

CorrectionHistory.  
Org participates  
in 'Auburn Prison'  
200<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
event under big tent  
on roadway of  
Genesee Street.



**WELCOME TO**  
*"Auburn Prison"*  
**Auburn Correctional Facility's**  
**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Celebration**



**1817 – 2017**

*Auburn, New York*  
*Founder's Day*  
*August 12, 2017*



**Ceremonies start with Presentation of the Colors. Mayor Michael Quill (hand on heart) shows respect.**



## PROGRAM

3:45 PM – Formal Ceremony Begins and Includes:

- National Anthem and Color Guard
  - Presentation of the Commemorative Plaque
- Honored Guest Speakers:

Master of Ceremonies: Mayor Michael Quill  
Honorable John M. Katko, U.S. Congressman  
Honorable John A. DeFrancisco, NYS Senator  
Honorable Pamela A. Helming, NYS Senator  
Honorable Gary D. Finch, NYS Assemblyman  
Honorable Michael Nozzolio, former NYS Senator  
Harold D. Graham, Superintendent, Auburn C.F.  
Joseph F. Bellnier, NYSDOCCS Deputy Commissioner  
Anthony J. Annucci, NYSDOCCS Acting Commissioner

4:45 – 6:45 PM Live music band “Generation Gap”

## SPECIAL THANKS

Without these special people and businesses this celebration would not have been possible:

Auburn B.I.D. & Stephanie Devito

Prison City Pub and Brewery/Copper Pig

Auburn Doubledays

Eileen McHugh and the Cayuga Museum

Thomas McCarthy, NYC DOC Historian/ Webmaster

Auburn Correctional Facility Color Guard and CERT Team

Our Committee Members (back cover)

Special thanks to our Unions: NYSCOPBA, PEF and Council 82 for their generous donations towards our Employee Commemorative Plaque.



**Besides mayor, VIPs on stage above include current and former lawmakers, DOCCS and ACF officials. Below: ACF chaplain, Deacon John D. Tomandl, leads them and audience in the opening prayer.**



“On this site 1817 a pillar of our community was built . . . On this day of our bicentennial, the employees of Auburn Correction Facility honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice as well as the countless men and women of the past, present and future who selflessly serve to protect our communities.”

August 12, 2017.





**ACF anniversary program speakers include, left to right, facility superintendent Harold D. Graham, Acting DOCCS Commissioner Anthony J. Annucci & Michael Pettigrass, SORC, chairman, 200<sup>th</sup> year anniversary committee.**

The formal part of event ends with the ACF Color Guard retiring the colors.



All stand as the flags are carried from the tent.



**CorrectionHistory.Org display draws attention.**



**Assaultive or  
insubordinate  
inmate would  
be put in  
“solitary  
confinement”  
on bread &  
water aka  
“cakes & ale.”  
Heavy metal  
yoke rarely  
used. Injuries  
might disable  
inmate worker.**



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**CorrectionHistory.Org video retells ACF origin.**

**Correction  
History.Org  
webmaster,  
seated, looks  
on as an off-  
duty CO does  
our ACF quiz  
standing at  
website's  
table display  
under big tent  
at 200th  
anniversary  
event.**



Auburn Prison  
History:  
Think You Know It?  
Want to Learn More?  
Take  
This  
Quiz!!

1817 2017

**Q&A BASED ON RESEARCH  
& WRITINGS OF THE LATE  
AUBURN PRISON  
HISTORIAN DEP.  
SUPERINTENDENT  
JOHN N. MISKELL  
PRESENTED ON  
NYCHS WEBSITE AT  
[www.correctionhistory.org](http://www.correctionhistory.org)**





**ACF's CERT table display attracts interest.**



Photos, program copies at an ACF tent table.



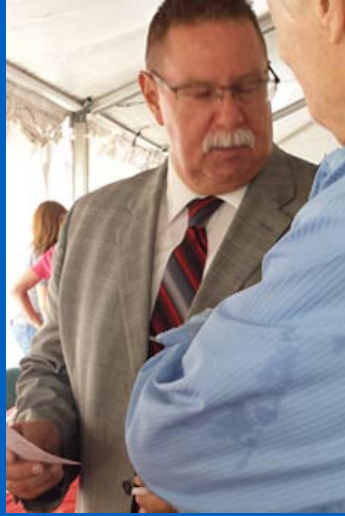
**Another table under 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary bash tent 'Auburn Prison' offers T-shirts, DVDs, medallions, souvenir prison-made car plates.**



**Time to visit friends Eileen McHugh, Cayuga Museum exec-director; Mike Pettigrass, bicentennial chairman, and his ACF colleague, C.O. Mike O'Sullivan, left.**



**CIU Director  
Scott Kelly**



**Superintendent  
H. D. Graham**



**Dep. Commissioner  
J.F. Bellnier**



**Commissioner  
A.J. Annucci**



**NYS Sen. Pam Helming &  
NYS Sen. John DeFrancisco**



**Auburn C. F.  
Sgt. Scott Clark**



**Public Information  
Director T.W. Mailey**

**Time too for making new contacts, additional friends.**

Time too for fresh discoveries such as Auburn Correctional Facility C.O. Nathan Vevone, enthusiastic researcher into the prison and jail history of pre-penitentiary Auburn, pursuing lines of inquiry completely new to CorrectionHistory.Org webmaster, turning him enthusiastic too.







**Another happy discovery was learning my bride of 1 year & 3 months has photojournalist skills I was unaware of prior to her taking all the pictures in this presentation (except this one). I did the scans of the printed program.**

an excerpt from  
**A Historical Overview of Auburn Correctional Facility**

By Michael Pettigrass, Facility Historian, SORC

Auburn Correctional facility, as it is known today, opened in 1817 as "Auburn Prison" and is the oldest, continually operating maximum security correctional facility in the United States. Auburn Prison received its first inmates in 1817 and continues to operate today as a modern day correctional facility. This year our facility celebrates 200 years of service to New York State. As a maximum security prison/correctional facility in operation for two full centuries, Auburn has made its mark on the world. The "Auburn System" or "Silent System" of prison management began to evolve almost immediately after the prison opened its doors and flourished as a management system until around 1900. In 1830 the influential Boston Prison Society called Auburn "Probably the best prison in the world.....a model worthy of the world's imitation." Other states and European nations sent delegates to study the "Auburn System" for replication. Perhaps one of the most famous events at Auburn occurred on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1890, partially as a result of the culmination of the battle between Thomas Edison and George Westinghouse, who fought for supremacy in selling their two different modes of producing electricity. This was the date of the world's first legal execution by electrocution and it took place in Auburn's famous electric chair. In 1857, the New York State Legislature approved the erection of the Institute for the Criminally Insane which was built adjacent to Auburn Prison. In 1961 the new Osborne School was opened and remains in full operation today, providing an extensive range of academic, vocational and therapeutic programs to meet today's growing needs. Today, Auburn Correctional facility continues to evolve, mixing its rich history with modern technology. Coupled with Auburn's wide array of Program and Mental Health Services, an inmate can successfully integrate himself back into society.

200<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Committee

Michael Pettigrass, SORC, Committee Chairman

Debra Vanni, Committee Treasurer

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Rochelle Flanigan, Sr. Xray Tech

Auburn Correctional Facility Executive Team

Superintendent: Harold Graham

First Deputy Superintendent: Timothy McCarthy

Deputy Supt. of Administration: William Fennessy

Acting Deputy Supt. of Security: Captain Bryan Norris

Deputy Supt. of Programs: Galyn Schenk

Asst. Deputy Supt. of P.R.E.A. : Marcus Butler

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