



Pictured are James Bailey, Hugh Daily and Sandra Watson.

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Bridgeport Correctional Center scores 100%

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May 20th was a red letter day for GEO employees at the Bridgeport Correctional Center on N. 10th Street. It was on that day they heard the words they had anxiously awaited, “We find this facility in 100% compliance with all 425 applicable standards for reaccreditation by the American Corrections Association (ACA).”

ACA standards are the most stringent of standards by which a correctional facility is judged. The Bridgeport Correctional Center was first accredited by ACA in May of 1991 and is reviewed for reaccreditation every three years. Six times before, the facility has been found in 100% compliance.

The 3-member audit team

spent three days at the BCC inspecting the facility, talking with employees and offenders, and reviewing records of the last three years of operations.

During the out-briefing, Team Chairman Hugh Daley thanked Warden David McComis, unit ACA Coordinator Jan Battle, and employees for their courtesy and hospitality during the audit. He said, “It is evident that adherence to ACA standards is an ongoing process for employees here, not just a mad rush to prepare for an audit.”

Team member James Bailey remarked, “There are not many correctional facilities that make 100%. You’ve got your business together.” The third team member, Sandra Watson, thanked employees for their cordiality and re-

marked that the appearance of the facility belies the fact that it is twenty years old.

Vice-President of Programs Gary Templeton from the GEO corporate offices in Florida and Kent Andrews of the company’s Central Region office were present for the out-briefing. Mr. Templeton commented the many who began their careers in corrections at the Bridgeport Correctional Center have gone on to become valuable employees at regional and corporate levels of the company. He added, “Corporate applauds you for the great job you’re doing here.”

In closing, Hugh Daley, once a chaplain at an Ohio prison, said, “I’ll leave you with the words of one far wiser than we. Well done, good and faithful servants.”