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Hagerstown and Jessup Honor Guard Teams Tie For First In Inaugural DPSCS Honor Guard Competition

TOWSON, MD (April 21, 2009)---Two outstanding honor guard units from Jessup and Hagerstown have won the chance to represent the Department and the State at official functions for the next year, after they were named co-winners in the first ever DPSCS Honor Guard Competition. The event, held yesterday in Jessup, featured honor guards from State correctional facilities in all regions of Maryland.

The groups from Jessup and Hagerstown earned the same score from the panel of judges: DPSCS Secretary Gary Maynard, Commissioner of Correction J. Michael Stouffer, Pretrial Division Commissioner Howard Ray, and Dr. Randall Nero, Director of Patuxent Institution. The judges graded each unit in a variety of areas, from maneuvers to poise and marching.

The Jessup unit includes men and women from four different DPSCS correctional facilities: Patuxent Institution, Jessup Correctional Institution, Maryland Correctional Institution for Women, and the Maryland Correctional Institution-Jessup.

The Hagerstown honor guard has representatives from Maryland Correctional Institution Hagerstown, Roxbury Correctional Institution, and the Western DOC Region Transportation Unit.

"The professionalism displayed today was impressive," said Secretary Gary D. Maynard, a 37-year corrections veteran who also served as the Adjutant General when he headed corrections in the State of Oklahoma. "A sharp Departmental Honor Guard is very important, and today we saw a number of them."

The two winners will share duties representing the DPSCS and the State of Maryland at a variety of local, regional, and national functions during the next year. The first will be Monday's kickoff of National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Sykesville. The guard units will also appear at the Fallen Heroes ceremony at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Timonium, and at a large law enforcement memorial ceremony next month in the nation's capital.

The other units participating yesterday represented the Eastern Region (Eastern Correctional Institution at Westover on the Shore); and the Baltimore region (Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, which includes Baltimore Central Booking and the Baltimore City Detention Center). In all, the honor guard teams included DPSCS employees from a dozen institutions representing all three State correctional agencies.

