

U.S. Army Drill Sergeant judges inmate drill team in Kershaw

The U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy, based at Fort Jackson, visited Kershaw Correctional Institution to judge 5 drill teams at the prison.

Ten individuals from the school ranging in rank from staff sergeant, sergeant first class, and 1st sergeant visited Kershaw CI to rate five drill teams.

Inmates from specific dorms volunteer to participate in drill teams and each team practices for about 2 hours each day. The program teaches important leadership skills to inmates.

“We wanted to give the inmates something productive to do while teaching them self discipline. The drill team gives them something positive to be proud of and provides structure in their life.” Cecilia Reynolds, Warden at Kershaw Correctional Institution.

Sergeant Major McCoy, the previous commandant at the US Army Drill Sergeant School, has worked with Kershaw CI for more than 2 years and Command Major Lamont Christian will continue that work.

The drill teams were judged 5 categories: uniforms, in step, moving as a unit, cadence sound and overall look. Scoring starts at 100% and points are deducted as deficiencies are noticed.

The U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy is the only Army drill school in the country

