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Flag Day ceremonial event outside Rikers Island’s James A. Thomas Center, June 14, 2011.
Event held near JATC flag poles plaza.
Captain Demetria Gives, serving as mistress of ceremonies, said: *We are here for a solemn, patriotic purpose.*
Captain Gives continued: . . . to honor our many members of service, and their families, who serve our country and to witness presentation of the flag of our country, Old Glory . . .
Capt. Gives concluded:

Please rise for the National Anthem...
... sung by C.O. Keisha Mayo ...

[photo inset, upper right corner]
Ceremonial unit captain:

Detail! Ahh-tention ... Pree-sent Arms!
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Commissioner Dora B. Schriro: We honor all DOC staff who respond in times of urgency, our veterans, active duty members, and reserve military personnel.
Today – in the Ceremonial Unit are Marine vets C.O. Paul La Franca & C.O. “AD” Santiago. Also recognize ADW Nicasio Velazquez, Marine vet & now a Platoon sergeant in the New York Army National Guard.
We acknowledge all DOC staff with family members who are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. To those staff we today are presenting “Blue Star Service” lapel pins. [photo inset, upper left corner]
Today, we have special presentation of two American flags brought from Guantanamo Bay by DOC Capt. Hon Chan of the Academy.
Capt. Chan, while on active military leave from DOC, served Coast Guard MP duty at Gitmo last August.

Hard at work behind the DOC camera: C.O. Nishaun McCall
There, at GTMO’s Camp Delta, these two flags were flown on this past New Year’s Day, each for 9 minutes and 11 seconds.
Accepting them for DOC: Chief of Dept. Larry W. Davis Sr. and Academy Warden Raino Hills.
With 1st Deputy Commissioner Lewis Finkelman applauding, Gitmo flag was presented to Chief Davis.
Chief Davis & Capt. Chan held framed certificate from Gitmo’s Joint Detention Group attesting to the flag having flown over Camp Delta 9 minutes 11 seconds.
Chief Davis expressed appreciation for presentation of the flag and for the dedication of those honoring it with their service to the country.
Warden Hills received Gitmo flag.
Capt. Chan presented framed certificate authenticating flag held by Warden Hills.
Warden Hills expressed appreciation.
Captain Givens announced the Pledge of Allegiance would be led by ADW Nicasio Velazquez & CO Mayo would sing God Bless America.
God bless America. Land that I love...
Rev. Michael Ross delivered the Benediction.

Stand beside her, and guide her,
Thru the night with the light from above.
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