



What's New at DOCCS? September 23, 2014

SEFA 2015 Campaign:

The State Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA) will begin its 2015 campaign this month and will run into December. The campaign offers the state workforce the opportunity to contribute to charitable causes in their own communities and to the organizations that are national or statewide. DOCCS has volunteers across the State to facilitate contributions to this worthy cause. They will be reaching out to all staff in September or early October.

Suits: VA Support for Incarcerated Veterans:

DOCCS is now showing a DVD titled "Suits: VA Support for Incarcerated Vets" during the facility orientation process for incoming inmates. DOCCS is committed to ensuring that all of our [incarcerated veterans](#) are informed of the benefits and services that are available to them.

Breast Cancer Awareness:

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. The Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) Local 259 is organizing a team to walk in the American Cancer Society's annual Making Strides Against Cancer Walk on October 19, 2014 in Central Park NYC. The CSEA Local 259 is selling shirts, seeking donations and participants in the walk. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Forgotten Victims Memorial Ceremony Attica Correctional Facility September 13, 2014

On Saturday, September 13, 2014, Acting Commissioner Annucci attended and spoke at The Forgotten Victims of Attica annual memorial service which commemorated the 43rd anniversary of the Attica prison riot. This was the first time a DOCCS Commissioner spoke at their annual event, for which they expressed a lot of appreciation. Prior to the memorial service personal items belonging to staff that were collected after the five-day riot were returned to surviving hostages and their families. The family members were afforded the opportunity to view the items in private, which were placed in oak boxes that were made by the Department and inscribed with the name of the concerned hostage. To read Acting Commissioner's remarks, click [here](#).

