**NEWS RELEASE:**

**Book Signing Event:**

**Former Prison Warden/Author: Dan M. Reynolds**

**Friday, April 8, 2016**

**8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**University of Central Oklahoma**

**Edmond, Oklahoma**

**Reynolds will be in Edmond signing his books. Reynolds has published five books and recreated the 1909 and 1935 Rule Book for the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. The titles of his books include:**

***\*On the Other Side of the Bars: Lessons Learned as a PrisonWarden/Administrator***

***\*Oklahoma Prison Riots – covers the four major prison riots in Oklahoma history; to include the 1988 riot at Mack Alford Correctional Center (DVD of 200+ photographs sold separately)***

***\*The Most Hilarious, Bizarre and Unusual Correctional Stories Ever Told***

***\*What God Wants You To Know***

***\*Caged Wisdom: Learning To See Through the Bars***

***Note: DVD (photographs) of the 1983 Dick Conner Correctional Center riot is available for purchase.***

**About the Author**

**DAN M. REYNOLDS**

Dan M. Reynolds retired in November 2011 after serving 31 years with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. He began his career in October 1980, serving as a case manager at the Joseph Harp Correctional Center.

Two years later, he accepted a lateral transfer to work with a deputy director of the Western Division of Institutions.

Ten months later, he accepted a position as a classification auditor and movement coordinator.

In May 1985, he became an administrative assistant to the deputy director of the Western Division of Institutions. Two months later, the deputy director was appointed as warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and requested Reynolds to accompany him to the penitentiary as an administrative assistant to the warden.

In 1987, he was appointed deputy warden at the Howard McLeod Correctional Center.

Nine months later, he was appointed warden at the Mack Alford Correctional Center where he was tasked in the demolition and rebuilding of that facility, following a riot, which occurred on May 13, 1988.

In 1991, the Oklahoma State Penitentiary warden was activated during Desert Storm. Reynolds served as interim warden for seven months, at which time the former warden returned and Reynolds returned to Mack Alford Correctional Center. Three months later, Reynolds returned to OSP as warden.

In 1991, Reynolds was nominated for ‘Warden of the Year,’ for the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents.

In November 1994, Reynolds was named administrator of Population Management, overseeing the agency’s reception center process.

In the year 2000, Reynolds was assigned to the Security and Investigations Division with oversight responsibilities of the newly developed Intelligence Unit after a gang related homicide. While in this position, he was appointed by the agency director to chair and conduct security audits at all maximum, medium, and minimum security facilities.

In June 2006, Reynolds was appointed as Administrator of Community Corrections/Work Center, where he was responsible for the daily operations of approximately 30 community corrections centers, community work centers and halfway houses. He was also responsible for a 300-bed county jail contract housing medium and minimum security offenders. He supervised all construction and renovation projects in the division. He also supervised the Global Positioning Satellite process and transitional programs for the division.

Reynolds earned his bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice in 1980 from Central State University. He also received a Master’s Degree with honors in Criminal Justice Administration and Management in 2005 from the University of Central Oklahoma.

He is a member of the American and Oklahoma Correctional Associations and the North American Association of Wardens & Superintendents. Reynolds has served as a consultant for the American Corrections Association.

He is a recipient of the 1998 Community Service Distinguished Former Student Award from the University of Central Oklahoma. He was the recipient of the William Parker Outstanding Graduate Student Award for 2005.

He is a past member of the board for the Oklahoma Correctional Employees Memorial Foundation.

Reynolds is mentioned in several books; The Innocent Man by John Grisham; F.B.I. Family by Robert Mulcahy; and Oklahoma Corrections History, 1908-2006.

He is the author of:

*\*Caged Wisdom: Learning to See Through the Bars*

*\*On the Other Side of the Bars: Lessons Learned as a Prison Warden/Administrator*

*\*What God Wants You To Know*

*\*Oklahoma Prison Riots*

*\*The Most Hilarious, Bizarre and Unusual Correctional Stories Ever Told*

*Recreations:*

*\*1909 Rules and Regulations: Oklahoma State Penitentiary*

*\*1935 Rules and Regulations: Oklahoma State Penitentiary*

OKLAHOMA PRISON RIOTS

On Friday, July 27, 1973, two records were set that day. The temperature climbed to 96 degrees, the hottest day recorded that year, and a riot at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary became the worst prison riot in US history. Read the true accounts: four inmate died, and twenty-three hostages were seized; several employees were injured, and some never recovered.

Twelve years later, it happened again. This time, the reason for the riot centered on one primary issue—, control and who should have it. Order was restored; the inmates were locked down and confined to their cells, as it remains today nearly three decades later.

In 1988, a riot broke out at the Mack Alford Correctional Center over a simple burglary. Hostages were taken and buildings were set ablaze.

In 1983, at the Dick Conner Correctional Center, learn how an inmate was shot and killed during a riot when the facility kitchen ran out of food on a hot August day.

Dan Reynolds uses first-hand knowledge to describe in detail the true events of the four major riots in Oklahoma history.

See the unique and rare collection of over two hundred photographs collected by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Oklahoma National Guard, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Oklahoma Historical Society, and those taken by the author himself.

WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW

If Jesus were sitting with you in your bedroom, living room or even on a park bench, what would he tell you? What would he want you to know? What advice would he give you? Have you ever felt lost, without guidance or direction, like your life is out of control? Are you one of the millions of people who have already lost control and facing mistakes you wish you could take back?

WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW will walk you through in stripped-down, easy-to-read language that won't leave you confused.

In this part devotional, part go-at-your-own pace guide for living a good life, Dan Reynolds has carefully selected scriptures that pinpoint where it is easy to go wrong, and then he has surrounded those with scriptures of encouragement.

Through WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW even the most wayward can easily see that all is not lost

THE MOST HILARIOUS, BIZARRE AND UNUSUAL CORRECTIONAL STORIES EVER TOLD

Everyone working in corrections has a story to tell, but why try to publish them when no one will believe it? Well, the long-awaited book of hilarious and bizarre correctional stories ever told is finally here.   Read and learn about the actual events that took place in our American prisons.

DAN REYNOLDS has over thirty years of correctional experience and has traveled all over the United States as a consultant, conducting prison audits and inspections. During his visits, correctional employees typically swap hilarious and bizarre correctional stories; so sit back, relax, and be entertained by the top fifty stories that made it.

Not all the stories are hilarious, nor bizarre or unusual. No actual names of states, facilities, or individuals are used

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BARS:

LESSONS LEARNED AS A PRISON WARDEN/ADMINISTRATOR

When we got there, we saw helicopters and smoke coming from the burning buildings. We saw a large number of inmates, many clinging to a fence. We witnessed National Guard troops inside the prison with their weapons, marching in step to their posts. I never thought that I would end up working there, much less as the warden, some eighteen years later.

Author Dan Reynolds has written an enthralling account of a decades-long career in Oklahoma corrections. He tells about how it felt to live through his first execution as a warden.

For those considering entering a career in corrections or currently working in corrections, he also details the most critical components of a safe and secure prison.

He discusses today’s prison challenges and discover why the author is mentioned in a John Grisham book.

CAGED WISDOM:

LEARNING TO SEE THROUGH THE BARS

This book was the author’s first published book and it was specifically written for the inmate. As Reynolds toured many United States prisons, he would commonly see offenders in their cells or dayrooms reading the Bible. If one was not familiar with the Bible, one may get lost in it. As Reynolds was typing specific scriptures for his children, he thought inmates could also benefit from the book. The book is an easy read and is in an outline format. The book describes what Jesus may tell an inmate who is serving time in prison? What advice would Jesus have for those incarcerated? The book is based upon selected scriptures from the Bible, to lend some wisdom to those experiencing life’s challenges. Through Caged Wisdom: Learning To See Through the Bars, even the most wayward can easily see that all is not lost.

1909 RULES & REGULATIONS: OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY

Booklet / Recreated

Read how the Oklahoma State Penitentiary was operated in 1909; soon after it was completed.

Read where the guards had to check their laterns when coming on duty to ensure they were operable.

Read where wagons were to be searched prior to entering the secure perimeter of the prison.

Learn how inmates had to cross their arms when approaching a guard to converse.

1935 RULES & REGULATIONS: OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY

Booklet / Recreated

Read and learn the rules and regulations of former warden Jess Dunn, at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

Warden Dunn was shot and killed after he was taken hostage inside the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1941.