

NORFOLK INMATE COUNCIL
ONCE PROUD - NOW TARNISHED

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Here at MCI Norfolk we have our own little prisoner government. Its basic job description is to look out for the betterment of all here at the facility. It has various committees that deal with property, recreation, entertainment and cultural issues. Each housing unit has a representative that brings the issues of that unit to a general council meeting that is overseen by an elected executive board. The executive board is then supposed to take those issues to the proper responsible staff. Sounds like a tight organization doesn't it? Well that could not be further from the truth.

The prisoners here at this camp have forgotten what it means to have respect for those who have come before you. They have also become foggy about the duty to do things for the betterment of all instead of just for a few. Men are selling their souls for a couple of dollars. The whole system is being flushed down the toilet by unqualified posers who have mastered the art of being fake busy. My heart bleeds for what could be but is lost.

In this facility we have doctors, lawyers, nurses, and other professionals who are all part of the prisoner population. The men we have elected into the five executive board positions fail to utilize them. They instead choose to rely upon poor excuses for jailhouse lawyers, boys from the hood, and agenda pushing sharks who hope to choke the last ink pen out of a system that has been reduced to a bare bones operation. Who is to blame here? We all are. We vote these fool charlatans into power. We allow them to keep dragging the legacy of men who bled on these grounds through the mud. Ghosts scream on the grounds of Norfolk. Souls turn in graves. A once proud machine has been reduced to a farce. It only serves as a thermometer for the suits as to potential climate issues. We bring complaints - they laugh. Our elected officials collect there \$100.00 per month and live well. Not a care in the world.

Is it so shocking that someone comes around every once in a while to try to pull the curtain back on the Wizard. Our Oz is not a place of fantasy. It is a recidivism breeding machine with the unskilled and unethical at the helm. China shop bulls make a mess but they shine the light on the broken china for those who chose not to see it was not being kept safe. More china needs to be broken. More eyes need to be opened.

Lets get together to change the status quo. Open your eyes and help shout from the rooftops that something is broken. Lets honor the legacy of those who have gone before us. Let's put the best people in the leadership roles. Have you got the guts to take a stand? To vote for change? Can you tell those you are tight with that you are sick of the foolishness?

Have faith that WE, yes a collective WE, can get change done. A real change for the better. The time is ripe. New Governor. New Commissioner, some new Senators and Representatives. Let's not drop the ball on this. You know who the new blood is. Seek them out. Offer them support. Give them a chance to do what they say they can - bring respectability back to this system of government. It's about time!

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