana |
| 2003-04 | Dale A. Brown | Texas (Cornell) |
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| 2008-09 | Millicent D. Warren | Michigan |
| 2009-10 | Ralph Kemp | CCA—Georgia |
| 2010-11 | Louis Scott Folino | Pennsylvania |

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**2011 North American
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For more information please contact:

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**Innovative and Promising Programs for
Special Correctional Populations**

Dr. Adam M. Bossler of Georgia Southern University and Dr. Jessie L. Krienert of Illinois State University request your input in their Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) funded project, "Innovative Programs for Special Correctional Populations: Assessing the Current State and Disseminating Program Information in an Innovative Way." They will be attending the 2011 NAAWS conference in Baton Rouge from Saturday (4/16) afternoon until Tuesday (4/19) and would like to talk with state correctional wardens and superintendents about the most pressing special prison populations they are currently facing, the types of innovative and/or promising programs that currently exist to address the needs of identified special population inmates, and the types of programs they would like to see created, implemented, and funded to meet the needs of inmates and correctional administration alike. The information gathered from these discussions will be used to create a survey that will be sent to all state correctional wardens and superintendents in the United States. The project will culminate with the creation and distribution of a searchable web-based

resource guide that wardens and others who are concerned about correctional programming can use to identify valuable information about promising programs or "pockets of correctional excellence."

Our goal is to provide a warden-driven definition of pressing correctional issues. We hope that state wardens and superintendents will be willing to contribute to this project by joining us for discussions on these important topics at the NAAWS conference. We would greatly appreciate it if you could please contact either Dr. Bossler (abossler@georgiasouthern.edu) or Dr. Krienert (jlkrien@ilstu.edu) to set up a convenient day and time where we can further discuss this project. Thank you.

Editor's note: Dr. Adam Bossler and Dr. Jessie Krienert are seeking NAAWS input into their project of a national identification of "promising practices". NAAWS HAS MADE THIS PROJECT A POINT OF EMPHESIS FOR 2011-12. Please make it a point to budget some time to meet these two folks at the BATON ROUGE CONFERENCE

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The nominees for 2010–11 Warden of the Year Award are listed above. Please join us to honor all these individuals at the August ACA Summer Congress in Kissimmee, Florida.

Medal of Valor Nominees

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| Conetta Etheridge | BOP |
| CO M. Evans | CA |
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Editor's Note

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