



Corps headquarters remands Winthrop Shores permit denial to Division for further documentation

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Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Commander Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp released a decision to remand the permit denial back to the Corps' North Atlantic Division (NAD) on the application by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (MDRC) to use an offshore borrow site to provide beach nourishment in the town of Winthrop, Mass., Sept. 25.

The application called for approximately 500,000 cubic yards of suitable sand and gravel material be removed from an approximate 100-acre offshore site in the Atlantic Ocean and deposited along approximately 37 acres of Winthrop Beach.

NAD Commander Brig. Gen. Todd

T. Semonite denied the permit request on April 23, 2008 citing sand removal at that location would have a substantial adverse impact on important habitat and other less environmentally damaging alternatives were available. The MDRC appealed that decision to Corps of Engineers headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The Corps headquarters remand means that the proposal will return to NAD based on the need for further documentation in three areas that are needed to support the Corps' decision to deny the permit request.

As a result of the decision, the North Atlantic Division, headquartered at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, N.Y., will reopen the administrative record and provide the additional information. The decision does not reverse or override the North Atlantic Division's earlier

decision to deny the Winthrop Shores permit application.

After additional review of the record, the division commander may still find that the proposed activity is contrary to the public interest. Or, the division commander may decide, in light of additional review, to reverse the denial, and issue the permit.

The National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) Office in Gloucester, Mass., objected to the proposed project, stating that the benthic substrate at the offshore borrow site contains important habitat for a number of fish species, particularly juvenile cod. The NMFS findings were independently reviewed and corroborated by the Corps' Engineer Research & Development Center.

(Corps Headquarters contributed to this article.)

National Water Team delivers water relief to hurricane victims

When Hurricane Ike slammed into the United States, Sept. 13, it left a trail of devastation in Texas that had flattened hundreds of homes, flooded barrier islands, knocked out power and eliminated other human necessities, including clean drinking water.

While the Corps is heavily involved with the Federal Response Team in all recovery efforts, its National Water Team, based out of New England District's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in



In this NASA satellite photo, Hurricane Ike barrels toward Texas as a Category 2 storm.

Concord, Mass., is bringing relief to individual hurricane victims by the truckload – delivering bottled water to FEMA's emergency points of distribution every day. Three days after the storm made landfall, more than five million bottles of water from as far away as Florida were delivered to hurricane victims.

The massive effort to move hundreds of trucks filled with the life saving water on a daily basis is being carefully coordinated by the Water Team, FEMA, and the Corps' water

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Yankee Voices



Members of the
New England District Softball Team

Congratulations

...to **Thom Davidson** and his wife, **Michelle**, on the birth of their son, **Kyle Robert**, Aug. 13.

...to **Kathy Malinowski** of the GeoEnvironmental Engineering Branch who is the WE committee employee of the month for August. Malinowski is being recognized for her positive approach to work, her career and to the betterment of the organization.

Words worth repeating

... You don't have to sit on top of a mountain to discover what's right for you. You always know in your heart what you need to do.

- *Liz Dolan, Marketing executive and radio program cohost*

...The cemetery is filled with indispensable men.

- *Charles de Gaulle*

...You must try to generate happiness within yourself. If you aren't happy in one place, chances are you won't be happy any place.

- *Ernie Banks, Major league baseball player*

Why paying electronically is good for the environment

Want to go green?

Well, here's an easy way to be kind to the environment – receive and pay your bills electronically. According to the Federal Reserve, nearly 50 percent of the checks written in the United States are written by consumers to businesses.

American businesses mail about 26 billion bills and statements per year, and consumers mail nine billion payments per year in paper form. All that paper, nine million trees, and 512 million gallons of gasoline.

On a household scale, here's how paying electronically pans out. Stuart Williams of CheckFree/Fiserv and a member of the PayItGreen Alliance says that the average U.S. household receives 19 bills and statements each month, and makes seven payments with checks each month.

If just 20 percent of American households would switch to electronic statements and payments, it would save 150 million pounds of paper and avoid producing 3.9 billion pounds of greenhouse gases.

So why aren't people switching over? Williams says it's mostly because people are entrenched in their habits. But by breaking away from routine and switching over to electronic statements, the average American household would each year...

- Save 6.6 pounds of paper.
- Save .08 trees.
- Prevent 63 gallons of wastewater from entering the environment.
- Save the 4.5 gallons of gasoline needed to transport bills, statements, and payments via mail service.
- Prevent 171 pounds of greenhouse gases from being produced, which is equivalent to: 1) Preserving 24 square feet of forest from deforestation; 2) Not consuming 8.8 gallons of gasoline; 3) Planting two tree seedlings and allowing them to grow for 10 years; and 4) not driving 169 miles.

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Massport Unveils the Boston Logan International Airport 9/11 Memorial

The Massachusetts Port Authority dedicated the Boston Logan International Airport 9/11 Memorial as a place of reflection and remembrance for those affected by the events of Sept. 11, 2001, on Sept. 9. The 2.5 acre site at the heart of the airport acknowledges the events of 9/11 and honors the passengers and crews of American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, both of which departed Logan Airport that morning for Los Angeles.

"September 11 will remain with all of us – especially those who lost loved ones that terrible day and those of us who work in aviation," said Thomas J. Kinton Jr., Massport CEO & Executive Director. "As the airport operator, our intention was to build a public memorial at Logan Airport that acknowledges the tremendous loss for all who had loved ones on those flights, both the heroic flight crews and the passengers as well. We believe this memorial accomplishes that. This memorial tells the story of an event that took people we loved away from us – 147 of them – whose names are inscribed in the glass sculpture sitting on the highest point of the site."

"This memorial honors the lives tragically lost seven years ago, pays tribute to the families and survivors left behind, and serves as a reminder to us all of the resilience of our country," said Mass. Governor Deval Patrick.

In 2003, the Massachusetts Port Authority identified a 2.5 acre site at the airport and held a public design competition to create the Airport 9/11 Memorial. A committee comprised of representatives from the airlines, families of crew members, local design professionals and Massport chose The Place of Remembrance submitted by Moskow Linn Architects, Inc. of Boston, as the winning design.

From the point of entry for the Memorial, visitors follow one of two winding walkways that recall the flight paths of the two aircraft. The paths pass through a grove of Ginkgo trees that become more densely planted near a glass and steel sculpture, The Place of Remembrance, to create a protective

enclosure and to represent how individuals came together, finding strength in the support and help of others that day and after. Once at the glass and steel sculpture, visitors can walk inside it and view two 11-foot-tall glass panels. On the side facing out is the departure time of each airplane. The side facing in is etched with the names of the passengers and crew of each flight.

As visitors gaze upward through a prism, the sky appears fractured by glass panels suspended from stainless steel cables. At night, the sculpture is illuminated serving as a beacon for all to see. Visitors exit the Memorial by returning to the point of departure, where the words "Remember this Day" are etched in granite.

The \$4 million Memorial is prominently located near the inbound roadway and the walkway from Terminal A to the Central Garage and next to the Hilton Boston Logan Airport Hotel, which donated a portion of its leased land for the Memorial. The hotel also redesigned some of its landscaping to complement the Memorial.

The Memorial is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For more information on the project, visit massport.com.

In less than 24 hours after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, a team that would total nearly 40 individuals from the New England District arrived in New York City as part of the total Federal force to begin the Emergency Response and Recovery Operations.

A public website (<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/wtc/wtc.htm>) has been established with an account of the Corps role documented in a special online publication, a gallery of unpublished government photographs, an overview of the Corps crisis communications team, and other response and recovery information and links.

(Massport information provided by Massport News Release)



Boston International Airport's 9/11 memorial. (photo courtesy of Massport)

Canal Park Ranger is 2008 Stewardship Employee of the Year



Photos by Kevin Burke

John Pribilla, Natural Resource Specialist, Cape Cod Canal, is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Stewardship Employee of the Year for 2008. Pribilla received the award at a ceremony during the Senior Leaders Conference Awards Banquet in Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 4.

The award recognizes an individual who has done exceptional work in the field of natural resources stewardship in a district or field office. The award is based on an individual's contribution to managing, supervising, leading, and/or administering programs in natural resource management, the protection and enhancement of natural resources at Corps facilities, and achievements in the management of land and water resources for natural resources purposes.

According to his nominators, Pribilla achieved many significant and tangible accomplishments in the areas of land and aquatic management, habitat improvement and planning for the future habitat projects at the Cape Cod Canal during 2007.

Pribilla has been able to impart the Army's value of duty, selfless service and integrity to many groups of people to include volunteers, temporary student employees and interns he has come into contact with while working at the Cape Cod Canal. "Mr. Pribilla is an excellent interpreter who supports the operation of the Cape Cod Canal Visitor's Center," states the nomination. "Through innovative projects including the installation of a new osprey

camera at the Center, the public will be able to watch osprey nesting activities from monitors inside."

According to the nomination, Pribilla also brings the Corps' Environmental Stewardship values to local elementary school classrooms and makes presentations to civic and social groups.

Pribilla, who has 26 years of service with the Corps of Engineers, is also a steward of sorts for human beings. He is a certified Emergency Medical Technician who trains other park rangers and Canal personnel in emergency response procedures including the use of automated external defibrillators and oxygen administration in support of emergency response to land and water medical trauma response situations.

He is on the New England District Emergency Operations Technical Center Call Out List to respond to natural disasters. His past deployments include Hurricane Fredric in 1979, Hurricane Bob and the Halloween Nor'easter in 1991, Hurricane Georges in 1998, Hurricanes Frances, Ivan and Jean in 2004, and Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Pribilla was also a first responder in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.



Above: Scott Barr (left) and John Pribilla examine a pair of horse shoe crabs. Right: John Pribilla cares for a duck at the Cape Cod Canal.



The "Canal Deluge" still smoking after the Cape Cod Canal team doused the flames.

Photos taken by the "Manamet" crew.

Cape Cod Canal team fights tug fire while Coast Guard rescues crew

A quick response and perfectly executed team work by the U.S. Coast Guard and New England District's Cape Cod Canal team saved the lives of a crew whose tug caught fire in Cape Cod waters.

The "Canal Deluge" called the U.S. Coast Guard in the early morning hours of Aug. 1 to report a fire aboard the vessel, which was located out in Buzzard's Bay off the entrance to the New Bedford Harbor Channel. Soon after, the Coast Guard contacted the Cape Cod Canal's Marine Traffic Controller asking for assistance. Brian Mulvey coordinated with the crew of the canal tug, "Manamet," who quickly dispatched to the scene.

While the Coast Guard rescued the "Canal Deluge" crew, the "Manamet" crew went to work on the fire. "The 'Manamet' put out the fire, maintained a reflash watch and then put out the fire again after one reflash," said Roger Mathurin, the Canal's Marine Operations Officer. "The crew of the 'Canal Deluge' was taken off by a U.S. Coast Guard 47-foot motor life boat and put on the tug, 'Miss Yvette,' that also came out to help."

After the fire was extinguished, the "Manamet" crew also cooled down the vessel with a fire monitor, which allowed the "Canal Deluge"

crew to go back on board to check interior compartments. The "Manamet" crew provided 15 five gallon pails of foam and lines to spray the foam into internal hot spots.

Fast action by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Cape Cod Canal team resulted in no injuries to the "Canal Deluge" crew or the responders.

Cape Cod Canal personnel have monthly safety training sessions. Their last session that took place on July 30 consisted of fire fighting, use of AFFF foam, dewatering and firing off of pyrotechnics so the training was fresh in their minds when they responded to the "Canal Deluge" call.

So far this year, the "Manamet" crew has responded to three requests for assistance, and the canal's patrol boat crews have assisted 231 vessels in distress.

The crew of the "Manamet" are: Roger Mathurin, John Murner (Tugmaster), Randal Mello, Jack Olsen, Bill Kane, Bob Blackwell and Danny Bartalome. U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Officer CWO Mick Finchman was also on board the "Manamet," getting a ride to the scene courtesy of the crew. Marine Controller Luke Lomeland took over the watch at 8 a.m., until the Manamet was given the call at 1:45 p.m., to return to the Canal.



Cape Cod Canal team members extinguish fire on "Canal Deluge."



Sheila Winston-Vincuilla and Rachael Raposa are the 2008 Supervisors of the Year.



Jeff Teller, Real Estate
Photos by C.J. Allen

Founder's Day awards ceremony recognizes past, present accomplishments

New England District commemorated the 233rd birthday of the Corps of Engineers with an awards ceremony honoring its past and present employees, Aug 7. The festivities took place at Castle Park, Hanscom Air Force Base, with the awards activities happening under the traditional ceremonial tent. Larry Rosenberg, Chief, PAO, served as Master of Ceremonies and welcomed the audience to the District's "233rd birthday party and we're looking pretty darn good for our age," he joked.

It is tradition that the Master of Ceremonies of the Founder's Day

Awards Ceremony relate the proud beginnings of the Corps of Engineers, which began in New England on June 16, 1775. It has also become traditional for Rosenberg to retell the story adding his own special "touches," which involves including some of the current senior District employees in critical supporting roles. This year the "retelling" brought many chuckles from the audience.

After his remarks, Rosenberg introduced Col. Philip T. Feir, New England District Commander, who expressed his happiness over being part of the New England District Team.

This was Col. Feir's first Founder's Day ceremony – he took command of the District on June 27.

The colonel thanked Real Estate Division, Office of Counsel and the 2008 Founder's Day Committee for putting together the event. He then set the record straight and briefed the audience on a more accurate retelling of the birth of the Corps of Engineers and the first Chief of Engineers, Col. Richard Gridley.

Col. Feir also discussed the current projects and challenges that the District is facing. He mentioned the current missions of the Corps of Engineers



30 years of service.



45 years of service.



35 years of service.



5 years of service.

and the fact that the District still has employees deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism. “They are the most current volunteers in a strong showing of our District capability in the last couple of years to support the Corps missions overseas and the disaster relief and recovery work in the Southern United States,” he said.

The New England District Commander reminded the audience that the Corps’ mission in the Gulf Region is not over and that engineers and specialists are still needed. Anyone interested in a deployment assignment may contact the Emergency Operations Center for more information. He concluded his remarks by telling everyone to stay safe and enjoy the day.

Bill Scully, Deputy District Engi-

neer for Programs and Project Management, followed Col. Feir and announced three new members of the District’s Distinguished Civilian Gallery – Fran Donovan, Bob Harrington, and Steve Rubin. See story on following page.

Lt. Col. Stephen Lefebvre, Deputy District Commander, presented Jeff Teller with the NATO Medal and the Commander’s Award for Civilian Service for his work as a realty specialist for the Afghanistan Engineer District in support of Enduring Freedom from April 15, 2007 to Oct. 10, 2007.

Lt. Col. Lefebvre also awarded two APEX Awards for Publication Excellence to Ann Marie Harvie for the Yankee Engineer Year in Review 2007 and for the personality profile on

the decorated West Point cadet who shadowed New England engineers.

Peter Hugh, standing in for Heather Sullivan, Federal Women’s Program Manager, presented the Supervisor of the Year Award to Sheila Winston-Vincuilla and to Rachael Raposa, both of Contracting. This was the first time in the history of the award that two supervisors were honored.

Kim Kaminski-Donaher, Chief of Human Resources, assisted Col. Feir in presenting this year’s Length of Service pins for five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years of dedication to the Corps of Engineers. Joe Redlinger, Founder’s Day Committee Chair, rounded out the list of speakers and presenters for the day by briefing the attendees on the day’s activities.



Kim Kaminski-Donaher announces the length of service awards.



Larry Rosenberg, Col. Philip Feir, and Lt. Col. Stephen Lefebvre.

Three retirees inducted into Distinguished Civilian Gallery

The New England District inducted three outstanding individuals into its Distinguished Civilian Gallery during the Founder's Day Ceremony, Aug. 7.

Under the ceremonial tent, Fran Donovan, Robert Harrington and Stephen Rubin, were individually recognized for their distinguished careers as they were entered into the Gallery. Bill Scully, Deputy District Engineer for Programs/Project Management, served as narrator during the inductions. Scully said that he was honored to be able to participate in this portion of the Founder's Day ceremonies and spoke warmly of each inductee, citing their many individual accomplishments.

As each man stopped on stage to receive his plaque, Col. Philip T. Feir, New England District Commander, offered his congratulations.

Francis X. Donovan
Canal Manager, Cape Cod Canal
Construction/Operations Division

Francis X. Donovan began his career with the Corps in New England in 1975 as an engineer in the Navigation Section of Operations following a position at the Charlestown Navy Shipyard. Mr. Donovan moved to larger responsibilities and became Assistant Area Engineer and then Area Engineer, supervising many construction and dredging projects, most notably the Town Brook Local Protection Project in Quincy, Mass., and the environmental clean up of the former Watertown Arsenal facility in Watertown, Mass., which included dismantling a 50-year old nuclear reactor.



Mr. Donovan served as Resident Engineer for a time during the construction of the Town Brook Local Protection Project before being promoted to Assistant Engineer in Charge at the Cape Cod Canal. In 2001, he was selected as the Canal Manager and became responsible for all areas of the project which included managing an operating budget of \$7.5 million and a staff of 30 employees. Mr. Donovan's responsibilities also included the management of the New

Bedford Hurricane Barrier in New Bedford, Mass., and the repair oversight of the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier in Providence, R.I.

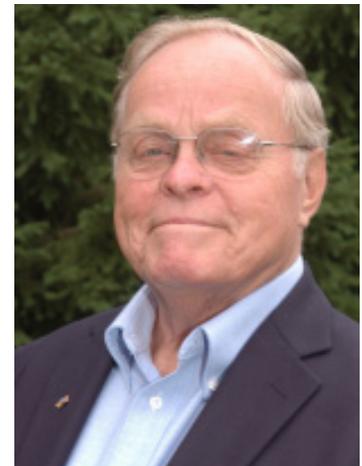
Mr. Donovan performed his duties exceptionally as Canal Manager. Under his leadership, he worked with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Port Authority in Providence, R.I. to improve security related to vessels transiting the area. He also worked with the Coast Guard to install an electronic system that monitors the movement of vessels in the Long Island Sound to Boston area, which is expected to reduce the incidence of oil spills and other marine accidents. Mr. Donovan is also credited with working hard to increase morale and setting high expectations of performance. His exemplary performance throughout his career has earned him the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Superior Civilian Service Award, the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, the Commander's Award for Civilian Service as well as numerous performance and Special Act awards and letters of commendation.

He retired on Jan. 3, 2007 with 38 years of faithful federal service. Mr. Donovan said that he was honored to be elected into the Gallery. "What makes it so special to me is the people who nominated me," he said.

He was accompanied by his wife, Rhonda, his daughter, Christin, and Mrs. Donovan's parents, Domenic and Mary Cairra.

Robert Harrington
Assistant Chief of Engineering/Chief Engineering
Management Branch
Engineering/Planning Division

Robert Harrington joined the Corps of Engineers Engineering Division in 1974 following work in the private sector, where he obtained outstanding technical expertise and experience that would benefit him and the Corps throughout his profession. During his early career, Mr. Harrington was the prime designer on the Park River Flood Control Tunnel in Hartford, Conn., and was the technical lead on the major rehabilitation of the Bourne Highway Bridge, Cape



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Cod, Mass.

Through a succession of positions of higher responsibility, Mr. Harrington was named Chief of Engineering Management Branch/Assistant Chief Engineering Division in 1988.

During that time there was a significant increase in the Work for Others program as well as the demand for timely economic products while sustaining high quality standards.

Mr. Harrington's full breadth of engineering expertise and ability to understand all the requirements necessary to undertake a project and then articulate it to the customer allowed him to fully meet their expectations.

He used his technical expertise to conduct thorough reviews of A/E contracts, most notably the A/E design of rehabilitation measures for the Vertical Lift Railroad Bridge at the Cape Cod Canal that led to changes that ensured safe measures to counter wind forces during construction.

Mr. Harrington was also a prominent contributor in the innovative design proposed for the Town Brook Flood Control Tunnel in Quincy, Mass.

Mr. Harrington's expertise, leadership and people skills were recognized throughout the District and as a result he was sought after as a mentor by many of the engineers. His advice and teachings to those who sought his counsel will have a positive impact on the District for many years to come. Mr. Harrington retired in October 1998 with 24 years of service. Mr. Harrington thanked his nominators and reflected on his time with the Corps of Engineers. "The diversity of the job was wonderful," he said.

Mr. Harrington's son, Steven, attended the induction with his father.

Stephen A. Rubin
Chief, Evaluation Branch,
Engineering/Planning Division

Steve Rubin started his career with the Corps in New England in 1968 as a Regional Economist, performing the analysis of economic benefits of many high profile projects such as the Dickey-Lincoln School Lakes Hydropower Project, the Passamaquoddy (Cobscook) Bay Tidal Power Project, the Park River Conduit, Town Brook Flood Control Project, the deepening of the Ports-



Bill Scully announces the inductees of the Distinguished Civilian Gallery.

mouth and Boston Harbors, the large study that examined costal storm damages from the Blizzard of 1978 and the Big River Project.

Mr. Rubin was also directly involved in providing economic justification for innovative projects such as the Charles River Natural Valley Storage Project, the Belmont Park Flood Proofing Project; the Milford, Conn., House Raising Project; the major rehabilitation of the Cape Cod Canal Railroad Bridge and the Portsmouth Harbor Dredging Project.

Mr. Rubin's position in the Corps in New England was unique as he was the only economist. His expertise was recognized by other Districts and he was frequently called upon for assistance. Throughout his career, Mr. Rubin was promoted to higher positions of responsibility until he was promoted to Chief, Evaluation Branch in 1990, the position from which he retired.

As a supervisor, Mr. Rubin served as a positive role model for his employees as he was an innovative pioneer in implementing accommodations for personnel such as flexiplace and part-time work arrangements which helped him retain a high quality staff over a period of time.

Mr. Rubin performed faithfully and loyally throughout his 35-year career with the New England District and was recognized with the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, the Exceptional Performance Commendation and Award, numerous performance awards and letters of commendation from several Division Engineers.

He retired on May 30, 2003.

"This is a great honor," he told the audience. "I feel very humbled. Thanks to everyone who voted for me."

All three inductees' photos are currently featured on a large display wall at the District Office in Concord, Mass., with citations and will remain there for one year before joining the rest of the members in the permanent gallery.



Terry Wong takes aim during the horseshoe competition.



"Chipmunks" catering prepares the barbecue lunch. Photos by C.J. Allen

Activity-filled day highlights Founder's Day celebration

This year's Founder's Day Committee arranged a myriad of activities to take place immediately following the official awards ceremony, Aug. 9 at Hanscom Air Force Base's Castle Park.

Basketball was the first activity to take place after the ceremony. Founder's Day attendees enjoyed a game of pick up while they waited for their catered barbecue lunch to be prepared by New England District's own cafeteria operators, "Chipmunks." The New England District Senior Staff donated free soft drinks to attendees in celebration of the Corps' birthday.

After everyone filled their tummies, it was time to watch the military dog demonstration, hosted by Hanscom Air Force Base. The demonstration began with an Air Force serviceman giving the German Shepherd dog basic commands, such as "sit," "stay," etc. Then another Air Force servicemember donned attack gloves while the other demonstrated how the lovable pooch could attack on command.

Bob Meader demonstrated a unique way to assemble wood sheds called "timber design," much to the appreciation of the District engineers and outdoorsmen. Mary Christo-

pher, a staple to any Founder's Day celebration, painted faces and handed out goodie bags, courtesy of the Work Environment (WE) Committee. The WE Committee also brought their merchandise store to sell New England District inscribed memorabilia to include clothing, key chains, pens, and mugs.

Nurse Linda Lindell, Federal Occupational Health Unit, set up shop under a tent, attending to minor ailments and passing out cookies and sunscreen to Founder's Day attendees. Other activities included impromptu games of volleyball, softball as well as the NAE Horseshoe Semifinals and Championship, in which the team of Christopher Lindsay and Bob DeSista came out on top.

Office of Counsel and Real Estate Division hosted this year's Founder's Day unofficial events. Members of the committee were: Joe Redlinger (Chair), Judy Antonellis, Pam Bradstreet, Julie Canney, Maureen Davi, Barbara Duffin, Bob Henderson, Santos Lara, Elaine Law, Raimo Liias, Peg Lorenzo, Molly McCabe, Josh Mulvey, Greg Penta, Will Pumyea, Sally Rigione, Donna Russell, Joan Shok, Jeff Teller, Angie Vanaria and "Z" Zimmerman.



WE Committee chair Raimo Liias sells New England District merchandise during Founder's Day.



Mary Christopher paints faces and hands out goodie bags to kids during the event.

National Water Team delivers water relief to hurricane victims

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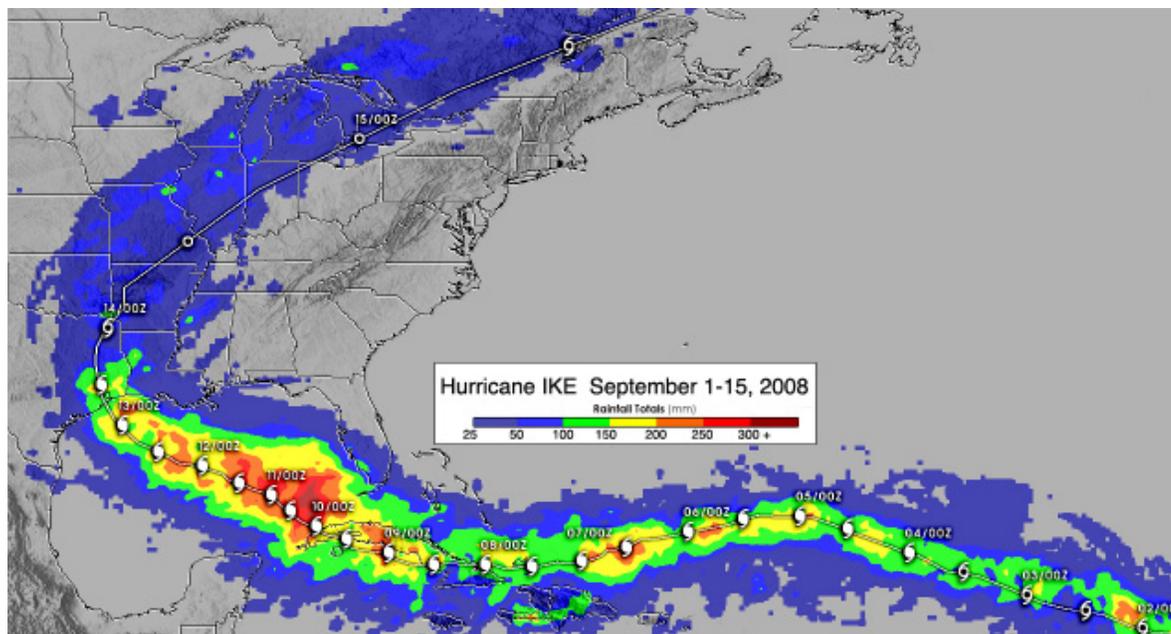
contractor, IAP, Inc., of Irmo, S.C.

Even before Ike entered the Gulf of Mexico, the New England District's Emergency Operations Center and the National Water Team prepared for any assistance FEMA would need to help victims. The National Water Team's

warehouse area to go to the FEMA POD's," said Schafer. "They open up the trucks, inspect them and make sure nothing was damaged during delivery and that it is packaged according to FEMA specifications."

But before they can inspect a product, it must first be ordered. Co-Mission

it. When that happens, the Water Team in Concord coordinates with the contractor to contact each driver by cell phone to give them the new location. Sullivan and Goodrich also track how many trucks of water have been delivered against what has been ordered for that day and relay that information to



NASA's TRMM satellite assesses Hurricane Ike's rainfall.

Action Officer, Mike Keegan, traveled to the National Response and Coordination Center in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 2, in response to Hurricane Gustav, which had impacted the coast of La., about a week prior to Ike. His role is to serve as liaison between the Corps and FEMA headquarters officials. "Mike has been working diligently to relay requests and orders for water to the team members working out of the EOC," said Dave Schafer, Chief of the District's EOC.

A 16-member water team of New England District and Kansas City District volunteers are on the ground performing quality assurance.

"When the trucks come into the site, the team members receive the product, fill out paperwork for tracking purposes so the contractor can be paid properly, and tracks the water as it leaves the

Managers Heather Sullivan and Dave Goodrich are in constant contact with Keegan in Washington as well as the Water Teams on the ground at the disaster locations.

They pass information on updated requests, water orders and locations to either of the Contracting Officers Sheila Winston-Vincuilla or Rachael Raposa.

"When Mike gets word from FEMA on what their needs are, I'll call the contractor and give a verbal notification, and we'll work with Mike to get the funding and we'll place the order," said Raposa. "We'll come up with a delivery schedule that the contractor can meet and coordinate how the product is delivered and where FEMA wants it to go."

Plans often change in a disaster recovery mission, and often the location of the water delivery must be altered to meet the needs of the victims receiving

Keegan to ensure that FEMA is getting all it needs to help the victims. According to Winston-Vincuilla the contractor is performing well and the water is being delivered according to schedule.

Schafer and Rachel Fisher of the District EOC are also working hard on the Hurricane Ike recovery effort, ensuring that the team is staffed with adequate support in the field and in the Concord Office and performing logistical duties for the team such as travel orders and funding.

The National Water Team and the EOC have been working 12 to 16 hour days, seven days a week to make sure that hurricane victims have enough to drink.

"We plan to be operating for at least a couple of more weeks," said Schafer. "But obviously we'll stay in place as long as we're needed."

Water Team members who are on the ground are: Steve Patchkofsky, Brett Markure, Duban Montoya, Phil Morrison, Reese Piper, Jeff Mangum, Dale Berkness, Jay Mackay, Darrell Moore and Jim Hachigian from New England District; and John Skelton, Willem Helms, Dereck Wansing, Jared Mewmaw, Josh Marx, Mike Daro, and Dennis Wallace from Kansas City District.

First lady Abigail Adams' life portrayed for Women's History Month

New England District employees went back in time to the mid 1700's in early America to glimpse into the life of one of the first ladies of the United States and one of the first advocates of Women's Rights during the EEO and Federal Women's Program Women's History Month.

Performer Linda Myer took on the role of Abigail Adams in her one-woman performance titled, "Abigail Adams – Remember the Ladies," for District employees in the Concord Park Cafeteria on Aug. 9. As Mrs. Adams, Myer recited stories about historical events that she witnessed and historical people she knew such as her husband, John Adams, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin and King George of England.

Abigail Adams was born Abigail Smith in Weymouth, Mass., in November 1744 to Rev. William and Elizabeth Smith. In October 1764, she married a young Boston lawyer named John Adams and for the first 10 years, they lived a happy, quiet life in Braintree, Mass., and became parents of four children. During that time, Mrs. Adams shared her husband's interest in the current events and intense disputes involving the new country that would soon erupt into the Revolutionary War.

Long separations kept Mrs. Adams from her husband while he served the country they loved, as delegate to the Continental Congress, envoy abroad, and elected officer under the Constitution. Her letters detail her life in times of revolution. They tell the story of the woman who stayed at home to struggle

with wartime shortages and inflation; to run the farm with a minimum of help; and to teach four children when formal education was interrupted. Most of all, they tell of her loneliness without her "Dearest Friend."

Mrs. Adams was an advocate for Women's Rights. In a letter to her

In 1784, she joined him at his diplomatic post in Paris, and observed with interest the manners of the French. After 1785, she filled the difficult role of wife of the first United States Minister to Great Britain, and did so with dignity and tact. They returned in 1788 to Massachusetts and the house they had just acquired in Braintree, later called Quincy, home for the rest of their lives.

As wife of the first Vice President, Mrs. Adams became a good friend to Mrs. Washington and a valued help in official entertaining, drawing on her experience of courts and society abroad. After 1791, however, poor health forced her to spend as much time as possible in Quincy.

When John Adams was elected President, she continued a formal pattern of entertaining--even in the primitive conditions she found at the new capital in November 1800. The city was wilderness, the President's House far from completion. Her private complaints to her family provide blunt accounts of both, but for her three months in Washington she duly held her dinners and receptions.

The Adamses retired to Quincy in 1801. Abigail died in 1818, and is buried beside her husband in United First Parish Church. She leaves her country a most remarkable record as patriot and First Lady, wife of one President and mother of another.

Myer, as Mrs. Adams, also took questions from the audience after the performance.

Col. Philip T. Feir, New England District Commander, presented her with a Bunker Hill plaque in appreciation for her participation at the conclusion of the event.



Photo by Brian Murphy

Linda Myer portrays Abigail Adams at New England District's Women's History celebration.

husband in March 1776, while he was in Philadelphia writing the U.S. Constitution, she wrote, "Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the Ladies we are determined to foment a Rebellion and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice or Representation."

Buffumville commemorates 50 years of flood damage reduction with special event

New England District and local officials joined private citizens to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Buffumville Lake Dam during a ceremony held at the Charlton, Mass., project, Aug. 9. Over 150 people attended the event.

Col. Philip T. Feir, New England District Commander, joined speakers who discussed Buffumville Dam past and present. "This is a significant and important milestone," he said. "This flood damage reduction project has been protecting the citizens of this community, the region and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 50 years. That's quite an accomplishment."

Park Ranger Jamie Kordack served as mistress of ceremonies. She introduced Tim Russell, current Project Manager at Buffumville Lake, who talked about the project's present operations. Bill Hultgren, the official Charlton Historian discussed the area history and the devastating floods that determined the necessity of Buffumville's construction.

Construction/Operations retiree Bernard Manor talked about the Corps of Engineers and Buffumville Lake from 1958 through the 1970's.

Col. Feir rounded out the speakers for the event. He discussed the positive impact that the dam has had on the community since it was built 50 years ago. "Buffumville Dam, on the Little River, was completed in 1958 at a cost of \$3 million," he explained. "Although it cost \$3 million to build, Buffumville Dam has prevented nearly \$89 million in flood damages since it was built. These are damages that would have occurred to people and property in the region had the dam not been built. That's quite a cost benefit return in my estimation. Additionally, besides the flood pro-



Photos by C.J. Allen

Commemoration attendees line up for cake and punch.

tection, it has offered the local community and residents of this state a wonderful opportunity for diverse recreational pursuits."

Cake and punch were served to attendees immediately after the speaking portion of the event, moving the celebration into the many activities taking place that day. Displays of historic photos of Buffumville were available for people to view. Tables featured New England District safety giveaways and temporary tattoos for the kids. Buffum-

ville employees invited guests to donate items for a time capsule as well as a register for people to write about the past and leave a message for the future. A working dam model entertained and educated young and old on how a dam really works. Attendees also played with hula hoops, which were also created in 1958, while listening to the hits of that year.

The 50th celebration ended with tours of the dam for those interested in seeing Buffumville inside and out. The



Tim Russell conducts a dam tour during Buffumville's 50th anniversary.

12,700 acre-feet of storage at Buffumville is equal to 3.9 billion gallons of water and is impounded by a 3,255-foot-long, 66-foot-high earthen dam. Picnicking, swimming, boating, fishing, hunting, 27-hole disc golf course, volleyball, horseshoes, two rental shelters and sight-seeing attract more than 63,000 visitors annually.



Junior Project Managers paint their newly made didgeridoos during their lesson on Australian Aborigines.

Junior Rangers/Junior Project Managers Enjoy Time at Hop Brook Lake

Story and photos by Marci Montrose
Hop Brook Lake

A new group of Junior Rangers converged on the Hop Brook Lake Project Office the week of July 28. One group of 26 children ranging in ages from 6-9 years old attended the morning session and a second group of 28 children ages 10-12 years attended the afternoon session.

Hop Brook Rangers led educational talks which included subjects such as: What a Park Ranger Does, the Water Cycle, the Importance of Recycling and Facts about Wild Animals. Junior Rangers demonstrated their creativity with various arts and crafts including the ever popular "Garbage Monster."

The "Garbage Monster" is a craft where recyclable materials are used to create a monster that helps the environment by eating trash. How it eats the trash and whether it recycles it or not is entirely up to the children's imaginations. Their overall favorite activity was looking for aquatic life in the brook on "Water Day" and the kids and rangers alike enjoyed playing games like "Drip Drip Drop" and "Shrinking Wetlands."

The Junior Project Managers (returnees from last year)

arrived in much the same fashion as the Junior Rangers did. One group of twenty-nine 7-10 year olds attended the morning session and another group of thirty 11-13 year olds attended the afternoon session the week of Aug. 4.

This year, the summer ranger staff was responsible for the subject matter for each of the days. Summer rangers Nichki Carangelo and Laszlo Lazar worked together on presenting a day full of "Living in Extreme Ways". Carangelo focused on those populations which live in cold weather, particularly the Inuits of Alaska. The children made ceremonial masks and played Native Alaskan games. Carangelo also touched upon desert living and animal adaptations for living in hot desert and cold tundra regions.

Lazar brought the children "Down Under" and presented a short lesson on the Aborigines of Australia. He showed the children authentic Aboriginal artifacts from his personal collection. The children painted each others' faces, and some rangers' faces, to resemble Aboriginal tribesmen/women. Lazar also showed the campers an authentic didgeridoo (Aboriginal musical instrument) and played it for them. The children then painted their own didgeridoos made of PVC pipe. At the end of the day, they gathered in a circle and held a concert led by Laszlo and the rangers.



Junior Project Managers test their engineering skills by building a dam out of sand/soil.

“Going Green” was Tuesday’s topic. It was the brain-child of our 15-year old volunteer Norah Young, who was a Junior Ranger and Project Manager for seven years at Hop Brook. She developed and led the entire day’s worth of activities, including Vampire Tag (her own twist on a tag game). She also had each group adopt a tree in the woods and they made ornaments out of recyclable materials which they hung on their newly adopted tree. The kids also played “Going Green Jeopardy.”

Summer ranger Kathy Hanley’s “Watershed Day” was a hit with the youngsters, too.

Hanley showed the children what dams, levees and dikes are and why they are important. She demonstrated what a watershed is using her own stream-table she had built for a college class. The kids also got to show off their engineering skills by building their own dams and flooding them to see if their designs could hold back water. The favorite activity of the day was the water cycle obstacle course which resulted in a water balloon fight with the leftovers. The rangers won!

“Bee/Pollination Day” was presented by summer ranger Amanda Guralski. Although the rain tried to put a damper on the activities, Guralski made the most of it. She led the campers through a discussion on the importance of bees and



Park Ranger Nicki Carangelo reads Junior Project Managers “The Giving Tree” as they work on a craft.

pollination. The kids learned the parts of a flower and made their own flowers out of pieces of crumpled tissue paper. They also played a few games including a pollination relay race in which participants acted as bees and butterflies picking up “pollen,” running through an obstacle course and depositing the “pollen” on a “flower”.

Friday was “Choose Your Own Activity Day.” Project Manager Diana Errico-Topolski came up with the idea of letting children enjoy the outdoors in their own way.

The kids were then given the choice of playing several life-sized games, Cloud Gazing, Geocaching/hiking or doing arts and crafts. The morning class and afternoon class split into three groups each, based on the activity they chose and spent the remainder of the day doing that activity. The end of the day was

the end of the week for our Junior Project Managers who celebrated with a small ceremony where everyone received a certificate and badge.

The Hop Brook staff has been conducting the Junior Ranger program for eight years and this was the seventh year for the Junior Project Manager program. The programs at Hop Brook Lake have grown considerably from year to year and this year was the biggest yet.



Summer Park Ranger Laszlo Lazar paints an Australian Aboriginal mask on a Junior Project Manager.

Dredging up the past . . .



Mike Galicki and Jennifer Flanagan talk with Col. Moore in the ERRO Office located close to Ground Zero in New York in this September 1991 photo. Galicki and Flanagan were two of many volunteers from New England District who responded to the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

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