

# NY Correction History Society images of NYC DOC

Flag

Day

ceremonial

event

outside

Rikers Island's

James A. Thomas

Center,

June 14, 2011.





Event held near JATC flag poles plaza. 





Captain Demetria Gives, serving as mistress of ceremonies, said: *We are here for a solemn, patriotic purpose . . .*



Captain Gives continued: . . . *to honor our many members of service, and their families, who serve our country and to witness presentation of the flag of our country, Old Glory . . .*





Capt. Gives concluded:

*Please rise for the National Anthem. . .*





... *sung by C.O. Keisha Mayo* ...  
[photo inset, upper right corner]





Ceremonial unit captain:  
*Detail! Ahh-tention ... Pree-sent Arms!* 🗨️



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Commissioner Dora B. Schriro: *We honor all DOC staff who respond in times of urgency, our veterans, active duty members, and reserve military personnel.*



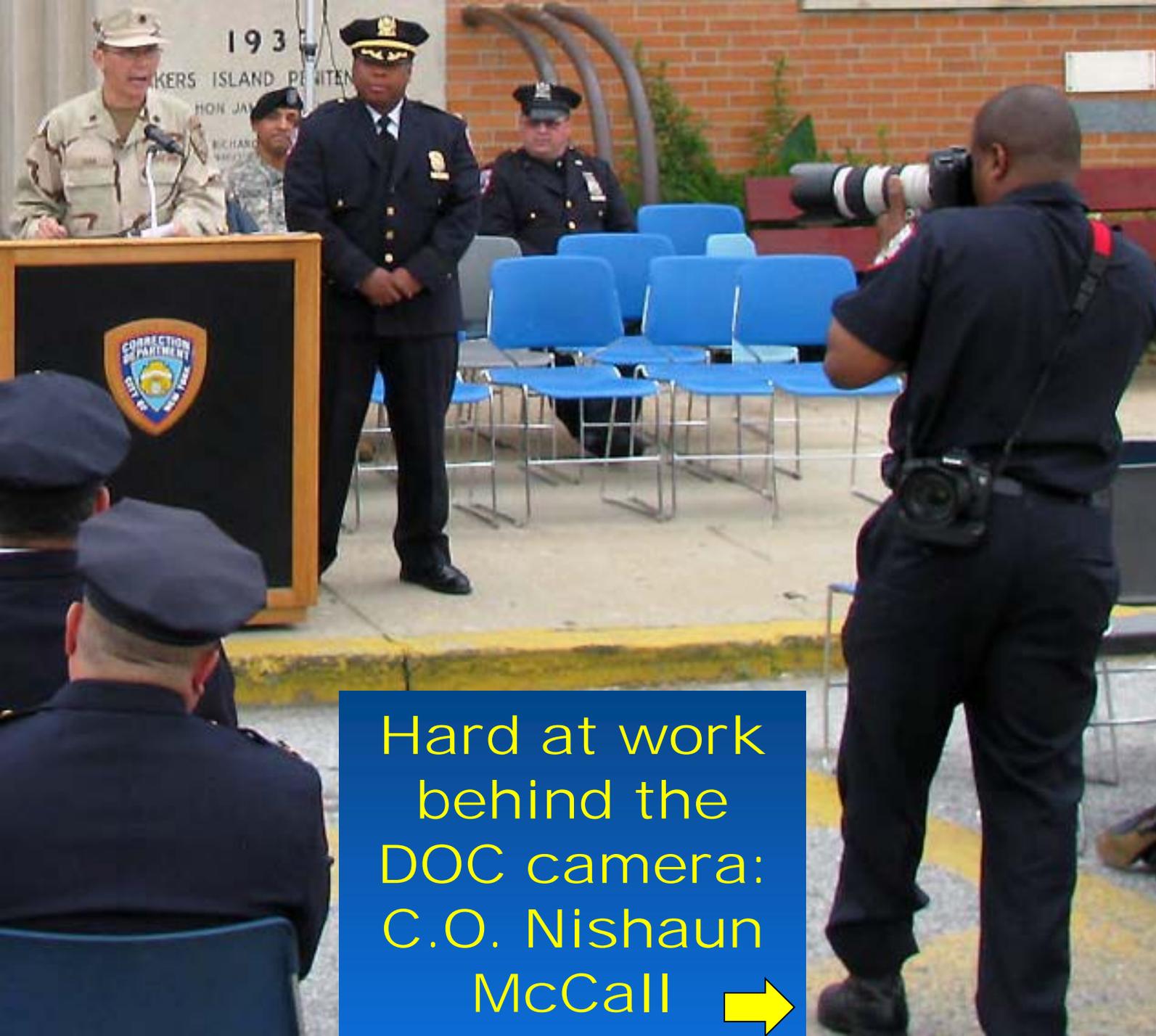
*Today - in the Ceremonial Unit are Marine vets C.O. Paul La Franca & C.O. "AD" Santiago. Also recognize ADW Nicasio Velazquez, Marine vet & now a Platoon sergeant in the New York Army National Guard.*



*We acknowledge  
all DOC staff  
with family  
members who  
are currently  
serving in the  
U.S. Armed  
Forces. To those  
staff we today  
are presenting  
"Blue Star  
Service" lapel  
pins. [photo inset,  
upper left corner]*



*Today, we have special presentation of two American flags brought from Guantanamo Bay by DOC Capt. Hon Chan of the Academy.*



Hard at work  
behind the  
DOC camera:  
C.O. Nishaun  
McCall →

*Capt.  
Chan,  
while  
on  
active  
military  
leave  
from  
DOC,  
served  
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at  
Gitmo  
last  
August.*



*There, at GTMO's Camp Delta, these two flags were flown on this past New Year's Day, each for 9 minutes and 11 seconds.*





*Accepting them for DOC: Chief of Dept.  
Larry W. Davis Sr. and Academy Warden  
Raino Hills.*





With 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Commissioner Lewis Finkelman applauding, Gitmo flag was presented to Chief Davis.





Chief Davis & Capt. Chan held framed certificate from Gitmo's Joint Detention Group attesting to the flag having flown over Camp Delta 9 minutes 11 seconds.



Chief Davis expressed appreciation for presentation of the flag and for the dedication of those honoring it with their service to the country.





Warden Hills received Gitmo flag.





Capt. Chan presented framed certificate authenticating flag held by Warden Hills.





Warden Hills expressed appreciation. 



Captain  
Givens  
announced  
the Pledge  
of  
Allegiance  
would be  
led by ADW  
Nicasio  
Velazquez &  
CO Mayo  
would sing  
*God Bless  
America.*



*God bless America. Land that I love . . .*

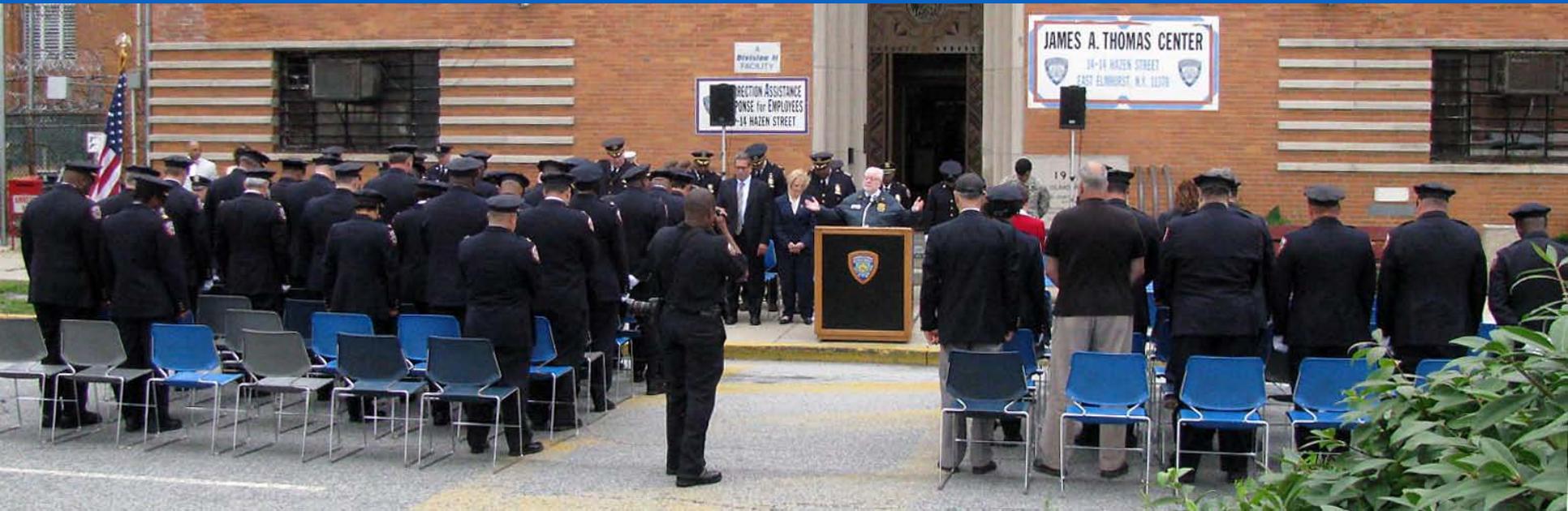




*Stand beside her, and guide her,  
Thru the night with the light from above.*



Rev. Michael Ross delivered the Benediction.









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