



NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK

May 1–7, 2022

Always Remember

Since a Presidential Proclamation made it official in 1984, the first week in May has been set aside to remember the work and the sacrifices of America's correctional officers and employees. This Week, known as National Correction Officers Week, was first created by President Ronald Reagan who said "The professionalism, dedication and courage exhibited by these officers throughout the performance of these demanding and often conflicting roles deserves our utmost respect. The important work of correctional officers often does not receive the recognition from the public it deserves. It is appropriate that we honor the many contributions and accomplishments of these men and women who are a vital component of the field of corrections."

In 1996, Congress expanded National Correction Officers Week to include all correctional employees, giving a long overdue "Thank You" to all the women and men who serve by working in corrections. This is truly a special week to celebrate and bring awareness to the importance and significance of our profession.

As U.S. facilities strive to improve even in the face of a pandemic, correctional officers and employees are striving to balance between rehabilitation and order. This year, we are taking particular effort to highlight wellness for every corrections officer and employee.

The American Correctional Association proudly calls upon all Americans to join us as we honor our profession and the work of our colleagues around the country during National Correctional Officers and Employees Week from May 1-7, 2022. We will, once again, affirm those who work in the corrections industry represent a commitment and a courageous community of American heroes. We will continue to celebrate their work this year, next year, and every year.

With the highest honor and respect,

Tony C. Parker
President

James A. Gondles Jr., CAE
Executive Director

A Proclamation

Correctional officers and employees are capable, committed, patient and persistent professionals. They serve admirably in correctional facilities all across the country as chaplains, teachers, counselors, supervisors, managers and directors. They help keep our citizens and communities safe. Correctional officers and employees teach, train, mentor, preach and care.

Though the job of correctional officers and employees is often very challenging and, at times, stressful, the thousands who work the correctional profession every day perform duties well and with great pride. They are brave, courageous and tenacious individuals who put their lives and health at risk every day to keep the public safe and provide a multitude of services to the nation's offenders. They have a tremendous responsibility and are owed our nation's gratitude.

Correctional officers are most deserving of our respect, our thanks and the highest praise. They are well-trained, always on watch and prepared to meet any challenge. The men and women working in corrections make a difference in our communities.

On behalf of the American Correctional Association and our thousands of members in the U.S. and internationally, we commend all those who currently serve in the correctional profession, those who have served and those who have given their lives in pursuit of this most honorable occupation.

A Resolution

WHEREAS, correctional officers are trained law enforcement professionals dedicated to maintaining safe correctional facilities and ensuring public safety; and

WHEREAS, correctional facilities across the U.S., both civilian and military, public and private, adult and juvenile, are run by highly qualified and experienced individuals with a deep understanding of the challenges within the profession; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees are responsible for the custody, care and rehabilitation of thousands of offenders every year, as well as the maintenance of safe and secure facilities; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees serve admirably in many different capacities, including jail administrators, wardens, chaplains, nurses, supervisors, social workers, teachers, managers and directors; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees teach, train, mentor, counsel and treat thousands of offenders; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees provide offenders with direction, hope and a new focus while assisting with reentry and life outside corrections; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees rise to meet any challenge and serve this honorable profession nobly and admirably; and now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, correctional officers and employees deserve the recognition for their service and should be commended by leaders in the profession, and the public and our elected officials for the tremendous job they do and exceptional performance of duties under the most difficult of circumstances.



National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, May 1-7, 2022

Capture the spirit of the celebration with your photos for Corrections Today

By Kirk Raymond

Click here to send your NCOEW photos by May 15, 2022 to publications@aca.org

Every single day of every single year, corrections professionals are on the job serving their communities and protecting the populace. These women and men perform their tasks with professionalism and humanity, yet they are often overlooked.

That is why the first full week of May is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating correctional officers and employees. The observance is called the National Correctional Officers and Employees Week (NCOEW) and thanks to former President Ronald Reagan in 1984 and Congress in 1996, the important work of corrections is honored and celebrated. And that's where you come in.

Corrections Today wants you to capture the spirit of this celebratory week with your photos and information. We want to see how you and your team celebrates NCOEW 2022. Our July/August 2022 issue will feature a recap of NCOEW activities and events, and we want to show the world what you did.

So, send us your NCOEW photos for the events and activities showing how much you care about your corrections colleagues and facilities. Please follow the photo guidelines featured on the next page before submitting. The deadline to submit photos for consideration is May 15. If you have any further questions, please email Carla DeCarlo at carlad@aca.org.

One final word — your pictures, and your shared experiences, are important to us. Believe it or not, your celebratory images have the power to help all of

us, in some way, deal better with the grip of our difficult times — mentally, emotionally and physically. We want the world to know there are a whole lot of corrections professionals who are doing a dangerous and difficult job under the most trying circumstances, and they deserve to have their trial, tribulations and successes celebrated openly. So please, let your fellow corrections professionals see you and your team enjoying the one week set aside to honor the challenging profession you have chosen.

Corrections Today Magazine Photo Specifications

We want your photos to appear as wonderful as possible when printed in Corrections Today. Here is a guide to help you get the best quality in your printed photos.

- One of the best cameras is the one you have with you — and for most of us, that camera is your smartphone.
- Before you email us your photos, check the image size (small, medium, large, actual size). Please send us the largest version of your photo.
- Photo resolution should be 300 dpi.
- Preferred file formats: JPEGs (first choice) or PDFs.
- As a rule of thumb, if your photo is less than a megabyte, it's too small to use.
- Small photos at 72 dpi cannot be scaled up and will appear fuzzy or pixelated.