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Jonathan Carnes Named Statewide CERT Assistant Commander

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 5, 2019) - Kentucky Department of Corrections Deputy Commissioner Randy White today announced that Jonathan Carnes has been named assistant commander of the statewide Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT).

“Through his years of military, institutional, and training experience, Carnes certainly has the qualifications to support Kentucky CERT in an assistant commander role,” said White. “He is respected by staff with a fundamental knowledge of tactical operations and organizational skills that will benefit him in this role.”

Carnes began his career as a correctional officer at Northpoint Training Center (NTC) in January 2013, shortly after serving eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He joined CERT in April 2013 as a recruit and attended CERT basic training in September of the same year. He was assigned to the prison’s CERT 1st squad and tasked with secondary responsibilities as a member of the CERT honor guard team. In this role, he attended multiple ceremonies to represent NTC and Kentucky DOC.

After his promotion to sergeant at NTC, Carnes was assigned as the leader of the prison’s CERT 1st squad and shortly thereafter was appointed as honor guard team leader. In July 2017, he was promoted to training coordinator/instructor I at the Southern Region Training Center. As an instructor, Carnes continued to fulfill his duties as a squad leader of NTC CERT and utilized his experience as a training coordinator and skills as a teacher to assist the commanders with institutional, regional, and annual CERT training. On many occasions, he took the initiative to lead training when other duties required the commander’s absence.

Carnes has participated with the statewide Kentucky CERT team for the last three years in the Mock Prison Riot competition hosted by West Virginia DOC in Moundsville, WV, in which teams represent their respective agencies on an international stage.

Editor’s note: photo attached