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# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## ACA is coming to “The City Beautiful!”

### The Planning Guide is now online



Mark your calendars for our 2023 Winter Conference, January 27-31, 2023, in Orlando, Florida. Housing and registration are now open. Please check our website ([www.aca.org](http://www.aca.org)) for updated information about the conference. The Planning Guide is now online. We look forward to seeing you in Orlando!

### [Corrections Today November/December issue available online](#)

The November/December issue of ACA’s flagship magazine, Corrections Today is online at [www.aca.org](http://www.aca.org). Don’t forget to tell friends and colleagues to join or renew membership with ACA to access to the bi-monthly Corrections Today, bi-weekly ACA Connect, and Corrections Daily news updates, along with many benefits offered to members through training, conference events and much more!

### [ACA’s 2022 Election Results](#)

The election results are now posted to ACA’s website. Please take a moment to check them out at [www.aca.org](http://www.aca.org). Your new officers are Ricky Dixon (FL), President-Elect; Tyrone Oliver (GA), Vice President; and Dr. Harbans Deol (NE), Treasurer, and the balance of results can be found on our website. Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2022 ACA Election. Congratulations to the newly elected leadership!

Board of  
Governors  
Representatives

Sheriff Beth  
Arthur, Arlington,  
Virginia

Derrick Schofield,  
PhD Florida

Executive Director  
James A. Gondles,  
Jr., CAE, Virginia

### [ACA's Headquarters will be closed for Thanksgiving](#)

ACA's office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, 2022 for Thanksgiving Day. ACA's wishes everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

### [Sheriff Beth Arthur of the Arlington County Sheriff's Office in Virginia Announces Retirement](#)

ACA congratulates Sheriff Beth Arthur on her upcoming retirement as Sheriff of the Arlington County Sheriff's Office. She began her career with the Sheriff's Office in January 1986, as the Budget Analyst under then-Sheriff James Gondles, Jr., and was promoted to Director of Administration in 1988. Sheriff Beth Arthur was elected Sheriff in November 2000 and has been reelected in 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2019. She was not only the first female Sheriff in Arlington County, but also the first female County Sheriff in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Beth serves as a Board of Governors Representative member to the Executive Committee. We wish Beth the best of luck!

### [Director Thomas Stickrath of the Ohio Department of Public Safety Announces Retirement](#)

ACA congratulates Thomas Stickrath on his upcoming retirement as Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Tom has served in public service positions for 43 years. Tom has served six Governors and an Attorney General. He also had the unique experience of being appointed to the Cabinets of three Governors' (Taft, Strickland, and DeWine) as Director of two different agencies Ohio Department of Youth Services and Ohio Department of Public Safety. Tom serves as a member of the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections and is currently the Chair. He received ACA's highest achievement award, the E.R. Cass in 2009. We wish Tom the best of luck!

**FROM ACA HEADQUARTERS**

### [Congratulations to ACA's 2022 Award-Winners!](#)

ACA is proud to announce the following award winners for 2022:

2022 Medal of Valor Award: **Correctional Officer Amy Cunningham**, Frederick County Sheriff's Office- Corrections Bureau.

2022 Peter Lejins Award- **Professor Leanne Alarid**, University of Texas at El Paso

### [Mr. Gondles will attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Northwestern Joint Regional Correctional Facility](#)

Mr. Gondles will attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for Northwestern Joint Regional Correctional Facility, Thursday, December 1, 2022, in Washington State.

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### [Dr. Gondles was the keynote speaker at the North Carolina Correctional Association](#)

Dr. Gondles spoke at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Training for the North Carolina Correctional Association in Greensboro, North Carolina, November 16-18, 2022.

### [ACA conducted virtual Advanced Leadership Training- Part 2 for the Virginia Department of Corrections](#)

ACA conducted virtual advanced leadership training- part 2 for the Virginia Department of Corrections, November 14-18, 2022.

### [Office of Correctional Health Opioid Use Disorder Staff Trainings](#)

OCH also offers staff training for all agency staff on implementing medication for opioid use disorder programs. The curriculum covers all aspects of program implementation and oversight from a medical, behavioral health, security, and administrative perspective.

### [Request to be a member of ACA Committees](#)

Anyone interested in serving on a committee for ACA, send an email to [president@aca.org](mailto:president@aca.org).

### [Corrections Today Article Submissions](#)

ACA is always looking for interesting articles for *Corrections Today* magazine. If you are interested in submitting an article for consideration, please check out the publications area of our website or send an email to [submissions@aca.org](mailto:submissions@aca.org).

### [Stay up to date with ACA's Professional Development and Certification Programs](#)

**E-LEARNING:** Does Your Staff Need Training Hours??? – Check out ACA's e-learning catalog for course offerings. Whether it is new hire training, annual in-service and critical issues training ACA can be your training partner. We can customize your training to fit your agencies requirements via ACA's World- Class E-Learning Training Program. We offer courses that address security/inmate management, legal issues, mental health, supervision/management, juvenile corrections, and much more. Quality training starts at ACA and gives staff an opportunity to develop skills and boost career opportunities. We offer a state-of-the-art training platform, a media-rich learning experience and new courses; all cost- effective. Contact us at [elarning@aca.org](mailto:elarning@aca.org) to find out how we can assist you.

**CERTIFICATION:** ACA's certification program is designed to promote professional development and lifelong learning to the professionals in the corrections field. The program ensures the awareness of the most current, innovative, and effective approaches in corrections. The program is designed to advance the overall knowledge level of practitioners in the field and promotes the capabilities of corrections professionals to the public by demonstrating their adherence to the ACA Code of Ethics.

**STAY CERTIFIED:** – You have earned this honor. It is time to get RECERTIFIED. If you were certified in 2019, contact us at [acaprodev@aca.org](mailto:acaprodev@aca.org) to find out how you can recertify!

Visit the Professional Development section at [www.aca.org](http://www.aca.org) for information.

### **[ACA Connect News Item Submissions](#)**

If you have internal news to share with your fellow ACA Members, please send it along to [indiav@aca.org](mailto:indiav@aca.org) to be included in the next issue of *ACA Connect*.

## **Partner & Affiliates**

### **[Florida Department of Corrections is accepting donations for those impacted by Hurricane Ian](#)**

Secretary Dixon has announced access to support those impacted by Hurricane Ian. Please see the link below to donate:

<https://secure.anedot.com/corrections-foundation/hurricane-ian>

Donations can also be mailed with a check payable to:

Corrections Foundation  
Attn: Hurricane Ian Relief  
501 South Calhoun Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2500

Your donation will help friends or co-workers affected by the hurricane.

### **[Attention ACA Chapter Presidents:](#)**

Please send updated officer contact information to Roberta Gibson, Director of Membership & Customer Service at [rgibson@aca.org](mailto:rgibson@aca.org)

## **Calendar**

American Correctional Association  
2023 Winter Conference  
January 27-31, 2022  
Orlando, Florida