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Teams build relationships, camaraderie during 5th Annual Commissioner's CERT Challenge

Story and photos By Lisa Rodriguez-Presley

October 10 was a day for building camaraderie, and some interstate rivalry during the 5th Annual-Commissioner's CERT Challenge at the GDC Firearms Training Complex. There were 12 finalists which consisted of 11 Correctional Emergency Response Teams (CERT), one team from Canine and for the first time, a team from the Tennessee Department of Correction.



Warden Artis Singleton of Lee State Prison keeps his facility's team from being a man down, but takes an unexpected swim during the tug of war 5th Annual Commissioner's CERT Challenge.

The finale consisted of four events which included firearms, the Leadership Reaction Course, Obstacle Course and the Team Rope Challenge. Special Operations would like to congratulate the following teams on their accomplishments for the 2014 Commissioner's Challenge.

The 2014 Commissioner's Challenge Champions and 1st Place winners are: LEE ARRENDALE STATE PRISON. Lee Arrendale State Prison earned the Commissioner's Cup, a \$750 bonus per member, a commemorat- (See CHALLENGE pg. 2)

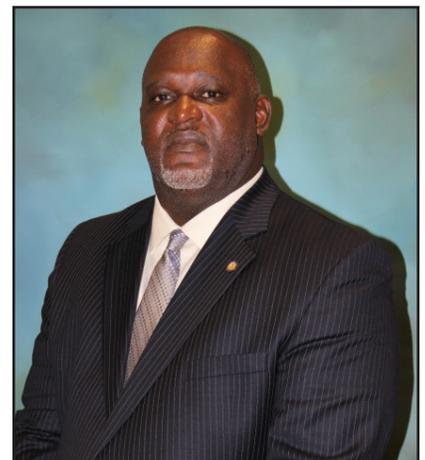
Around the Perimeter with Anthony Jenkins

Story by Susan Megahee

On July 16, Anthony G. Jenkins was appointed to Director of Programs. As Director, Dr. Jenkins will be responsible for oversight of the following departmental programs: Risk Reduction, Chaplaincy, Vocational and Education. Let's take a trip around the perimeter with our newest leader in Central Office.

Q: Educational background: Bachelors degree and Master's degree in Physical Education from Georgia Southwestern. Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Troy University.

Q: Previous positions: Physical Education and Health instructor for 15 years, High School Assistant Principal, Middle School Principal, and most recently High School (See JENKINS Pg. 3)



Calendar Events

Tuesday, November 4
Rome DRC
Commencement Ceremony

Wednesday, November 5
Commissioner's
Roundtable Luncheon

Thursday, November 6
Board of Corrections
Meeting

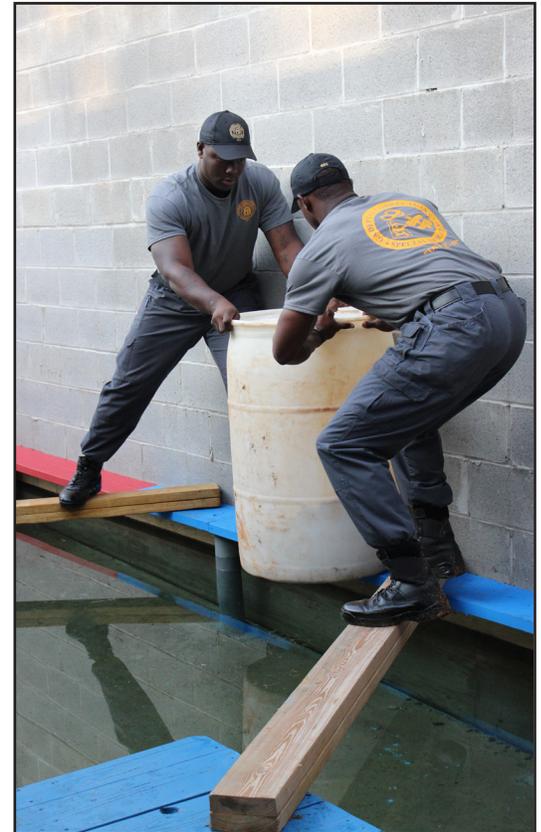
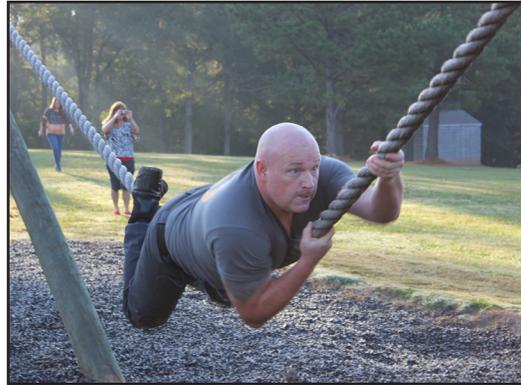
Friday, November 7
Wardens vs. Chiefs Pistol
Competition

Lee Arrendale SP
Faith and Character Based
Graduation

Tuesday, November 11
****HOLIDAY****
Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 12
GDC Quarterly Awards
Ceremony

**Thursday, November 27 -
Friday, November 28**
****HOLIDAY****
Thanksgiving



5TH ANNUAL



COMMISSIONER'S CERT CHALLENGE



(CHALLENGE from Pg. 1)
ive jacket and a year's worth of bragging rights.

2nd Place and a one-time bonus of \$500 per member:
WARE STATE PRISON

3rd Place and a one-time bonus of \$250 per member: Canine Unit

Team Leadership Award (Leadership Reaction Course):
WARE STATE PRISON

Team Marksmanship Award:
CENTRAL STATE PRISON

GDC Team Obstacle Course Award:
LEE ARRENDALE STATE PRISON

GDC Team Rope Challenge:
DOOLY STATE PRISON

There were several CERT Team members who achieved individual awards during the 2014 Commissioner's Challenge Preliminary events. Those individuals are as follows:

Excellence in Policy & Procedures Award :
Dave Ockletree - Telfair SP

Excellence in Marksmanship Award:
Thomas Gilman - Baldwin SP

Excellence in Physical Fitness Standards Awards :
Deshawn Jones - Lee Arrendale SP

Excellence in Team Leadership Award:
Georgia State Prison Team 1



(JENKINS from Pg. 1)

Principal. During his time working in the public school system, he also spent many years coaching football, baseball and both men's and women's basketball at the high-school level.

Q: Why did you want to pursue a career in Corrections? Ready for a change, I liked the thought of a new challenge. The work I did in the education field is very similar to the work I will be doing in corrections. Our business is about helping people. Education is why I am where I am today. To help someone else is so valuable, so important.

Q: What do you find most rewarding about working in Corrections? Both the relationships with the people and learning about all of the different programs and events that are taking place at the Department.

Q: Proudest accomplishment: Being inducted into the Georgia Southwestern Hall of Fame for football in 1997.

Q: What are some of your goals as the Director of Programs? Increasing the ed-

ucation levels of our inmates and the development of our Charter Schools partnership, which will allow inmates to earn their high school diplomas.

Q: What are some of the major challenges facing our facilities? Our education programs have a technology component; online education, which require inmates to have access to computer use. Allowing computers into a facility is a challenge and fear because of the safety factors.

Q: What do you look forward to most working in this new role? Working with the people, helping offenders get their education so that they will have viable certification when released, and getting more certificated programs (CDL, Welding, Diesel) for the Department.

Q: Favorite quotes?

"The time is always right to do the right thing." –Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Some want it to happen, some wish it to happen, others make it happen." –Michael Jordan

Q: Do you have any hobbies?

A little golf and yardwork

Q: Favorite movie:

Troy

Q: What music/artists are on your iPod?

Prince

Q: What was the first concert you attended?

Prince at the Macon Coliseum

Q: What was the first record you owned?

Prince

Q: Favorite website:

ESPN.com

Q: Favorite app: Weather Channel

Q: Favorite book: Enjoy reading autobiographies...learning what makes people who they are

Q: If you could be a fictional character, which one would it be and why? As a little kid I collected comic books and I would want to be Spiderman.

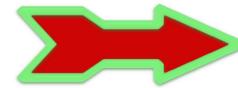
Q: Do you have a celebrity look-a-like? Some say Shaq ☺

Mr. Jenkins is married to his wife Angela, of 21 years!



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Claxton community reaches out to DRC Lite Program, participants

Content Contributed by Mary Jane Gross

It has been very exciting month for Claxton DRC Lite, as the community reached out to help several participants in a BIG way. Two local churches- Claxton First Baptist Church and Glennville First Christian Church graciously contributed for a participant to obtain a vision exam and for a pair of glasses.



The Glennville First Christian Church also provided funding for one of our participants to receive a new bike. Not only did these churches contribute for the vision exam, glasses and bike, National Vision Center at Walmart in Statesboro donated a large box of eyeglass cleaning wipes.

Our 26 year old participant has finally obtained his first pair of glasses and he is able to see clearly. The new bike has provided our other participant more independence and transportation to attend DRC Lite classes.



Around the Agency...

GDC staff shows their support during Breast Cancer Awareness Month

With so many facilities participating in Breast Cancer Awareness Month activities there were too many to single out, but we thought you'd enjoy a glimpse of a few of the many events that took place during the month of October around the agency.



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