

HONORING THE CORRECTION OFFICER

Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, professional correctional officers walk the toughest beat in America.

During our careers, the average officer will be assaulted at least four times. The stress of our jobs is so great that, on the average, we will not see our 59th birthdays. More than 33,000 of our co-workers were assaulted by inmates last year alone.

Where we work, the AID/HIV rate is three times higher than the general population. Toxic cocktails comprised of urine, feces, blood, vomit, mucus and semen routinely are thrown at us. Every year, we attend memorial services honoring the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice while doing a job few would dare to do, and every year, new names are added at those memorials.

We are not guards, screws, hacks or turn-keys. We are professional correctional officers and we are the public's last line of defense. On the beat we patrol, all of the citizens are convicted felons. We supervise all of the murderers, rapists, child molesters, and armed robbers, drug dealers and thieves.

May 15th is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day. On this day, we honor the courageous officers who do the dirtiest job in law enforcement. We want society to know that we are here, every day of the year, every hour of the day, protecting public safety by putting our lives directly between society's worst deviants and the nation's law-abiding citizens.

When you next drive past a prison or county jail, don't think about the convicted felons housed there, think about the men and women who risk their lives protecting yours.



Compliments of:

American Correctional Officer Intelligence Network

PO Box 1175 Thayne, WY 83127 ACOIN1@aol.com
Tel. 1-307-883-9707 Fax 1-307-883-97 www.COintell.net