



PRESS Announcement

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REGIMENTED INMATE GRADUATION TO BE HELD AT MISSISSIPPI STATE PENITENTIARY ON SEPTEMBER 6

Parchman...Fifteen Regimented Inmate Discipline (RID) inmates are scheduled to graduate from the Mississippi State Penitentiary's (MSP) highly successful "Boot Camp" program on September 6. The ceremony will begin promptly at 2 PM at the Spiritual Life Center and will be attended by friends and relatives of the offenders. Marie Hoskins, Personnel Technician 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, counseling, education and community service. Program officials estimate that approximately 8000 offenders have completed MSP's "Boot Camp" since its inception in 1985. One hundred, seventy-six have graduated from MSP's 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 September 5 at: (601) 359-5646 or e-mail bgreenleaf@mdoc.state.ms.us