

2011

A Year in Review

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Commander's Corner: Serving New England and the Nation since 1775!

by Col. Charles P. Samaris
District Commander

"My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition."

~ Indira Gandhi



Col. Charles Samaris speaking at the Fallen Heroes event in Connecticut.

Team,

What a great year! Although, as the new guy, I've only participated in the last half it, one thing is clear...you, the New England District, achieved incredible results for the folks we serve...the people of New England and the Nation. Your contributions are many, and your impact is immense. You make a difference...every day. And on their behalf, I want to thank you for your dedicated and selfless service.

Why? Because you do the work...the hard work. Whether it's performing quality assurance on a complex construction project, executing flood risk management actions during a tropical storm, designing irrigation systems for contingency operations in Afghanistan, deploying across the globe to build capacity in a struggling country, or any of the other critical problems solved or solutions provided...you delivered superior results throughout 2011.

As you can imagine, there were many, many highlights this past year...far too many to include them all. So, in this "Year in Review" issue of the Yankee Engineer you'll find a sampling of achievements that capture the scope and the spirit of what the New England District achieved for, and more importantly contributed to, the people and the Nation that we serve.

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Again, thanks for a great year!
Serving New England Since 1775!
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Essays!

"In all human affairs there are efforts, and there are results, and the strength of the effort is the measure of the result."

~ James Allen (1864-1912), Writer



Adam Burnett serving in Afghanistan.



Paul Gaudreau serving in Joplin, Mo.

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(from left) Brig. Gen. Peter DeLuca, Col. Tom Feir, Col. Charles Samaris, and William Scully prepare to pass the command flag at the Change of Command Ceremony.

Change in Leadership

The New England District team gathered at Faneuil Hall in Boston, Mass., to say goodbye and best wishes to one commander and also to welcome another during the Change of Command Ceremony, July 29.

Col. Tom Feir passed the Corps of Engineers Command Flag to Col. Charles Samaris during the ceremony. The New England District Team joined hundreds of family members, federal, state, local officials and other well wishers at the event that was presided over by North Atlantic Division Commander Brig. Gen. Peter DeLuca. The event also marked Col. Feir's retirement from the U.S. Army after over 27 years of faithful service to the nation.

Changes in leadership also happened at the Division and national level this year. Brig. Gen. Peter A. DeLuca passed the flag to Col. Christopher Larsen, Sept. 9. Brig. Gen. DeLuca is the current Commander of the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Lt. Gen. Robert VanAntwerp, Chief of Engineers, retired from the U.S. Army during a ceremony, May 3. Maj. Gen. Merdith W.B. Temple is currently serving as the Acting Chief of Engineers.



Col. Charles Samaris (right) becomes the new Commander of the New England District.



A Low-flying helicopter rigged with geophysical instrumentation conducts a survey on Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Project Highlights

The New England District team had many successes completing many projects of all different types in 2011. Below is just a sampling of the amazing work accomplished in the past year:

Working with the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center located in Huntsville, Ala., the New England District Team and their contractor, UXB, conducted an aerial magnetometer survey at South Beach, Tisbury, Great Pond and Cape Poge on Martha's Vineyard, Mass., Feb. 6. The survey was part of a remedial investigation/feasibility study on the Vineyard and supplemented the ground, inland water and ocean surveys to capture areas that could not be surveyed due to access issues.

At the request of the Millennium

Challenge Corporation, the New England District Team provided technical expertise related to dam rehabilitation and repair to support the ongoing water supply improvements in Nacala, Mozambique.

Many dredging projects were completed in 2011. The New England District team performed maintenance dredging of the Kennebec River Federal Navigation Project in Bath, Maine. The District Team dredged two portions of the authorized 27-foot deep, 500-foot-wide federal navigation project. The Corps dredge, CURRITUCK paid a

visit to New England waters to assist the District Team in dredging portions of the federal navigation channels in the Patchogue River in Westbrook, Conn., and Clinton Harbor in Clinton, Conn. Approximately 20,000 cubic yards of sediment were removed from the Patchogue River and 30,000 cubic yards of material were removed from Clinton Harbor. The CURRITUCK also removed 20,000 cubic yards of material from the Harbor of Refuge in Block Island, R.I., and shoaled portions of the 6- and 8-foot deep channel in Green Harbor, Mass. Dredging work at the



Nacala Dam in Mozambique, Africa.



Vegetation removal at Woonsocket Fall Dam in Rhode Island.



Dredge CURRITUCK dredging in Connecticut.

New Bedford Superfund site continues. The 2011 dredging ran through Sept. 19, removing 25,674 cubic yards of material. The New England District has been supporting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with site clean up since the mid-1980s. This is a long-term project with hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of contaminated sediments to be removed. Since 2004, 210,455 cubic yards of material have been taken from the site.

The New England District Team has also been assisting EPA with the clean up of the former Shpack landfill site in Norton and Attleboro, Mass., since 2002. The District's role at the 8-acre site has focused on the radioactive contamination. A total of 57,687 cubic yards of contaminated waste was excavated and 50,555 cubic yards of radiological waste was shipped off site. The project was completed in October.

Five projects totaling about \$176 million under the Base Realignment and

Closure Program were completed in 2011 as well. Ribbon cutting ceremonies for completed Armed Forces Reserve Centers took place in Ayer, Mass., Newport, R.I., Middletown, Conn., and in Rutland and White River Junction, Vt., in November and December.

Contracts for two critical mechanical items to repair the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier in Rhode Island were awarded by the District Team. The contracts were awarded to repair pump

numbers one and five and to upgrade the electromechanical control system and were completed in 2011.

Repairs to the Woonsocket Falls Dam were completed in June. Restoration of the four tainter gate surfaces and mechanical equipment bring the dam back up to full operation as designed.

In addition, vegetation removal along the Blackstone River channel improvement, which is above the Woonsocket Falls Dam is also complete.



New facility constructed under BRAC in Rutland, Vermont.



Boats are tossed around on Cape Cod waters during Hurricane Irene.

New England District Disaster Response in 2011

The past year has been a particularly busy one for New England District team members who perform disaster response missions. The New England watershed experienced greater than normal snowpack during the winter months in early 2011, and the flood potential was considered very high.

A rainstorm on March 6-7 caused rainfall totals of three to five inches that, along with the augmented snowmelt, led to significant runoff conditions. Corps dams within the Naugatuck River Basin utilized between 33 and 55 percent of flood storage.

District projects in the Thames River Basin utilized between 20 and 35 percent of flood storage. West Hill Dam in Massachusetts utilized about 25 percent of its flood storage and the Tainter Gate Dam, which is part of the Woonsocket Flood Mitigation Project in Rhode Island, also operated during

the flood event. In the Connecticut and Merrimack River Basins, the New England District's dams were at 10 and 50 percent of flood storage. The efforts by the Basin, Emergency Operations and Reservoir Control teams resulted in approximately \$370 million in damages prevented.

The New England District Team responded to disaster events not typical to the region – tornadoes and a hurricane. On June 1, New England District emergency responders quickly made their way to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA)

Regional Response and Coordination Center as well as the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) bunker after two killer tornadoes left a wide path of destruction in Western and Central Massachusetts. The storms left four people dead.

District Team Members at FEMA and MEMA ensured seamless coordination of Corps of Engineers Support and Assistance as required and requested.

New England District Team members joined Subject Matter Experts from Baltimore District in Western



Victims of the Massachusetts tornado sit in the rubble that was once their home.



Col. Charles Samaris visits Townsend Dam after Hurricane Irene.



Aerial photo of damage caused by Hurricane Irene in Vermont.

Massachusetts to perform debris estimating and Critical Infrastructure SMEs were deployed to assist in finding viable options for temporary school facilities. Public Affairs provided communications support to both agencies.

The field offices in the affected region responded as well. The team at East Brimfield Lake made the boat ramps available to state and local emergency management and also conducted tree removal at the site. The team at Buf-fumville Lake and Hodges Village Dam performed debris assessment in the lake by boat.

In late summer, the New England District Team braced for an unwelcome guest in Hurricane Irene. The storm made landfall as a tropical storm on Aug. 28. All three of New England District's Hurricane Barriers – Stamford in Connecticut, Fox Point in Rhode Island and New Bedford in Massachusetts – all shut their gates during the storm. The peak tide at Stamford reached 9.6 feet, the third highest since the project's construction in 1969.

During the height of the storm, all of the New England District dams stored runoff in various amounts. At the Woonsocket Flood Damage Reduction Project in Rhode Island

three of the four tainter gates at the dam were open to one foot. Total damages prevented by Corps Dams and Hurricane Barriers, as well as Local Flood Protection Projects, was about \$1 billion, with 78 percent attributed to Corps Dams and Hurricane Barriers and 22 percent to Local Flood Protection Projects.

In the aftermath of Irene the District was engaged in the disaster response missions in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont. The missions ranged from Debris Technical Assistance, Temporary Housing, Emergency Power, and Engineering and cost estimating assistance for critical transportation infrastructure.

In addition to responding to disasters at home, New England District team members also deployed to assist in the Corps Tornado recovery mission in Missouri and Alabama in the summer months. Barbara Duffin, Claudia (Jean) Hixson, Terry Chase, Andy Stamer, Marissa Wright, Gladys Leone and Paul Gaudreau deployed to Missouri. Mark Walsh and Rachel Fisher deployed to Alabama. More than 200 Corps Team Members nationwide assisted in the tornado response efforts.



The New England District Ranger Color Guard and Col. Tom Feir on the historical North Bridge during Concord's Patriot's Day parade.

Activities in the Field

The New England District Park Rangers continued to accomplish many great things in 2011. In addition to the numerous interpretive programs held at each site, here is only a very small sample of the great work they performed this past year:

Park Rangers crowded the halls of Concord Park when they attended the District's Ranger Conference in January. The three-day event featured presentations by guest speakers, various training sessions, and awards presentations.

Park Ranger Tom Chamberland represented the District as a presenter at the 20th National Trails Symposium. Chamberland's presentation focused the Titanic Rail Trail in Massachusetts.

The Upper Connecticut River Basin joined forces with Vermont Fish and Wildlife to help recover Bald Eagle populations by predator-proofing two Bald Eagle nests at North Springfield Lake in February.

Based on data collected by the Upper Connecticut River Basin team, Vermont's Endangered Species Committee recommended in February that little brown bats and northern long eared bats be added to the state's endangered spe-



Gary Pelton (right) predator proofs a tree containing a Bald Eagle's nest in Vermont.



Volunteers lend a helping hand at National Public Lands Day at Buffumville.



Josh Levesque talks to volunteers about invasive plants at Edward MacDowell Lake.



Student interns remove a brown bat as part of their population research in New Hampshire.

cies list. Biologist Gary Pelton and a team of wildlife interns conducted mist net surveys on Corps property in Vermont.

Pelton and a team of student Conservation Association Interns also performed bat research in August for the state of New Hampshire to help determine the bat's populations for consideration on that state's endangered species list.

The Buffumville Lake Team held a public meeting on the draft Master Plan document for the project in May. The Master Plan covers an overall land and water management plan, resources, objectives and associated design and management concepts for Buffumville.

West Hill Dam and the Cape Cod Canal teams held

clean up events in April in celebration of Earth Day. Nearly 200 volunteers arrived at the projects and performed work on a variety of projects that not only improved the condition of the projects, but also saved the government about \$15,500 in labor.

The Cape Cod Canal Team, in partnership with the Institute for Emergency Medical Education, held its annual Ranger Medical Response Training in June at the Canal Ranger Station in Buzzard's Bay, Mass. The event consisted of CPR and first responder training.

The Canal Team had a very busy school visitation season with 19 schools that rangers visited or students came



Emergency response training at the Cape Cod Canal.

to visit the Canal. A total of 1,658 students in approximately 75 classes were involved.

Tours at the Canal included an overview and history of the Cape Cod Canal, an hour long tug boat tour, a visit to the Marine Operations Center and participation in the game, "Tug to the Rescue."

The 2011 season marked the final year that the school tours would use the described format. In the coming year, the school tours will move to the Cape Cod Canal's visitor's center.

The West Hill Dam Team celebrated the project's 50th Anniversary in July with music, nostalgic presentations by survivors of the 1955 floods and a rededication of the project.

More than half a dozen District projects held volunteer clean ups to celebrate National Public Lands Day in September. About 559 volunteers arrived ready to work with the goal of maintaining and improving the District's facilities for everyone to enjoy. The volunteers also saved the government nearly \$30,000 in labor.

In late fall, volunteers made a positive impact at Edward MacDowell Lake in New Hampshire when they gathered at the project with the intent of removing invasive plant species that included European Glossy Buckthorn and Japanese

Knotweed.

The New England District Ranger Color Guard participated in many events during the year to include marching in the town of Concord Mass., Patriot's Day Parade in April, the Smithfield, R.I., Memorial Day Parade in May, the July West Hill Dam 50th Anniversary celebration in Massachusetts and the New England District Change of Command Ceremony at Faneuil Hall in Boston, Mass., in July.



National Public Lands Day at West Hill Dam.

Field Shots



New England District Park Rangers during the Park Ranger Conference at Concord Park.



Sharon Clarkin, who was present at the original ground breaking, cuts the cake.



Project Manager Merlon Bassett with Jack Dwyer and John Clarkin during West Hill Dam's 50th anniversary.



New England District Ranger Color Guard opens the Change of Command ceremony at Faneuil Hall in Boston.



Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day.



Asian American/Pacific Islander event.



Women's History Month.



Black History Month

Equal Employment Opportunity Special Emphasis Programs

The Equal Employment Office and the Special Emphasis Program Managers continued to educate the New England District Team through fun and inspirational presentations over the past year.

The EEO and the Black Employment Program (BEP) teamed up to sponsor a Black History Program in February in the Concord Park theater with keynote speakers Emmett Bell-Sykes and Joe Zellner of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Company "A."

The speakers, who were dressed in Civil War period uniforms discussed the history behind the 54th that included replica clothing and materials used during that time.

The Federal Women's Program (FWP) hosted a Women's History Event featuring Donna Ellis, Senior Extension Educator in the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture at

the University of Connecticut in March. The FWP and the Equal Employment Opportunity Office also hosted the wildly popular "Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day," held at the Concord Park Headquarters in April. The event's "Earth Day" theme attracted 35 children, ages 9-12.

The New England District Team traveled back to the World War II time period with guest speaker Margaret Yamamoto during the Asian American/Pacific Islander Month event in May. Yamamoto and her family were Japanese Americans imprisoned in American camps during the war. Ms. Yamamoto retold her family's story during that time

period.

Marta Martinez, Executive Director of Hispanic Social Services in Rhode Island, gave a presentation on the difference between Mexican Independence Day and Cinco de Mayo during EEO's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration in October.

The EEO events for the year concluded with Kathy Gips' briefing on "What Employers Need To Know" during Disabilities Awareness Month that was held in late October. In addition to the presentations that were held during the year, the EEO Office also distributed Power Point presentations, facts sheets and other informational material.

Regulatory activities in 2011

The New England District's Regulatory Division had a busy year in 2011. In January the District announced its approval of Ducks Unlimited's Vermont In-Lieu Fee Program which covers the entire state and can be used as compensatory mitigation for impacts authorized under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act in accordance with 33 CFR 332, Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources, or the "Mitigation Rule." A workshop on the program for consultants and other members of the public was held in Waterbury, Vt.

In January, Audubon Connecticut submitted a prospectus for an In-Lieu Fee Program covering the state of Connecticut. As required by the Mitigation Rule, it was put out for public comment with comments

taken until March 9. Based on review of the document and the comments received, Audubon was authorized to proceed to develop a draft In-Lieu Fee program instrument which continues to be under development.

Public Hearings on the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's (MA DOT) South Coast Rail proposal took place on May 4 in Mansfield, Mass., on May 5 in New Bedford, Mass. MA DOT is seeking a Corps of Engineers permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to discharge fill material incidental to the establishment of passenger rail service between Boston and New Bedford and Fall River, Mass. The project impacts to waters would range from 10.3 acres to 21.5 acres depending on the alternative selected.

On May 2, the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency and the District's Regulatory Team jointly published in the Federal Register their proposal to issue clarifying guidance for determining which waters and wetlands are protected under the Clean Water Act Programs. Comments were accepted for 60 days.

The Regulatory Team held an informational workshop on the Massachusetts General Permit review for historic properties on May 19 at the Concord Park Headquarters. The workshop was intended to provide practical information on Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to consultants and oth-

submitted in response to a request for proposals issued in July. Public comments were accepted through Nov. 17 and grants were approved by the IRT in December.

In July, following several months of agency and public coordination, the Regulatory Team reissued a statewide Connecticut General Permit for minimal-impact activities within the state. In August, Regulatory modified the Massachusetts General Permit for minimal impact activities within the Commonwealth. Both General Permits will continue the simplified review process

of activities in Corps of Engineers jurisdiction under Section 404, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, and Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act.

Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander,

Regulatory Permit Actions

Letter of Permission – 2
Regional General Permit - 2,146
Standard Permit - 56
No Permit Required – 119
Preapplication – 516
Permit Modification – 358
Non-Compliance Action – 19
Unauthorized Activity/ Alleged Violation - 93

ers preparing Massachusetts General Permit applications.

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has been operating an In-Lieu Fee program covering the state since 2008 but it was required to come into compliance with the 2008 Mitigation Rule. This involved developing a comprehensive planning framework for the state and submitting a draft instrument for review by the Corps and an inter-agency review team (IRT) composed of federal and state agencies. The draft was submitted and put out for public comment in June. After addressing concerns from the IRT and the public, a final instrument was developed and signed in September. In October, the Regulatory Team sought public comments on 26 projects that applied for funding through the program. The projects were

and the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation (ME DOT) signed the final instrument for the Maine Umbrella Mitigation Bank in August. The umbrella bank provides ME DOT an alternative to permittee-responsible mitigation for unavoidable impacts authorized under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, if credits of the appropriate type are available and if it is deemed appropriate to compensate for proposed impacts during the review process.

In December, the Regulatory Team proposed to reissue the statewide Rhode Island General Permit for waters within the state of Rhode Island. The existing permit is set to expire in February 2012. Comments for this proposal were taken through Jan. 13, 2012.



The Quinebaug River Trail at West Thompson Lake has been designated a National Recreational Trail.

District Awards and Accomplishments

The New England District team is the best of the best. They shine individually as well as jointly. Below are some of the examples of excellence exhibited by them in the past year:

Evamarie D'Antuono received the Chief of Engineers Award for Small Business Program Specialist of the Year for the second straight year. The award recognized her leadership, dedication and vision in advancing the Small Business Programs within the Corps of Engineers.

Steve Patchkofsky was named the New England District Interpreter of the Year for 2010 during the January Park Rangers Conference. He also received the North Atlantic Division's 2010 Hiram M. Chittenden Award for Interpretive Excellence. He received the honors due to his hard work, determination and willingness to assist when needed.

Park Ranger Karen Hoey was named as the 2011 Interpreter of the Year, both for the District and the Division. She received the honor for her exceptional efforts in the area of Interpretive Outreach and Environmental Education. Hoey was also nominated for the 2011 Chief of Engineers Hiram Chittenden Award for Interpretive Excellence for her hard work, dedication and creativity at the Hopkinton-Everett Lake in New Hampshire.

Park Ranger Marissa Wright was nominated for the

2011 Chief of Engineers Natural Resources Management Stewardship Employee of the Year award for her hard work, dedication and technical expertise with the Natural Resource Programs at Thomaston Dam in Connecticut.

The New England District's Public Affairs team's efforts on the monthly publication YANKEE ENGINEER garnered an award in the Herbert A. Kassner Journalism Competition, two Communication Concept's APEX Awards for Publication Excellence and one from the Missouri School of Journalism's Magnum Opus Journalism Awards.

Diane Ray was nominated for the 2011 Don Lawyer Outstanding Regulator of the Year Award. Her tireless dedication, leadership, helpful no-nonsense attitude and willingness to step out of her lane and assist in a broader, regional and national role have benefitted the District, the Division, and the Corps of Engineers.

Cori Rose was named the North Atlantic Division's Regulator of the Year for 2011. She received the honor for her exemplary performance and dedication to protecting the aquatic environment.

Lt. Col. (ret) Stephen Lefebvre received a Certificate of Appreciation signed by President Barack Obama for his dedicated service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Jeff Teller received the Joint Civilian Service Achievement Award for his work as the Plans Officer for the Combined Joint Task Force, Port of Africa.

Steve Chase was awarded the 2010 Construction Management Excellence Award for his work on the \$74 million Ayer, Mass., Base Realignment and Closure Project.

Scott Acone received the Joint Civilian Service Achievement Award and the Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service. He received the honors for his outstanding response in support to Operation Unified Response as an Urban Search and Rescue Structural Specialist, Joint Task Force Haiti.

Bobby Byrne received the Bronze de Fleury medal in recognition of his 30 years of superior service to the Engineer Regiment.

The Quinebaug River Water Trail at West Thompson Lake in Connecticut was designated as one of four Corps of Engineers Trails to be named as a National Recreational Trail. The designation recognizes those trails that link communities to recreational opportunities on Public Lands and in local parks across the nation.

The Federal Women's Program named Robert Henderson as the 2011 FWP Supervisor of the Year. Henderson was credited for his efforts which included improving the work environment for his employees using telework, a flexible work schedule, a true open door policy and enhancing professional development.

Adam Burnett, Patricia Bolton and William "Bud" Taylor all received Commander's Awards for Civilian Service for performing their duties in an outstanding manner overseas. Bolton served in Iraq and Burnett and Taylor both served in Afghanistan.

The Hatheway & Patterson Superfund Clean Up Team received the 2011 National Notable Achievement Award for Superfund Reuse-Revitalization for Region 1 (New England). The award reflects the highest levels of performance in support of the office of solid wastes and emergency response and the EPA's most significant priorities.

The state of Louisiana presented the entire New England District Team with a plaque in appreciation for its part in the completion of the New Orleans Hurricane Barrier.

The Cape Cod Canal's Marine Operations Section was honored by the Commonwealth with the Wareham Crossings' second annual Braveheart Award and certificates of appreciation for their service to the community. The certificates were signed by Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo, State Representative Susan William Gifford and Senator Scott Brown. The Canal's Marine Operations Section Team performed 427 small boat assistances in 2011.

Park Ranger Viola Bramel received a letter of appreciation from the National Environmental Education Foundation for her exceptional work and organization of West Hill Dam's National Public Lands Day celebration. West Hill Dam's event drew 245 volunteers who worked on various improvement projects that saved the government \$18,327 in labor.



Cori Rose (left with Col. Charles Samaris) is NAD's Regulator of the Year.



Adam Burnett and his family at the Deployment Welcome Home ceremony.



Construction at the Hatheway & Patterson Superfund Site.

Activities and Events around the District

The New England District Team works very hard for the people of New England, so it is understandable that every once in a while they enjoy a break. The Work Environment Association (WEA) and others worked very hard last year to hold enjoyable activities for the team to take some time to relax and enjoy each other's company. To support both the annual Founder's Day and holiday party efforts, the WEA Team hosted multiple coffee and breakfast fundraisers.

Programs/Project Management hosted this year's Founder's Day celebration, June 22 at Castle Park on Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass. Hundreds of team members and their families attended the official awards ceremonies and then enjoyed a barbecue lunch and various traditional picnic activities.

The WEA team hosted break time ice cream socials in August and September to beat the stifling heat of the summer months. For \$1, District team members could make their own sundaes that included a variety of toppings.

On Sept. 29, WEA held a breakfast with a slightly more sophisticated flare than the bagels and donuts they usually offered. The WEA's International Breakfast featured morning cuisine from France, Switzerland, Italy and the United States. For a small fee, team members could select three items for their special breakfast treat while reading about various countries from fact sheets set on the breakfast tables.

To celebrate yet another Year End Fiscal Year, WEA threw a big lunch time Fiscal Year End Barbecue in October. For a minimal cost, District Team members feasted on all you can eat hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, salads,



Drew Cantano (left) holds up one of the decorations at the WEA Fiscal Year End Barbecue.

desserts and other American barbecue fare. Cooked items were prepared by WEA Team members. Music and decorations contributed to the festive occasion. More than 200 people attended.

The much anticipated WEA Pie Fest took place in November. Traditionally held in October, the Pie Fest was moved back to help usher in the upcoming holiday season. Over 100 bakers and volunteers contributed nearly two dozen varieties of pies for the hundreds of people who streamed in for a piece or

two for their break time snack. Other offerings included candy, cheese, ciders, apples and coffee.

Real Estate, with WEA's assistance, held the annual District Holiday Party. Due to the success of fundraisers and keeping the costs down low, the Hollywood-themed bash was a free event to current employees and modestly priced for the retirees. WEA also held an Office Basket auction and sold Corps clothing and other items for District Team members who wanted to



WEA Pie Fest. The Pie Fest has been one of the longest running initiatives and one of the most popular.

pick up a last-minute holiday present. Over 250 people attended the event.

Not all of the WEA events were held during breaks or lunch time. The team hosted an after work get together at a local Irish restaurant in Lexington in November. District team members kicked back and relaxed with their co-workers and enjoyed food, drinks, billiards and the music from an Irish band.

WEA also hosted the night-time District holiday party, held at Hanscom Air Force Base's Minuteman Club, Dec. 15. Attendees danced to music played by Greg Penta as others munched on a variety of appetizers personally prepared by the WEA Team.

The WEA Team also sponsored holiday-time charity events to benefit those less fortunate. The Toys for Tots Drive, a CFC Supported Charity that collects for needy children in the U.S., and Operation Warmth, a clothing, blanket and Toy Drive to benefit orphaned Afghani Children and women in shelters in Kabul, both took place November through December.



New England District daytime Holiday Party.



Founder's Day picnic.

New Employees

Cora Bertrand	Internal Review
Amelia Bourne	Regulatory
Dean Brammer	Engineering/Planning
Joanne Burnham	Engineering/Planning
Loredana Caruso	Resource Management
Tameka Chapman	Office of Counsel
Mary Daley	Human Resources
James Fielding	Construction
Angela Frisno	DA Intern
Jeffrey Gaeta	DA Intern
Robert Garrahan	Operations
Dan Groher	Engineering/Planning
Michael Gu	Engineering/Planning
Janet Harrington	Programs/Project Mgmt.
David Havron	Construction
Adam Howes	Engineering/Planning
Faye Kent	Construction
Christopher Kilbridge	Engineering/Planning
Stephen Kiskey	Engineering/Planning
Erik Larson	Contracting
Stephen Lefebvre	Engineering/Planning
Helen Madhi	Engineering/Planning
Marcus Madison	DA Intern
Craig Martin	Programs/Project Mgmt.
Susan McDonald	Operations
Zachary Mothershed	Construction
Carl Niemitz	Construction
Maryann Nyren	Operations
John Parkhurst	Operations
Kimberly Pumyea	Contracting
William Ragno	Real Estate
Andrew Raiber	Contracting
Kristen Ridenhour	DA Intern
William Robbins	Construction
Silas Sanderson	Engineering/Planning
Sarah Sinclair	Construction
Michael Sterns	Construction
Cheryl Susen	Operations



Andrew Jordan



Mike Hicks



Bud Taylor



John Murner



Mike Russo



Bogden Figiel

Overseas Volunteers

When the call for help goes out – whether it be down the street or half a world away – the New England District Team has always answered. When requests to go overseas to assist with the Corps' continued Overseas Contingency Operations went out, the following team members stepped up to volunteer:

Iraq:

Mike Hicks*

Afghanistan:

Bud Taylor

Bogdan Figiel*

Andrew Jordan

Steve Lehmann*

Joe Redlinger

John Murner*

Mike Russo

*served multiple deployments

Retiree Passings

Claire Makin	Dec. 26, 2010
Lionel E. Chauvette	Jan. 2
Margaret O'Malley	Jan. 28
Ralph M. Atkinson	Feb. 12
Wilbur Hoxie	April 4
Jim Peck	April 30
Dick Semonian	May 3
Virginia Wrobel	June 27
Leo Milette	July 16
John Winmill	Aug. 2
Bob Abbott	Oct. 13



Lt. Col. Steven Howell (left) with the late John Winmill during Winmill's retirement party.

Retirements

Paul Battista	30 years
Timothy Beauchemin	33 years
Maurice Beaudoin	39 years
Greg Buteau	40 years
Michael Currie	30 years
Anthony Firicano	32 years
Sheila Holt	21 years
Norman Krause	29 years
Luke Lomeland	30 years
Paul Marinelli	33 years
Robert Moretz	37 years
Phil Morrison	35 years
William Mullen	30 years
William Norman	38 years
Ian Osgerby	19 years
Mark Otis	34 years
Susan Rodkey	36 years
Tom Rosato	37 years
Jan Szwed	35 years
Peter Trincherro	20 years
Delia Vogel	34 years
Bradley Walley	12 years
Donald Wood	31 years
John Winmill	43 years



Tim Beauchemin (right)



Paul Marinelli



Bill Norman (left) and Larry Davis.



Bill Mullen (left) and Col. Tom Feir.



Mark Otis (right)



Tom Rosato (center)

