

## THE CORRECTION FLAG



**D**uring 1998, in observance of the centennial of New York City's emergence as a municipality of five boroughs, the Department of Correction formally adopted as its official flag the design displayed here.

**T**he colors that predominate are those found in the Department emblematic shoulder patch: orange, blue, white and gold. Blue, white and orange also predominate in the official flag of the City in remembrance of colors in the United Netherlands flag that flew over the New Amsterdam settlement in 1625.

**T**he five stars surrounding the City Seal on the orange field represent the five boroughs in which the Department operates its facilities. The numerals to the left and right of the stars-surrounded seal spell out the year that the Department was created as a separate agency. The sixteen blue and white stripes represent the number of major facilities operated by the Department at the time of the design adoption.