



National corrections organization bestows highest honor on Leonard Greenstone

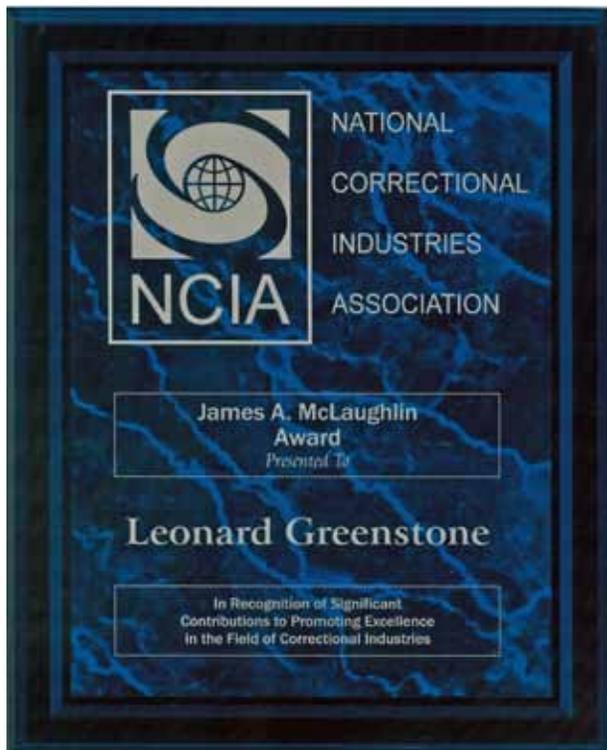
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The National Correctional Industries Association posthumously awarded its highest honor last month on former Prison Industry Board member Leonard Greenstone.

The James A. McLaughlin Award recognizes Greenstone's significant contributions to promoting excellence in the field of correctional industries. Greenstone was a policy adviser to the California Prison Industry Authority to the end of his life.

He began volunteering and providing his own resources for offender work programs in 1961 at San Quentin State Prison. Two years later, Gov. Pat Brown appointed him to the California Correctional Industries Advisory Board.



When the board was reconstituted as the Prison Industry Board in 1983, Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., in his earlier time as governor, appointed Greenstone chairman. He continued to serve on the Prison Industry Board continuously until retiring in June 2011, marking 50 years of volunteer service to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – the longest span of volunteer service in CDCR's history.

Greenstone was known for founding the offender vocational diving and welding program at the California Institution for Men. Participants in the program have a cumulative recidivism rate of 6.82 percent.

In 2006, the training facility was renamed the "Leonard Greenstone Marine Technology Training Center."

Every California governor since Pat Brown recognized Leonard Greenstone's contributions to offender rehabilitation. Greenstone passed away last October at his home in Sherman Oaks.