

### **Annual Donna Payant Memorial Held at Green Haven Correctional Facility**

On May 15<sup>th</sup> Green Haven Correctional Facility hosted its annual Donna Payant Memorial Service. Over 200 security and civilian staff along with executive team members from the facility joined members of the Central Office Executive Team as the facility color guard, to the sound of bagpipes, marched past the Donna Payant Memorial stone.

Acting Commissioner Annucci delivered the keynote address.

Mrs. Payant was strangled by an inmate less than one month after becoming a correction officer on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1981.

Wreaths were laid by the memorial stone as the American flag was lowered to half-staff. A rifle squad fired a twenty-one gun salute before a rendition of Taps was played followed by Amazing Grace on bagpipes.

