



# Wendell Powell

## SEANC 1st Vice President

Wendell is the Correctional Captain at Harnett Correctional Institution. He is married to Felicia Powell and between them, they have four daughters, two sons, and one granddaughter.

## SEANC Leadership Spotlight

*Where were you born? Where do you reside now?*

**I was born in Chicago and now live in Fayetteville, N.C.**

*What is one thing most folks don't know about you?*

**I am an avid reader. I love books on history, art, and civilizations.**

*What one word would you use to describe yourself?*

**Energetic.**

*Who had the greatest impact on your life?*

**My family and friends. They keep me focused on what's important in life and staying fulfilled.**

*If you could have dinner with five famous people from history, who would they be?*

**Genghis Khan, Martin Luther King, Jr, Nelson Mandela, Alexander the Great, and Franklin Roosevelt.**

*Why did you choose to join SEANC?*

**I was told as a new hire that SEANC advocates for my bonuses and benefits. It also gives us a platform to discuss workplace issues.**

*Why do you want to take on a SEANC leadership role?*

**When I became active in SEANC I saw the impact it has on the lives of state employees, retirees, and their families. I knew the work that our members did was very important, and it had the ability to change not just their lives but their family and community as well. I used the experiences I received from SEANC, such as leadership training and sitting on different committees, to understand how SEANC worked. Being involved with the legislative process with EMPAC educated me on the importance of voting, voicing our issues, and electing the right officials to office. This ignited a fire in me to lead and serve our membership and show the new state employees and our membership how to improve the conditions at their workplace and themselves and make the State of North Carolina the best place to work.**

*What do you hope to accomplish this year?*

**This year, I plan on working with SEANC districts to do more events regionally. This will bring our districts and communities together. I want to make SEANC more visible in all forms of media. This will help us stand out and show our presence in North Carolina. I also plan to bolster our policy platform objectives in the upcoming year. I want us to address the issues of all state agencies and local government. I will work for a bonus and a COLA for our retirees who supported the state their entire career and deserve to be respected.**

