



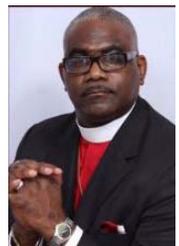
The 'Long Goodbye' to GMDC commenced ceremonially June 7th & 14th 2018 in Motchan Hall



Commissioner Cynthia Brann with top DOC leadership presents plaque to George Motchan daughter and family.

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Quote from remarks of DOC Chaplain,
Bishop Eric Brown,
Master of ceremonies.
June 7th, 2018



"[The GMDC] legacy honors the memory of George Motchan, who gave his life in service to this city, dedicated to protecting others even in his final moments. It is fitting that over the next few months, we will transform the visiting area into a wellness center where ALL staff can come to exercise, relax, find support from CARE staff and counselors as well as from each other.

"We will also be using certain areas to provide realistic in-service and recruit training in order to provide you with all of the skills necessary to your jobs safely and effectively. Finally we will continue to use this auditorium for ceremonies and celebrations. I believe Officer Motchan would be proud of our plan to use this building in support of our staff. His name will live on as a true example of valor, bravery and dedication to his fellow officers."

Quote from remarks of DOC Commissioner
Cynthia Brann, June 14, 2018



**DOC Tribute to George Motchan
delivered by Acting Chief of Dept.
Maxsolaine Mingo
June 7, 2018**



**George Motchan's daughter, Kathy Dory,
on behalf of the Motchan family thanks DOC.
June 7, 2018**

Today we are honored to have with us members of Correction Officer George Motchan's family.

More than 40 years ago, Officer Motchan was killed in the line of duty by an inmate.

This jail that you are sitting in today was renamed in his honor.

I'd like to ask CO Motchan's daughter, Kathy Dory and her husband Bill to please join me on stage.

A plaque with Motchan's shield first hung at the King's County Hospital Prison Ward and was rededicated in 1989 and hung at GMDC.

The plaque was put up so that all those who call themselves the Boldest could honor and remember the heroism shown by Motchan that fateful day.

As most of you know, GMDC will soon be one of the first jails to close on Rikers Island.

But please don't think for a moment that the sacrifice of George Motchan will be forgotten.

[To the Family of George Motchan]

Today--in honor of your father and to thank you and your family for your sacrifice to this Department and the City of New York--we present to you this special presentation.

Correction Officer George Motchan is and will remain one of the heroes of the Dept. of Correction and forever one of NYC's BOLDEST.

God bless you both and God bless your family.

Good Afternoon. I would like to congratulate all those receiving promotions today. A special thanks to Commissioner Brann and the Dept. for inviting our family. It is always appreciated when my father, Correction Officer George Motchan is spoken about, remembered, and honored.

Upon recently hearing about the George Motchan Detention Center preparing to close, I became very concerned that my father's legacy as a hero would be forgotten. When the Dept. called me to extend the invite for us to be here today, I knew in my heart that his honor would be everlasting.

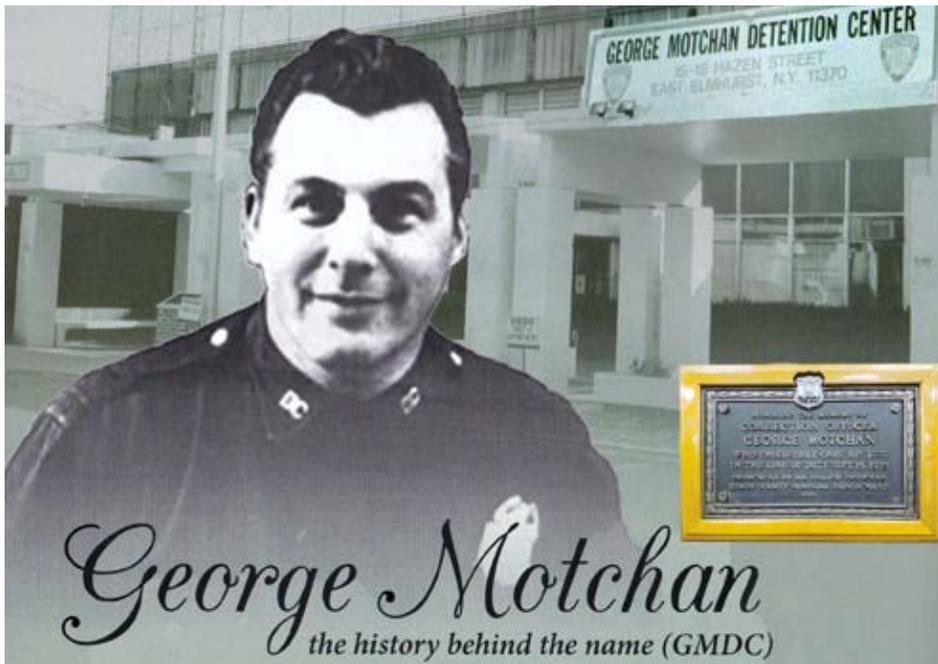
Unfortunately, my brother, Dr. George Motchan Jr.. passed away 11 years ago. My mother Dolly passed away last year. Throughout her life, she had made it her priority to be sure that her beloved husband's spirit would be known to her friends, family and especially to their five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

I feel blessed to be here today with our family. When we pulled up to the GMDC building, tears filled my eyes. Being reminded of such a tremendous tribute to my dad, when the building was named after him in 1989, it is humbling we are here again today to honor his heroism.

Anyone who has entered the GMDC has most likely glanced at the picture of my dad that was hanging on the wall. I am sure they know the story of how he became a hero. But I would like to share a few personal characteristics about why he has always been my hero.

... He touched many lives, showed kindness in many ways. He would give strangers a ride, fix peoples cars, invite neighbors in to do their laundry. . .[and did] other kindnesses. He looked like your average man, but he truly had extraordinary qualities. He had a charismatic personality and became a friend to whoever he met. If you were lucky enough to meet him, you would remember him forever. His wit and smile can still be felt today in my heart.

His selflessness was evident in the way he lived and the way he died. On behalf of my mother, brother, husband and family, we truly thank you from the bottom of our hearts for honoring my dad throughout the years, and especially today. Thank You.



Facing Pages 4 and 5 of the 62-page booklet "GMDC: Unforgettable C-73," distributed at the June 14th 2018 ceremony, featured "The History Behind the Name (GMDC)." All 13 paragraphs on those two facing pages appear elsewhere on this website – in a 1999 reproduction of "Remembrance: CO George Motchan Slain in Line of Duty . . .," the 1995 DOC newsletter article on the 20th anniversary of his death. That reprint was among the first presentations on this website, launched nearly two decades ago. Rather than reprinting it again here, we represent three images associated with that original 1995 article and its 1999 reprint. We have inserted them here into a short summary of that history delivered by

DOC chaplain, Bishop Eric Brown, at the June 7th 2018 GMDC ceremony during which the memorial plaque was presented to the Motchan family. Clicking [here](#) accesses the 1999 reprint of the 1995 article uncut.

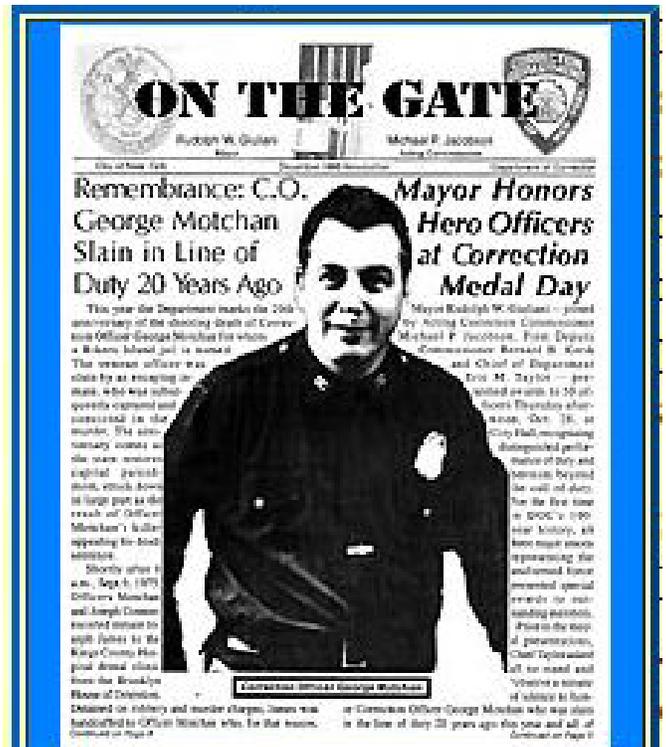
June 7th 2018 Summary of the 1975 Slaying of C.O. George Motchan in the Line of Duty

On September 9, 1975 Correction Officers George Motchan and Joseph Connors escorted an inmate to Kings County Hospital Dental Clinic. As the inmate was about to sit down in the dentist's chair, he asked to be taken to the bathroom.

Officer Motchan accompanied the prisoner and removed his handcuffs so that he would be able to enter the stall. When the inmate emerged from the stall he was brandishing a gun, placed there by an accomplice just minutes before.

Officer Motchan, who was the unarmed officer of the two-man escort, turned to open the bathroom door. With full understanding of the risk to his own life, he tried to gesture to fellow Officer Connors and shouted:

"Watch out. He's got a gun."



December, 1995 On the Gate front page featuring the start of the George Motchan article that jumps to an additional three pages inside.



At 1989 GMDC dedication, Motchan family members: From left, daughter, Kathy Dory; son-in-law, Bill Dory; granddaughter, Eileen; brother, William; granddaughter, Kelly; son, George Jr., and widow, Dolly.

The prisoner shot Motchan in the back and charged into the clinic's crowded waiting room. He then shot Officer Connors, who refused to return fire for fear of hitting any of the panicking patients who crossed between them.

Another of the inmate's shots hit Annie Nelson, an administrative aide at the clinic. The prisoner fled through a rear exit of the clinic. He ran two blocks to a car in awaited his arrival. The three sped off.

Annie Nelson and Correction Officer Joseph Connor recovered from their injuries. Connor was awarded the Medal of Honor on June 29, 1976. He has since retired from the department.

Correction Officer George Motchan died on September 15, 1975. He was buried with the Department's highest honors on September 19, 1975, only hours after his killer was recaptured. Correction Officer Motchan was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on June 29, 1976.

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Officer Motchan's widow, Dolly, shared with *On the Gate* readers one of her favorite photos of her husband -- their dancing at their daughter's engagement party. The newsletter "blacked out" the background in the original photo to spotlight the couple and to allow the article's text to "flow" around the twosome.



In photo background left, Commission Brann joins in the applause as GMDC Acting Warden Michelle Hallett assists George Motchan's daughter, Kathy Dory, display the plaque presented to the Motchan family at the June 7th 2018 ceremony in C-73. It reads: *"Honoring the memory of Correction Officer George Motchan who unselfishly gave up his life in the line of duty*

Sept. 15, 1975. Dedicated by His Fellow Officers, Kings County Hospital Prison Ward, 1975."

GMDC ceremonial goodbyes commenced June 7th & 8th 2018. Pick as 1st Rikers jail to go dates 6 months earlier.

On Jan. 2, 2018, the NYC City Hall mayoral office issued a [press release](#) headlined "NEW YORK CITY TO CLOSE FIRST JAIL ON RIKERS ISLAND BY SUMMER 2018."

It announced that that the city administration "will close its first jail on Rikers Island this summer as part of Mayor de Blasio's plan to close Rikers Island. . . .

"Made possible by historic reductions in jail population, the closure of a facility is a major step in . . . our plan to close Rikers Island and create more community-based facilities to better serve people in custody and our hard-working correctional staff."



Commissioner Cynthia Brann said: "The Department of Correction and the City are committed to closing Rikers and today, we begin delivering on that commitment. It is something we are able to do because of our Department's reforms in creating safer jails and the City's work in creating a fairer criminal justice system. Under Mayor de Blasio's administration, we have reduced our jail population by 21 % and have helped make our jails safer. We will continue building on our progress in reducing our jail population through

programs that provide life and work skills that help individuals in custody re-enter our community.”

The name and initials of the first Rikers Island facility slated to close – the George Motchan Detention Center (GMDC) -- first appear on the release’s second page in the fifth and sixth paragraphs of the announcement. It quotes Corporation Counsel Zachary Carter, who co-chairs the plan’s Implementation Task Force, saying, “The closure of GMDC recognizes the new reality of a substantially smaller jail population whose programmatic and facilities needs must be managed toward a safe and humane environment.”

The Jan. 2, 2018 mayoral press release stated, “The DOC will close the George Motchan



Detention Center, which currently houses about 600 men in custody. Its closure will bring the total number of operational Rikers Island facilities from nine to eight and will not result in layoffs or a reduction in DOC uniformed staff. Instead, it will help DOC reduce overtime, provide important training and support, and strengthen staff in other key areas. In the coming months, DOC will develop plans on the transfer of uniformed staff and detainees to other facilities.”

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RENEWALS: Above, Correction History webmaster, left, and retired NYPD officer Bill Dory, right, George Motchan’s son-in-law renew ties that span more than two decades, beginning when the former as DOC newsletter editor interviewed the latter and other Motchan kin for the 20th anniversary of the hero CO’s murder. Below, the Dory/Motchan family asked a very obliging DOC officer at the close of June 7th event to take a photo of them under the “gold” lettering in the lobby of the George Motchan Detention Center’s Ceremonial Hall lobby, given that they might never have another such opportunity. Bill sent us a copy of the photo.



CAPTION FOR ABOVE FAMILY PHOTO

Left-to-right in Motchan/Dory family photo immediately above: RNDC Deputy Warden Joseph Vasaturo, Dan McGlyn and George's younger granddaughter Kelly Dory McGlyn, and two of their three McGlyn children, Bradan and Shannon; George's daughter, Kathy Dory, holding the presentation plaque; George's son-in-law, Bill Dory, holding the hand of Sadie McGlyn; another of George's great-granddaughters, Gianna Frasca, held by her mother, Eileen Dory Frasca; Jackson Frasca, held by his father, Frank Frasca. The Frasca children are twins. The identifications were established based on information in a reply by Bill Dory to the Correction History webmaster's transmission of a draft of this presentation. The draft submission was accompanied by a request for family left-to-right IDs for top page photo. [small version below]



BILL DORY EMAIL REPLY TO WEBMASTER WITH TOP PAGE FAMILY PHOTO IDS

Left to right: Kathy Dory and Bill Dory. Our daughter, Eileen Frasca and her husband Frank. In front of them their twins Gianna and Jackson. Next, our younger daughter, Kelly McGlyn and her husband Dan, in front of them their 3 children, Bradan, Sadie, and Shannon. Next is George's nephew, Deputy Warden Joseph Vasaturo.

My wife and I read the attached article and thought it was excellent.

We thank you for all you have done over these past years to help keep his memory alive. If you need anything let us know.

Thanks -- Bill Dory

DOC LEADERSHIP IDS IN TOP PAGE PHOTO

Left to right: Senior Deputy Commissioner Timothy Farrell, Commissioner Cynthia Brann, Acting Chief of Dept. Maxsolaine Mingo, and Acting GMDC Warden Michelle Hallett.

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The Correction History webmaster acknowledges and appreciates the aid of many who assisted this website putting together these words and images for this presentation. They include, in random listing:

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