

25th Annual 2009 Medal of Valor

Correctional Supervisor of the Year

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Avenal State Prison

CCSO has hosted the CDCR Medal of Valor Ceremony since 2004 and we will continue to partner with CDCR to make this event a special time for the men and women who receive their awards, and for their families who come to witness their loved ones being honored.

(Information taken from CDCR website)

Two Honored with Medal of Valor for Extraordinary Courage

Sacramento – The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation today awarded Medals of Valor during its 25th Anniversary ceremony to two employees who exhibited extraordinary bravery and conduct in two incidents where public safety was at risk. Both received the Department's highest award for heroism and courage beyond the normal demands of correctional service.

Correctional Officer Christopher A. Briones, Ironwood State Prison, and Office of Correctional Safety **Special Agent Daniel A. Evanilla** are the CDCR Medal of Valor recipients for actions taken in 2008. The awards were presented by CDCR Secretary Matthew L. Cate at a ceremony conducted at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento, during a prestigious event sponsored by the California Correctional Supervisor's Organization. More than 50 employees received awards that ranged from the Medal of Valor to Unit Citations.

The Medal of Valor is earned by employees distinguishing themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of correctional service. The employee shall display great courage in the face of immediate life-threatening peril and with full knowledge of the risk involved. The act should show professional judgment and not jeopardize operations or the lives of others.

Correctional Officer Chris A. Briones was honored for his fearlessness in facing adversity and responding to the aid of fellow officers being assaulted by inmates on Oct. 24, 2008, on a dining hall at Ironwood State Prison. Officer Briones, facing an immediate life-threatening situation, displayed exceptional courage by putting his own safety aside and entering the hall to save the one officer, and assist others, who were in danger of serious injury or death.

Office of Correctional Safety Special Agent Daniel A. Evanilla, who is assigned to the Special Service Unit based out of Rancho Cucamonga, is honored for his selfless role during a multi-agency search warrant service in June 2008. Special Agent Evanilla, facing immediate life-threatening peril, displayed exceptional courage by putting his own safety aside and crawled to a fellow law enforcement officer who had been shot and injured, and pulled that officer from the line of fire. Also honored at today's ceremony were Correctional Officer Tim Jackson, High Desert State Prison as the CDCR Correctional Officer of the Year, and Correctional Lieutenant Linda S. McManus, Avenal State Prison, as the CDCR Correctional Supervisor of the Year.

Complete List of 2009 Award Winners

MEDAL OF VALOR



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Correctional Officer Christopher A. Briones, Ironwood State Prison

Special Agent Daniel A. Evanilla, Office of Correctional Safety

Gold Star Medal

The Corrections Star (Gold) medal is the Department's second highest award for heroic deeds under extraordinary circumstances. The employee shall display courage in the face of immediate peril in acting to save the life of another person.

Correctional Officers Gerald J. Baker, Steven P. Cacciola, Steven C. Foster, Chad L. Hitchcock, Scott J. Holland, Michael Hutton, Debra J. Martinez, Manuel J. Quintanilla, Felix B. Rivera, Brian C. Stowers; Correctional Sergeants Umberto R. Silva Jr. and Michael B. Slankard; Correctional Lieutenant Patrick E. Matzen,
California Correctional Institution

Correctional Supervising Cook Alcadio T. Cornil, Avenal State Prison

Correctional Officer Manuel E. Ibarra Jr., Centinela State Prison

Correctional Officer Mose M. Maiava Jr., Ironwood State Prison



SILVER STAR MEDAL

The Corrections Star (Silver) medal is the Department's third highest award for acts of bravery under extraordinary or unusual circumstances. The employee shall display courage in the face of potential peril while saving or attempting to save the life of another person or distinguish himself or herself by performing in stressful situations with exceptional tactics or judgment.

Parole Agents Rickey Archangel and Michael W. Jones, Division of Adult Parole Operations

Correctional Sergeant Matthew Atchley, Salinas Valley State Prison

Correctional Officers Jesus Benavides and Dominic M. Onainda, Wasco State Prison

Vocational Instructor Louis Chapparro III, California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility

Correctional Officers David Martinez and Susan Mireles, California State Prison, Sacramento

Correctional Sergeant Eric Olive, Ironwood State Prison

Correctional Counselor I Anthony Lamonte Hill, Correctional Training Facility

Registered Nurse Nelia I. Salcido, Centinela State Prison

Correctional Sergeant Christian W. Stieferman, R.A. McGee Correctional Training Center

Correctional Officers Carlos E. Villasenor and David E. Villasenor, California State Prison – Sacramento



BRONZE STAR MEDAL



The Corrections Star (Bronze) is the Department's award for saving a life without placing oneself in peril. The employee shall have used proper training and tactics in a professional manner to save, or clearly contribute to saving, the life of another person.

Correctional Officers Douglas M. Grossi and Richard A. Basso, San Quentin State Prison

Correctional Officer Richard A. Canales, Avenal State Prison

Parole Agent I Ray Duran, Division of Adult Parole Operations

Correctional Officer Daniel E. Grenfell, Kern Valley State Prison

Staff Information Systems Specialist, Jose V. Logan, Chuckawalla Valley State Prison

Correctional Officer Raymond K. Miller, Folsom State Prison

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

The Distinguished Service Medal is for an employee's exemplary work conduct with the Department for a period of months or years, or involvement in a specific assignment of unusual benefit to the Department.

Correctional Sergeants Armando R. Padilla, Jesse Lara and Bryan K. Quesada, California Institution for Men



UNIT CITATION

The Unit Citation is for great courage displayed by a departmental unit in the course of conducting an operation in the face of immediate life-threatening circumstances.

Correctional Officers Manuel T. Avalos, Michael P. Bristow, Elijah W. Caron, and Jennifer R. Howard-Hammer; Correctional Sergeants Bryan S. Colvin and Christopher M. Jenkins, California State Prison-Sacramento



Correctional Sergeant Landry Washington; Correctional Lieutenants Patrick Gifford and Nathan E. Walker, Salinas Valley State Prison

CDCR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Correctional Officer Tim Jackson, High Desert State Prison

CDCR CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

Correctional Lieutenant Linda McManus, Avenal State Prison
