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Sheriff Joe Arpaio promotes patriotic jails in honor of Veteran's Day

New initiative coming to house inmate-veterans together

(Phoenix, AZ) Sheriff Joe Arpaio has implemented an American flag campaign that will incorporate the display of the Stars and Stripes on every inmate cell among the jails operated by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, which currently holds approximately 8500 inmates. "Any defacement or vandalism of the flags by inmates comes with the penalty of bread and water. Ten inmates are currently on bread and water for this infraction," Arpaio said.

Further to honoring Old Glory and Veteran's Day, Sheriff Arpaio is proud to have hired as detention officers 80 men and women in the past year who have previously served in the armed forces. The detention officer veterans who work in Tent City may remember the conditions they might have faced while deployed overseas, that is, living in tents in tough environments. Tent City, which can hold up to 2000 inmates, was started by Sheriff Arpaio in 1993 utilizing Korean War tents. Arpaio is a U.S. Army veteran who served during the Korean War.

Hiring military veterans is a priority that Sheriff Arpaio vigorously carries out. In fact, the Sheriff's Office as a whole employs over 600 men and women who are veterans representing past service in the U.S Army, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and Navy.

Moreover, Sheriff Arpaio is working on an initiative to house all inmate-veterans together.

In keeping with the patriotic theme, Sheriff Arpaio has ordered that the playing of God Bless America and the National Anthem be done daily over every jail facility

public address system for all inmates, regardless of national origin, to hear and sing-a-long.

Additionally, the practice of signing up inmates for the U.S. Selective Service System, started by Sheriff Arpaio after 9/11, will continue. To date, over 40,000 inmates encompassing both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals have been added to the selective service roll by this initiative.

The patriotic campaign will cover the 4th Avenue Jail, Durango Jail, Estrella Jail, Lower Buckeye Jail, Tent City Jail, Central Intake and Towers Jail.

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