

26th Annual 2010 Medal of Valor

(Not all recipients listed, only supervisory staff but we honor ALL recipients and say, Thank You.)



Correctional Supervisor of the Year
G R E G O R Y B E R G E R S E N
Lt. at Valley State Prison for Women and
CCSO Chapter President

CDCR, on Friday, April 30, 2010, awarded Medals of Valor during its 26th annual ceremony to Sgt. Walter Scott Jandro, CCWF and SRN II Francisco L. Hernandez, NKSP. These were the highest-ranking awards given for heroism and courage beyond the normal demands of correctional service. Besides the Medal of Valor awards, there was the Gold Star medal, which is CDCR's second highest award for heroic deeds under extraordinary circumstances. The employees receiving this award displayed courage in the face of immediate peril in acting to save the life of another person.

The Silver Star is the third highest award for acts of bravery. Facility Capt. Sharon E. Henry, Lt. Timothy G. Ellis, SCC; Sgt. Paul John Popplewell CTF; and Sergeants Anthony M. Murphy and Grant E. Parker, Office of Correctional Safety were supervisory recipients of this award.

The Bronze Star Medal is CDCR's award for saving a life without placing oneself in peril. Lt. Kenneth A. Clendenin, MCSP; Sgt. Mark Garcia, CIM; and Lt. Jackie Jeter, WSP were supervisory recipients of this award.

The Distinguished Service Medal was given for an employee's exemplary work conduct with CDCR for a period of months or years, or involvement in a specific assignment of unusual benefit to CDCR. Lt. William G. Bean, Sgt. Daniel R. Fairchild and Juan R. Ruiz, CRC; and Special Agent Steve Contreras, Office of Correctional Safety were bestowed this distinguished medal.

The Unit Citation was given for great courage displayed by a departmental unit in the course of conducting an operation in the face of immediate life-threatening circumstances. The following supervisory CDCR employees received letters of commendation from Secretary Cate: Sgt. Donald B. Dufrene, PYCF; Sr. Psychologist Gerardine M. Gauch and Chief Psychologist M. Jackson Kahle, SVSP; Physician and Surgeons TT Le and Naveed Riaz, CIM; Lt. Tony D. Lee, CMF; SRN III Robert M. Richey, WSP; Fire Chief Michael C. Thomas, CTF; Correctional Food Manager Brian Wynn, ASP.

A ceremony at CIM on May 14th will be honoring employees with a Unit Citation. SRN II Russell M. Alano, Karen A. Eke, Nick R. Evans, Antoinette M. Montesa; SRN III Jorge R. Gomez, Patrick D. McMahon, Elena Purcar; Sgt.'s Daniel A. Alva, Joshua A. Bain, Jesus J. Borbon, Shely E. Crosby, Dwayne M. Franklin, Jesse Lara, George L. Liera, Ricardo Matute, Sombo Thon; Lt.'s Cris J. Caldwell, Vernon Grant Jr., Eddie J. Hernandez, Andrew R. Lazarus; CCI Lewis R. Jeffers and from CRC, Lt. James F. Barrera and Dan A. Gonzalez will be honored for their courage and conduct in the CIM riot where several hundred inmates caused more than \$5 million in damage. Those honored were first responders.

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.

CCSO Award Recipients:



Clendenin, Kenneth A., Correctional Lt., Mule Creek State Prison (BRONZE



Hernandez, Francisco L., SRN II, North Kern State Prison (MOV)



Jandro, Walter S., Correctional Sergeant, Central California Women's Facility (MOV)



Murphy, Anthony M., Correctional Sergeant, Office of Correctional Safety (SILVER STAR)



Bean, William G., Correctional Lt., California Rehabilitation Center (DIST. SERVICE)



Jeter, Jackie R., Correctional Lt., Wasco State Prison (BRONZE STAR)



Henry, Sharon, Facility Captain, Sierra Conservation Center (SILVER STAR)



Popplewell, Paul, Correctional Sgt., California Training Facility (SILVER STAR)



Garcia, Mark, Correctional Sgt., California Institution for Men (BRONZE STAR)

Note: Only supervisory employees are listed on this update as award recipients; however, many rank and file employees were honored on this day and CCSO appreciates and thanks them for their courage and professionalism. CCSO is proud to be a part of men and women of this caliber.

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