



May 5, 2026

MDOC remembers fallen corrections officers who gave ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty

JACKSON – The Mississippi Department of Corrections held its Fallen Officer Memorial Service on Tuesday, May 5, to honor and remember MDOC correctional officers who gave their lives while performing their duties.

Nine names of officers were called out, roses were placed in chairs representing them, and a salute was offered to each. They are as follows:

Sgt. Iris Smith, End of Watch: May 25, 2015
Officer Sidney Harrison, End of Watch: May 18, 1995
Officer Argentra Cotton, End of Watch: July 18, 1989
Sgt. James Amos Meeks, End of Watch: September 12, 1972
Sgt. Ammie Bogue Kendall, End of Watch: March 13, 1963
Sgt. Chester J. Tullos, End of Watch: May 18, 1933
Sgt. John D. Duvall, End of Watch: December 27, 1928
Guard John O. Lynch, End of Watch: September 11, 1919
Guard J.G. Smith, End of Watch: August 4, 1905

An additional officer who passed away since last year's ceremony was also recognized: Albert Clark, Mississippi State Penitentiary.

Two K9 officers were recognized, with their handlers representing them: Floki at Marshall County Correctional Facility and Rowdy at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility

District Attorney John K. "Bubba" Bramlett Jr. was the keynote speaker. Mr. Bramlett serves Rankin and Madison counties.

Previously held elsewhere on the grounds of the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF), the program was moved this year to the Chapel at the Mississippi Correctional Institute for Women (MCIW), also on CMCF grounds.

The Fallen Officers Memorial Service is held annually during National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, which is observed this year from May 3 to May 9.

