PUTNAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

DEDICATION CEREMONY

MAY 8, 1987





Bob Martinez Governor

J. C. Combs Regional Director Richard L. Dugger Secretary

James R. Reddish Superintendent

INTRODUCTION

Putnam Correctional Institution is located on Highway 17 East, approximately two miles east of the St. John's River Memorial Bridge and two blocks north on Yelvington Road in East Palatka, Florida in Putnam County. The Institution is located on 22 acres of property formerly the site of the old East Palatka Road Prison #28.

Putnam Correctional Institution houses minimum, medium and selected close custody male, adult offenders. The perimeter fence consists of a 12 foot outer fence, a 9 foot inner fence with four coils of razor ribbon on a 10 foot wide concrete slab, between the two fences. Each fence is equipped with a perm-alert system. The Institution's perimeter system is also supported by three Elevated Security Platforms, two of which are manned by an officer at all times. This facility has two main housing units, one is a two story structure with 112 (2 man) rooms. The design capacity is 112 and a maximum capacity of 224. The second housing unit is a one story open bay dormitory, with a design capacity of 100 and a maximum capacity of 160. The overall design capacity is 204 with a maximum capacity of 329.

The emphasis of the work program at Putnam Correctional Institution is to provide meaningful work opportunities for all inmates in constructing, operating and maintaining the Institution. Efforts are made to instill upon the inmates a desire to develop good work habits. Work areas include food service, laundry, building and grounds maintenance, canteen, vehicular maintenance, and warehousing. In addition, outside work programs provide support services to City and County Maintenance, Department of Transportation, Division of Park Service, and Public Work Squad support to several surrounding communities.

Putnam Correctional Institution provides a full range of inmate services and programs. The medical services offer out-patient care and an infirmary. This includes the services of a physician, registered nurses, medical technicians, dentist, dental assistant, and a psychologist. The Institution provides a broad recreational program for inmates. Team group counseling services are geared to conducting small group meetings that deal with interpersonal communications, personality and self-image development, as well as alcohol and drug rehabilitation counseling.

Putnam Correctional Institution provides an Academic Program that offers basic reading and mathematical skills in preparation for further training through the vocational programs. Additionally, there are basic high school courses leading to a G.E.D., high school equivalency diploma. A vocational training program is also available, offering intensive training in brick and block masonry. The purpose of this type of training is to provide the inmates with the work skills necessary for Institutional work activities as well as career skills useful in obtaining employment upon release.

PROGRAM

9:30 a.m.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Harry K. Singletary, Jr.

Assistant Secretary for Operations
Department of Corrections

INVOCATION

Lester Polenz

Putnam Correctional Institution

PRESENTATION OF COLORS and

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME

Dave Browning

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Putnam County, Florida

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

David D. Bachman

Deputy Secretary Department of Corrections

HISTORICAL REVIEW OF PUTNAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

C. L. Brown

Inmate Classification Supervisor Cross City Correctional Institution

INTRODUCTION OF SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

J. C. Combs

Regional Director Department of Corrections, Region II

INTRODUCTION OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Richard L. Dugger

Secretary Department of Corrections

DEDICATION REMARKS

Bobby Brantley

Lieutenant Governor State of Florida

UNVEILING OF PLAQUE AND SYMBOLIC INSTITUTIONAL KEY PRESENTATION

Richard L. Dugger

Secretary Department of Corrections

ACCEPTANCE REMARKS

James R. (Jim) Reddish

Superintendent Putnam Correctional Institution

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BENEDICTION

James L. Williams

Religious Volunteer Putnam Correctional Institution