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AFTER 55 YEARS, DOC LEGEND CALLS IT A DAY

Commissioner Ponte presented retiring Correction Officer Thomas O'Connor with a plaque on Feb. 19, honoring his more than 55 years of service to DOC.

The ceremony, which took place in the auditorium at Bulova building, was packed with O'Connor's colleagues. Many of those who came to celebrate his retirement had not been born when he started work working at DOC. O'Connor began his career in October 1959 at what was then the Hart Island Work House. He worked at the Bronx County Jail, Eric M Taylor Center, and the Office of the Inspector General before finishing his career in the Investigation Division, where he has worked since 1986.

O'Connor has received many awards throughout his career, including three Investigation Division Certificates of Appreciation, at least two COBA awards, the Department's Excellent Duty Medal and the Investigator of the Year award.

This Yankee Doodle Dandy will turn 80 on the Fourth of July. He plans to spend his retirement years traveling with his wife and playing with his two grandchildren.

Officer O'Connor was called a "rare breed," who will be greatly missed.

