

Congratulations to Sgt. Jason Bernard!

Sgt. Jason Bernard was recognized at the 2011 CCSO Annual Conference that was held in Anaheim, as the CCSO Chapter President of the Year. Sgt. Bernard has only been a Chapter President for a couple of years; however, in this short time he stands out as one of the future leaders of this Organization. CCSO had combined Camps with the California Correctional Center in Susanville, but it wasn't working for the members at CCC or for members at the camps. Their issues were different and CCC was losing the presence of CCSO. We had members but no voice at the institution as the Chapter President was located at a camp. That Chapter President, Lt. Randy Sherer was and continues to do a great job representing camp members. But, he too realized there was a problem. With the guidance of Lt. Sherer, CCSO split camps from CCC to have a Chapter President physically at the institution. Lt. Sherer gave the main office, the name of Sgt. Bernard who was very proactive and a potential candidate for Chapter President. When the chapter elections started, his name was placed on the ballot and he became the CCC Chapter President with no camps attached. He became a valuable asset to this Organization as well as to his members. Sgt. Bernard has more than proven himself to his members, and to the main office. His communication skills are superb, and he canvasses the opinions and issues of his members, and reaches out to all Chapter members and the main CCSO office via personal contact and through a connection of emails. He has recruited CCSO members and his Chapter continues to grow daily.

As the CCC Chapter President, Sgt. Bernard informs his members when he is taking vacation or will be out of town for a few days. He keeps members apprised of new supervisors and welcomes the new supervisors aboard. Besides his communication skills, he is not afraid to take on his administration. When CCC had a problem during the post and bid process, Sgt. Bernard battled with his administration for months, and when he could not get results he took the fight to CDCR headquarters and won an additional five (5) positions.

We thank Lt. Randy Sherer for seeing there was a problem, and providing us a name of a member who had the potential to excel as a Chapter President. Congratulations, Sgt. Jason Bernard and keep up the good work!!