



FALLEN OFFICER MEMORIAL DEDICATION ATTENDEES WILL GET SPECIAL COIN; VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR MAY 7 EVENT

By now you have heard that MCO will be honoring our fallen members and their families at the Fallen Officer Memorial Dedication Ceremony and Open House May 7.

Here are a few announcements about this event:

- **Make sure you bookmark the Fallen Officers Memorial and Open House Information Center at mco-seiu.org/memorial.** All information released about the dedication ceremony and open house will be posted there, so check back often.

- **A special commemorative coin will be given to all members and guests in attendance at the memorial**

dedication May 7. Go to mco-seiu.org/memorial to see the coin now.

This coin was specially designed for the dedication ceremony and serves as a small reminder of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and acknowledges those currently working behind the walls.

The coin also represents the loyalty, strength, and tireless dedication required of all corrections staff. To those doing the job every day, we thank you and honor you with this coin.

For members who are unable to attend the unveiling, you can receive a coin by coming to the MCO central office and viewing the memorial in person after the ceremony. The MCO central office is

open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays.

- **We still need volunteers to make this event a success.** Volunteers will be doing everything from explaining the various displays we will have set up inside the MCO office building; to directing parking; to seating the families of fallen officers. We will make an effort to place volunteers according to their interest.

If you would like to be a part of this historic dedication, contact Tangee Laza at tangee@mco-seiu.org or Karen Mazzolini at karen@mco-seiu.org to hear more details and sign up. You can also call us at (517)485-3310 or (800)451-4878.

AROUND THE STATE: LMF PRISONERS REPEATEDLY COMPLAIN ABOUT FOOD; NOROVIRUS LINGERS AT SMT

Alger inmates have brought up Trinity food service issues at five of their last six monthly block rep meetings.

Complaints are wide-ranging, including concerns about foods included in the low-sodium diet line, watery stew, dirty dishes, and long delays. Food service delays affect facility movement plans and mean less time for other scheduled activities, like yard and law library.

We understand Trinity has been fined for problems like delays, but when will they actually be held accountable for not serving quality, nutritious meals on schedule?

MCO would like to continue to take a strong position on Trinity and report on problems we can confirm. Please send info on food service issues to mail@mco-seiu.org. Remember, to highlight these issues in the KYI and elsewhere, we need solid facts that can be backed up with proof, first-person accounts, etc.

An inmate grabbed an MDOC hat during a fight Wednesday at Alger.

The five-prisoner fight broke out in the entrance of the Level IV Maple unit as inmates were returning from lunch, an officer said. Staff quickly intervened.

A sergeant realized he dropped his knit MDOC cap during the response and couldn't find it. Staff reviewed a video and determined an inmate who wasn't involved in the fight took the hat. The prisoner's cell was shaken down and the hat was found hidden in a chip bag, an officer said. He was ticketed for theft.

No serious injuries were reported. Officers believe the fight was gang-related.

The Parnall Norovirus quarantine has been extended.

At least six new cases have been confirmed in the last few days, an officer said.

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT SURVEY OPEN NOW

All members are encouraged to take the 2017 Employee Engagement Survey, which opened Monday.

It's important for all employees to take the survey and let their voice be heard. The Department uses responses to identify and address areas of concern

to staff. The survey is being administered through a third-party company, PricewaterhouseCoopers. Answers are anonymous.

State employees received the survey by email on Monday. Please complete the survey by Feb. 28.

Support LCF CO Brandenburg

A Lakeland officer needs our help in his fight against cancer.

LCF staff set up a GoFundMe page to support CO Brandenburg, who has been off work since September. Brandenburg is an Army veteran and a great officer. To contribute to CO Brandenburg's treatment, go to gofundme.com/officer-brandenburgs-medical-fund