

D.O.C. RETIREE NEWS

PEOPLE WHO BUILT THE D.O.C. TO THE LOFTY STATURE IT ENJOYED THROUGHOUT THE NATION
FOR CERTAIN RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF THE #1 DEPT.

SINCE 1996

#99 MAY 2012

Deputy DOC commissioner, David Crist,
retired May 1, after 33 years with the D.O.C.

"I am grateful for the opportunities I've been given and to the people with whom I've been privileged to work," Crist said.

"Corrections is a noble, but underappreciated, part of the criminal justice system. I'm proud to have been a part of the Minnesota DOC." Crist began his DOC career in 1979 as a part-time corrections officer at the (MCF)-Shakopee. He went on to serve as a case manager, case management supervisor, assistant to the warden, program director, associate warden of administration and associate warden of operations. Between 1997 and 2007, Crist was warden of MCF-Stillwater and Lino Lakes.

In 2007, he served as assistant commissioner of the Facilities Services Division before being appointed to deputy commissioner of the Facility Services Division in May 2009. During his DOC career, Crist served as auditor of corrections standards for the American Corrections Assn, co-chair of the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center-Northeast Regional Advisory Council and as a member of the National Institute of Justice's Corrections Technical Working Group and Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Advisory Committee.

"David carries a wealth of corrections knowledge and experience," said Commissioner Tom Roy. "He has never forgotten his roots as a corrections officer. David is recognized in all facilities and is warmly greeted by both staff and offenders. He is a great example of someone who brings honor to public service."

(EDITOR'S NOTE - SOME OF YOU READERS MAY RECALL, ROGER CRIST, WHO WAS AN AGENT OF THE OLD 'BOARD OF PAROLE' BACK IN THE 1950S. ROGER IS DAVID'S FATHER WHO LEFT MN, OBTAINED HIS MSW AND WAS WARDEN AT DEER LODGE MONTANA AND IN ARIZONA. WHEN I STARTED AS AN AGENT IN '59 ROGER HELPED 'BREAK ME IN'. ROGER PASSED AWAY IN 2010.)



Terry Carlson replaces Crist

She has been the Assistant to Crist for the past 3 years. Started as a C.O. at Shakopee in 1983. She worked at the Faribault Prison but returned to Shakopee and was made associate warden. Then was Assistant commissioner of Support services in Central Office.

From there
She was Warden
at Willow River
/Moose Lake
And then, Warden
at Rush City prison
to Assistant Commissioner of Facility Services.



ACCORDING TO THE D.O.C. ORG CHART, TERRY IS IN CHARGE OF ALL INSTITUTIONS - ADULT & YOUTH.

THE ROLE OF 'DEPUTY COMMISSIONER' HAS CHANGED OVER THE YEARS

HOWARD COSTELLO WAS APPOINTED 'DEPUTY COMMISSIONER' OF THE NEW D.O.C. BY 1ST COMMISSIONER, WILL TURNBLADH. HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE ADULT INSTITUTIONS & ADULT PAROLE/PROBATION. JOE ROWAN WAS THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OVER THE YOUTH DIVISION. HOWARD WAS A YOUNG MARINE AT THE END OF WW2 AND INVOLVED IN OCCUPATION DUTIES IN JAPAN. AS A YOUNG ENLISTED MAN (AGE 20!) HE WAS ASSIGNED TO BE IN CHARGE OF A JAPANESE PRISON! WHAT A START IN THE CORRECTIONS FIELD!

**DOC MONTHLY LUNCHEONS
RETIREES MEET (AND SPOUSES OR WHOEVER)
THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT
PERKINS - 694 AND LEXINGTON-
NOONISH.**

**APRIL LUNCHEON - PAT BERGLUND, BOB
NELSON, JIM ZELLMER, LOIS GELBMANN,
ARDYS HEILIG AND BETTY ELHOLM.**

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DEMISE OF THE 'RETIREE NEWS'?

**-AS I MENTIONED IN THE MARCH
NEWSLETTER. WELL, MAYBE.
I'VE BEEN TAKING PHYSICAL
THERAPY TO TRY TO IMPROVE
THE STRENGTH IN MY LEGS.
NOTHING YET BUT AS I
APPROACH THE 'MAY
NEWSLETTER', I AM MORE
OPTIMISTIC AND HOPE TO KEEP
IT GOING. I STILL GET AROUND
BY USE OF A WALKER AND MY
CHAUFFEUR, "CATHY".**

**I'M ASKED 'WHAT DO YOU DO
IN RETIREMENT?' WHAT WOULD
I DO W/O THE RETIREE NEWS?**

**THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT CARDS, LETTERS AND
NOTES OF 'GET WELL WISHES'-**

AL ARNOLD, MARY HURRLE
PAULA SULLIVAN, BOB GIELOW
LEW LINDE
ROBERTA COOKE
JIM BRUTON
LINDA ALLEN
BETTY ELHOLM
JUDY BIRCHER
PAUL SUNDET
TAI SHIGAKI
BRUCE & JANE BESSE
DAVE CORBO
JOE VENE
MIKE TRIMBO
DAVE CORBO
LEANNE PHINNEY
DENNY/HELEN HANSON
DICK ALSTAD
JOHN KING

JOHN KING PROMOTED



Commissioner Tom Roy has appointed John King, a 30-year veteran of the Department of Corrections (DOC), as the new Assistant Commissioner of the Facility Services Division.

"John is an exceptional leader who has held a variety of jobs with the DOC," said Roy. "He is an excellent mentor with sharp knowledge of corrections. His experience combined with his amiable personality make him respected among staff. He will be a great addition to our team."

King has a vast range of correctional experience at four facilities and the department's central office. After beginning his career as a correctional officer, King held various accounting and supervisory positions. He served as associate warden of operations and warden at the Stillwater facility and most recently as warden of Lino Lakes. During his career, King was part of the staff that opened the Oak Park Heights prison in 1982 and the Rush City prison in 2000.

"I appreciate the opportunity to serve Commissioner Roy and all of the DOC in this new role," said King. "When I started as an officer at Oak Park Heights in 1982, I never imagined that the DOC would give me the opportunities I have had. I understand and deeply care about the professional staff who work in our prisons and their role in protecting the public."

King's appointment begins May 7.

**HOW EMIL HANSON GOT INTO CORRECTIONS
BY DENNY HANSON (NO RELATION)**

**EMIL WAS WORKING AS A WELL DRILLER IN THE
CROOKSTON AREA UNTIL HE HURT HIS BACK. IT IS
HARD WORK AND CAN BE DANGEROUS. HE HAD TO
GIVE IT UP SO HE WENT TO BEMIDJI STATE
UNIVERSITY AND GOT HIS DEGREE AND GOT A JOB
WITH HUMAN SERVICES AND BECAME A SOCIAL
WORKER AT CROOKSTON.**

**I WAS WORKING IN CORRECTIONS AT THE TIME AND
IN 1968 EMIL CALLED ME ONE DAY AND WANTED TO
COME IN AND VISIT. "HOW DO I GET A JOB LIKE
YOURS?", HE SAID TO ME. "WHEN I WENT TO COLLEGE
I EXPECTED I WOULD BE ABLE TO WORK WITH PEOPLE
- ALL I DO IS 'PAPER WORK IN WELFARE".**

**AFTER A LITTLE MORE 'B.S.' I TOLD HIM THERE
WAS AN OPENING IN BEMIDJI AS AN AGENT AND I GAVE
HIM AN APPLICATION. I TOLD HIM TO FILL IT OUT
AND SEND IT IN AND I WOULD GIVE HIM A GOOD
RECOMMENDATION.**

**EMIL SAID HE HAD A CABIN SOUTH OF BAGLEY AND
LIVING IN BEMIDJI WOULD ENABLE HIM TO GET MORE
USE OUT OF IT. HE GOT THE JOB.!**

HERE IS A LATEST RETIREE GROUP!



ALL DOC ARE INVITED TO AN 11:30 AM LUNCH EVERY THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 'WOODY'S' IN BAYPORT. THIS IS THE GROUP THAT SHOWED UP LAST TIME/ L/R MARK WILMES, BOB AUFDERHAR, DAVE WILMES, TIM GORR, DAVE KORTE & CARL PENTLAND.

Lt. Joe McQuillan, Mn Correctional Facility-Oak Park Heights, Will be retiring Friday, June 1, 2012

In Honor of 32+ Years of Service

Please join us at Applewood Hills Golf Course Friday, June 1, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. to wish him well. (Located on Hwy. 36 just west of the intersection of 36 and Manning in Stillwater)

For those interested, we will be golfing at 1:00 p.m. at Applewood Hills.

The cost is: For 9 Holes: \$14.75 – to walk \$23.25 – to ride

Please be sure to contact Sherry Bohn

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Dick Niemi started at Stillwater in 1976 and retired from Oak Park Heights in 1991 as a Lieutenant.

"Sorry I haven't been as responsive lately but am going through a medical problem. I only had one eye since childhood & in my late years I developed a cataract on my good eye which upon removal brought to light that I had wet macular degeneration which took 4 months to bring under control with injections into my eyeball. Then they removed the cataract & the process caused my retina to developed weak spots including a hole, which I just had fixed last week, & so now I'm crossing my fingers. In the meantime, effective today, I took on responsibility for our Eau Claire office, which has been under a disruptive problem for over a year. So hopefully if everything comes together medically I can return to what I enjoy.....work!" dniemi@permarsecurity.com

HOW I GOT INTO CORRECTIONS- TOM HOULE



I started my first job in corrections in 1956 while a senior at UM in the same program as you (Sociology "C" sequence). I did an unpaid internship at Red Wing in the summer of 1956 and then got a job at Boys Totem Town (Ramsey County School for Delinquent boys) that fall as a relief counselor evenings and weekends. Got about \$100 a month plus room and board! Got a job the next fall with the old YCC as their agent in a new office in Hibbing. No actual office except in the trunk of my state car, a 1955 Ford. I started about the 1st of October, 1957 and later wrangled free office space in the Hibbing courthouse. The closest agents were Milt Olson in Thief River Falls and Warren Peterson in Duluth. Warren was my supervisor also. Later, Jim Lyle came on to relieve Warren of his caseload. We had no money for office space and about \$1.50 a month for long distance calls. Yet we had unlimited vouchers for gas. There were no dictating machines so I scrounged an old Edison voice tube machine from the courthouse attic in International Falls with a speaking tube that carried the sound that was transcribed on a wax cylinder. The part-time secretary transcribed from the same machine. When the cylinder was full we took it to the welfare office downstairs that used the same cylinder system and they could erase the dictation by shaving the cylinder down so it could be used again. Eventually the cylinder was so thin it would be thrown out.

I spent about three years there and moved to Central Office when a reorganization closed the office. Worked as a permanent secretary to the YCC board for a couple of years and as interstate agent before going to Rochester as a field supervisor. From there to graduate school. Spent the summer between graduate school years working with female offenders in south Minneapolis. Then to Red Wing as the Program Director before moving to Sioux Falls in 1972 to teach at Augustana and Sioux Falls Colleges. Met many fine people in my years at DOC and think of them often. TOM HOULE

KNOW OF THESE PEOPLE?

PHYLISS McCORMICK, RETIRED SECRETARY OF CENTRAL OFFICE PERSONNEL HASN'T BEEN HEARD FROM IN SOMETIME. PHONE HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED.

DEL LEAF - DOESN'T RESPOND TO E-MAIL & PHONE.

MARGARITTE BITTNER HASN'T BEEN HEARD FROM.

**ANYONE HAVE SOME WORD ON THEM?
ALSO, IF ANYONE RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER DOESN'T CARE TO - WOULD YOU ADVISE ME SO WE CAN SAVE SOME POSTAGE?**

HAVE YOU NOTICED WHEN YOU ARE RETIRED HOW NICE IT IS TO LAY IN BED AND WATCH THE 'TRAFFIC REPORT' AND GIVE 'THANKS' YOU AREN'T OUT THERE WITH THAT MESS!

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SPECIAL THANKS

IN THIS ISSUE TO DAVID KORTE, RETIRED FROM OPH, FOR HIS EFFORTS TO KEEP ME INFORMED OF PROMOTIONS AND RETIREES ACTIVITIES. VERY HELPFUL.

WANT YOUR "HOW I GOT INTO THE D.O.C." IN HERE? WRITE IT! SEND IT IN.

**ST CLOUD REFORMATORY RETIREES.
THE FALL GETTOGETHER OF RETIREES NETTED 46 IN ATTENDANCE AT THE LOCAL VFW ON APRIL 19TH, ACCORDING TO DUANE CEKALLA, CHAIRPERSON. SRM RETIRED WARDEN, BILL McCRAE SAYS THE NEXT ONE WILL BE HELD OCT. 18TH, 2012**

**SOME RECEIVED THE MARCH ISSUE TORN AND TATTERED. SORRY ABOUT THAT! WE HOPE THAT IS CORRECTED THIS TIME.
SEND ME YOUR NEWS FOR THE JULY 2012 'RETIREE NEWSLETTER'. AND BEST WISHES FROM THE OLD PERSONNEL DIRECTOR!**