



# *PRESS* Announcement

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **REGIMENTED INMATE GRADUATION TO BE HELD AT MISSISSIPPI STATE PENITENTIARY ON OCTOBER 18**

Parchman - Eighteen Regimented Inmate Discipline (RID) inmates are scheduled to graduate from the Mississippi State Penitentiary's (MSP) highly successful "Boot Camp" program on October 18 according to Bob Rowe, program director. The ceremony will begin promptly at 2 p.m. at the Spiritual Life Center and will be attended by friends and relatives of the offenders. Emma Hawkins, Case Manager with the Offender Services department at MSP, will be the guest speaker at the graduation

The RID program, which is 20 weeks in length, is divided into four five-week phases which include orientation, paramilitary training, alcohol and drug treatment, psychological and pre-release counseling, education, religious programs and community service. Program officials estimate that approximately 6000 offenders have completed MSP's "Boot Camp" since its inception in 1985. One hundred, ninety-four have graduated from MSP's RID program so far in 2001.

**Media note: If you plan to cover the special ceremony, please notify Bill Greenleaf by 10:00 AM on Wednesday October 17 at: (601) 359-5646 or e-mail [bgreenleaf@mdoc.state.ms.us](mailto:bgreenleaf@mdoc.state.ms.us)**