



# *PRESS* Announcement

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## **F OR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **30 OFFICER CADETS ARE SLATED TO GRADUATE AT THE CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ON APRIL 19**

Pearl...The security staff at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF) will welcome the addition of 30 new correctional cadets on Friday at a 1:00 p.m. ceremony to be held at the prison's chapel. The ceremony will mark the completion of a seven-weeks-long intensive para-military training course for the new group, and it will signal the beginning of a challenging new career in corrections for the officers. All 30 correctional officer cadets will work at CMCF, having received their assigned duty posts at the prison. The graduates will begin their new full-time assignments on Sunday, April 21.

Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner Robert L. Johnson will be the keynote speaker at the graduation and will challenge the cadets to strive toward professionalism and to never lose sight of the vital role each will play in the interest of public safety.

The Mississippi Department of Corrections' Training Department conducts its own instruction program for correctional cadets at each of its three public institutions. The seven weeks training course covers a wide range of on-the-job experiences correctional officers encounter on a daily basis. The training includes: orientation, academics, report writing, physical fitness, professional ethics, first aid, agency policy, weapons qualification, use of restraint gear, contraband control, and use of chemical agents.

**Media note: Please contact Ken Jones, PIO at (601) 359-5608 by 11:00 a.m. on Friday April 19 if you wish to attend.**

