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Change of Command ceremony

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District **Change of Command Ceremony** from Col. Charles P. Samaris to Col. Christopher J. Barron will be held July 31 at 10:30 a.m. in Faneuil Hall, Boston, Massachusetts.

E-mail Sally Rigione, Public Affairs Office at sally.m.rigione@usace.army.mil if you wish to attend.

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Robert Byrne is the 2014 Distinguished Civilian Gallery Inductee

Robert "Bobby" Byrne has been named the 2014 Distinguished Civilian Gallery inductee. William Scully, Deputy District Engineer for Programs/Project Management, made the announcement during the annual Founder's Day celebration, June 20.

Byrne demonstrated a pattern of excellence and significant contributions throughout his distinguished career. Byrne spearheaded a civil works program valued at approximately \$100 million annually that included studies, design, construction and an O&M program that includes 35 flood risk reduction projects and 171 federal navigation projects.

He was also responsible for managing the District's interagency support missions to the Departments of Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs, Defense Contract Management Agency and National Park Service that often ran another \$100 million annually.

In 2003-2004, Byrne was asked to fill a critical leadership position as the Deputy District Commander in the absence of the deployed Deputy and as a part of his Executive Leadership Development assignment. Because of Byrne's intimate knowledge of the inner workings of the District he was able to ensure that the Deputy's business continued in an effective, seamless manner.

Throughout his career, Byrne selflessly gave his time and passion to the Corps and to the development of its younger professionals. He was an effective and active participant in the New England District's Leadership Development Program. He served as the Program Manager for the CP-18 DA Intern Program where he served as a mentor and guide to many of the District's current leaders. Byrne retired in October 2012 with 38 years of service.



Col. Christopher Barron to take command of New England District at the end of July

Col. Christopher Barron will assume command of the New England District on July 31. He graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1991.

Upon completion of the Engineer Officer Basic Course, Col. Barron was assigned to the 41st Engineer Battalion, 10th Mountain Division (LI) at Fort Drum, where he served as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer, and deployed to Somalia and Haiti in support of combat and humanitarian relief operations. After the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, he was assigned to the 1st Armor Division in Germany, where he held a variety of positions and deployed to Macedonia and Bosnia as part of United Nations Peacekeeping and NATO Stabilization missions, before taking command of A Company, 16th Engineer Battalion.

Following company command, Col. Barron spent two years at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, where he served as an Engineer Observer-Controller. After attending the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, he was reassigned to the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, where he served as the Operations Officer for the 317th Engineer Battalion, and then as the Executive Officer for the 3rd Brigade's Special Troops Battalion. During that time, he deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and conducted combat and reconstruction operations in Diyala Province.

Upon redeployment from Iraq, Col. Barron was as-

signed to Joint Task Force North at Fort Bliss, and provided military engineering and intelligence assistance to counter-drug missions in support of the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security. After Fort Bliss, he then returned to

Fort Drum to assume command of the 7th Engineer Battalion, and deployed the battalion to southern Iraq in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn, focusing on construction missions to support the drawdown.

After relinquishing command, Col. Barron was reassigned to Fort Leonard Wood, and served as the Director of the Counter Explosive Hazards Center, where he supported the Army's Defeat the Device Line of Operations for Counter-IED and provided training for Engineers conducting route clearance missions in Afghanistan. Col. Barron's most recent assignment was as the U.S. Army War College's Visiting Defense Fellow at Queens University, in Kingston, Ontario.



Col. Christopher Barron

Col. Barron's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Airborne Badge, Pathfinder Badge and Sapper Tab.



Canoists get a safety briefing before going into the water.

Photo by Justin Marcinkus

Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy National 'Get Outdoors Day' at East Brimfield Lake

By Tom Chamberland
East Brimfield Lake

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park Rangers at the East Brimfield Lake project, joined by their partners, the town of Holland Trail Committee and The Last Green Valley (TLGV) offered visitors the opportunity to enjoy two events that celebrated National Get Outdoors Day on June 14 at East Brimfield Lake in Holland, Massachusetts: a 10-mile bike ride and a five-mile river paddle. This is the second year that the East Brimfield team and TLGV have hosted the event.

Despite the threat of rain, the bike ride, held at 10 a.m., drew participants ready for a little exercise. The riders enjoyed a leisurely bike ride, stopping several times to rest and enjoy the scenery or learn about the local history. Richard Haller, Chair of the Holland Trail Committee, hosted the ride and served as history narrator. "The ride was great, folks enjoyed the pace and learning about our area's history," he said. "Several said they would be back and ride again."

Later at 1 p.m., with the blue skies

and warm temperatures, visitors assembled at the boat launch ramp for the five-mile Quinebaug River Water Trail paddle. This river paddle was organized by Park Ranger Tom Chamberland and TLGV Ranger Bill Reid.

Corps Summer Rangers Pat Cunningham and Justin Marcinkus as well as TLGV Ranger Bill Reid joined in on the water trail. With the better weather some 26 participants joined in on this National Get Outdoors event.

Prior to launching, Chamberland gave a brief history presentation on that section of Quinebaug River. He said that it was the first U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' nationally designated recreation water trail by the National Park Service. "Now with the TLGV partnership, this designation has been extended all along the Quinebaug River," he said.

Chamberland also gave a brief water safety and personal flotation device (PFD) talk. "Wearing a properly fitted PFD is a great way to stay safe on the water," he said.

Prior to participants entering the water Chamberland, Reid and Cunningham conducted a PFD check of

the participants, and helped them all to cast off into the river. Along the route Cunningham and Marcinkus offered observations of wildlife, some history of the Trolley and Grand Trunk Rail beds and a brief stop in the heart of the 2011 tornado route that crossed right over the river.

The East Brimfield team and TLGV partners look forward to planning next year's event.

National Get Outdoors Day was created by the USDA Forest Service and the American Recreation Coalition on June 14, 2008, in an effort focusing on a single day when people would be inspired and motivated to get outdoors.

According to <http://www.national-getoutdoorsday.org>, GO Day partnered with federal, state and local agencies, key enthusiast organizations and recreation businesses to create a healthy, fun day of outdoor adventure aimed at reaching first-time visitors to public lands and reconnecting children to the outdoors.

Last year, 138 official Get Outdoors Day sites across the nation welcomed thousands of new faces to the joy and benefits of the great outdoors.

Connecticut Army National Guard Trains at West Thompson Lake

By Jason Robinson

West Thompson Lake

Late on June 15, the 250th Multi-Roll Bridge Company (MRBC) of the Connecticut Army National Guard (CT ANG) arrived at West Thompson Lake for three days as part of their annual training. This was a chance for the Soldiers of the 250th to get some real “stick time” on their Bridge Erection Boats, and practice their driving skills moving equipment around in a real world environment.

The Bridge Erection Boat (BEB) is a crucial piece of equipment when it comes to constructing bridges for the 250th. The BEB is a powerful, highly maneuverable 27-foot jet boat with as little as a three-foot draft. Deploying Improved Ribbon Bridge sections (IRB) into West Thompson Lake, the Soldiers used several BEBs to connect four bridge sections to construct a raft to float vehicles across the lake. On the other side of the lake waiting for them, also on an annual training period, was the 192nd Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment (HHD), also of the CT ANG, acting as an opposition force. Upon the arrival of the raft and vehicles the opposition force ambushed the 250th MRBC using artillery and grenade simulators, small arms and light machine guns. After the battle was over and the brass was collected, the 250th went back to their BEB training. On June 16 and 17 they were on the water from 5:30 a.m., until 9 p.m., deploying and recovering boats and bridge sections to gain proficiency in these tasks should they be called upon for future emergencies or combat missions.

The soldiers of the 250th not only trained on the Bridge Erection Boats, this training event also gave their truck drivers and maintenance staff a chance to practice moving and working on the equipment on land. They practiced with



The 250th MRBC conducts training exercises at West Thompson Lake.

Photos by Jason Robinson

multiple versions of Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks (HEMTT). They had a version with an Improved Boat Cradle (IBC) which is a special carrier for launching and retrieving the BEBs and a version with a Common Bridge Transporter (CBT) for deploying and recovering the bridge sections. They also brought several High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV) or Humvees, and Light Medium Tactical Vehicles (LMTV) which are the replacement for the old 2.5 ton “Duce-and-a-half” trucks. This driver training is essential to their mission

and the land around West Thompson Lake gave them a chance to experience varying terrains from pavement to dirt road, grassy field and muddy shoreline. Although West Thompson Lake stayed open, the areas where the 250th MRBC and the 192nd HHD used for training were closed. For public safety, the CT ANG posted guards to divert people to areas of the project that were available to them during the training exercise.

The 192nd HHD came to West Thompson Lake to practice advanced warrior tasks. Besides providing support and the opposition force for the 250th MRBC, they set up communication sites in their multiple areas of operation on both sides of the lake as well as a refueling station at the boat ramp and some new popup tent systems complete with air conditioning units. The 250th and 192nd both left West Thompson Lake early on Wednesday morning in hopes of returning for more training in the near future.

Training at West Thompson Lake is not new to the CT ANG. When they were stationed next door in Putnam, the 250th MRBC trained at the Corps project in 2005 and 2006. The coordination of the training exercise between the CT ANG and the New England District is in keeping with the Chief of Engineers’ Campaign Goal for the Corps of Engineers: Support National Security.



The 250th Multi-Roll Bridge Company base camp's Guide On.



Broad Meadows restoration construction in July 2011.

Photo by Wendy Gendron

'History Girls' propose Native American Site recognition of Passanageset Knoll

By Marc Paiva
Engineering/Planning

The Broad Meadows Marsh in Quincy, Massachusetts is another recent success in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' aquatic habitat restoration. Wendy Gendron, NAE Planning Study Manager, has been coordinating with the adjacent middle school to foster educational opportunities.

Marc Paiva, New England District's Archaeologist and Tribal Liaison met with Broad Meadows Middle School Ron Adams and several of his 7th Grade students known as "The History Girls" at the school on June 13.

In conjunction with the New England District project, "The History Girls" are proposing to recognize a significant Native American site known as Passanageset Knoll, which is located behind the Broad Meadows Middle School within the salt marsh, which they discovered through research about the area. This relatively unknown site was the location of the Native American Massachusetts Tribe's summer village

or "sachem's seat," before they were forced by disease and epidemic to move to the more well-known Moswetuset Hummock located at the northern end of Wollaston Beach. Their proposal is to recognize this special place by creating signs along a trail in the Broad Meadows salt marsh, and to create a "First People of our City," exhibit within Broad Meadows Middle School or at the public library to preserve and display Native American artifacts dating from 3,500 years that were unearthed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) archaeologists at nearby Caddy Park in 1999. The students contacted Gendron about their proposal and she recommended that they invite Paiva to discuss their proposal and how best to involve and interact with the Native American leaders and community.

Before proceeding further with their proposal, the students and their teacher want to ensure that any signs are historically appropriate and have the approval of the local Native

American descendents and community. The students have already received the informal support of Gill Solomon, Massachusetts Tribal Sachem; Annawon Weedon, Wampanoag Tribal Member and interpreter at Plimoth Plantation; Ed Fitzgerald, Director of the Quincy Historical Society; reference librarians at Thomas Crane Public Library; Quincy Mayor Tom Koch; Quincy City Councilor, Margaret Laforest; Chris Cassani, the head of the Quincy DPW; Broad Meadows Middle School Principal, staff and family members; and DCR Archaeologist, Ellen Berkland. The Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs, the Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness, and the Institute for New England Native American Studies at UMass/Boston were also contacted.

It was suggested that the student proposal be formally sent by letter to a wide range of interested parties to include the above individuals and groups along with the federally recognized Wampanoag Tribes, Massachusetts

Eighth Congressional District Representative Stephen Lynch, Massachusetts Historical Commission and DCR, Mayor Koch, and any other locally interested organizations or individuals. The letter shall state the goals of the proposal and indicate that the students wish to consult with Native Americans on the development of proper signs for Broad Meadows Marsh. The ultimate goal is to implement the proposal and signs in time for a May 2015 opening of the Broad Meadows Marsh Park to be known from then on as Passanageset Park.

The New England District will provide its support in consulting with the various Tribal entities and individuals and assist in arriving at proper signs and wording to recognize and commemorate the Native American history of Quincy, particularly at this significant Passanageset Knoll site.

Based on the presentation the "History Girls" gave, Paiva suggested the following:

A site visit with all interested Native American groups and individuals should be facilitated in order to further discuss the proposal and to view the site. It was also recommended that the artifact collection from the DCR Caddy Site be made available to Tribal members so that they can reflect on the information gathered from this site and determine an appropriate theme for the signs at Passanageset Knoll. It was important to have the Native American perspective before meeting with other project stakeholders, as it is the students' intent to respect the Native viewpoint in any interpretive materials and signs.

Lastly, a site visit/meeting with all project supporters should be held to discuss the student proposal and the agreed-upon design and/or wording for the signs. This meeting would include all groups and individuals that were included in the original proposal correspondence (federal, tribal, state,



Marc Paiva (right) and the "History Girls" after their presentation.

Photo by Ron Adams

local) along with any others that may have expressed an interest since that time. The goal of this meeting would be to provide an update of what has been discussed with the Tribal members and to reach agreement on implementing the proposal in time for the May 2015 opening. The DCR Archaeologist, Ms. Berkland has indicated that she would like to collaborate on activities such as walking tours pertaining to the Passanageset Knoll site and local Quincy Native American history as part of Massachusetts Archaeology Month activities in October 2014.

The Grade 7 "History Girls" are: Michaela O'Gara-Pratt; Mackenzie

Maguire; Colleen Connor; Eve Anderson; Grace Higgins and Abigail Kraunelis.

Broad Meadows Marsh, located behind the school, is the site of an NAE Section 1135 (Project Modifications for the Improvement of the Environment) project which is currently under construction.

Dredged material from dredging of the nearby Town River Federal Navigation Project was deposited on parts of the marsh circa 1939 and again in 1956. The current construction project will restore portions of the original Broad Meadows Marsh by removing some of the deposited dredged material.



Wendy Gendron makes a presentation about the project onsite in September 2011.

Photo by CJ Allen



Park Ranger Joshua Levesque (right) teaches forestry to high school students during the Envirothon training day.

Photo by Glenn Rosenholm

District team mentors students for environmental competition

By Joshua Levesque
Edward MacDowell Lake

The state of New Hampshire held its 22nd annual Envirothon competition May 20 at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. For the past 12 years, New England District team members from the Merrimack River Basin have volunteered as forestry instructors to prepare students for the event.

The objective of the Envirothon is to foster in students a basic understanding of natural resources. But more importantly the goal is to encourage good citizenship and a continued involvement with environmental issues throughout their lives. The Envirothon is made up of a host of local financial sponsors and other organizations/businesses that help by volunteering either time, locations and/or personnel.

Each year the New Hampshire Envirothon has one training day and one competition test day that are offered to all high school teams that choose to participate in the program. On average approximately 25 high schools participate in the program each year from New Hampshire for bragging rights and scholarships. Annually, the North American Envirothon touches nearly 500,000 students. The winning New Hampshire team advances to compete at the annual North American Envirothon event against other winning teams from all 50 states and nine Canadian provinces. The Envirothon

focuses on four disciplines: forestry, soils, wildlife and aquatics. Also included is a current environmental problem based on the year's theme and each team must orally present their solutions for solving the assigned problem on Competition Test Day before a panel of judges. Park Ranger Joshua Levesque and retiree Marty Curran represented the New England District in mentoring in the forestry discipline.

A state-wide training day, hosted by the Envirothon, was held April 5 at the Sanborn Mills Farm in Loudon, New Hampshire. Tim Huppe, the farm manager, helped to organize the farm for the eight-hour training event. High schools and middle schools from all over the state rotate between the four disciplines. The decision to use Sanborn



Tim Huppe brings out the oxen team for the training day event.

Mills Farm was based on this year's theme "Sustainable Agriculture" which is compatible with the farm's philosophy and management practices. The farm is very unique and has a saw mill and grist mill (both water powered) and has a blacksmith shop dating back to the 1830's. Huppe also uses a team of Percheron draft horses to manage the forests, and he had the horses hauling logs during the morning events, demonstrating their low impact to the land. Huppe is also an expert oxen trainer and during lunch, he had an oxen team demonstration. Students who wished to participate were given teamster training and then allowed to briefly drive the team under Tim's supervision.

During the Forestry portion of the training day, Levesque and Curran presented a program which consisted of forestry definitions and concepts, principles of silviculture, tree identification, and how to determine the merchantable value of a tree using the Biltmore Stick to obtain measurements and read the conversion table.

This information would be valuable to students because during test day they must properly identify 10 native tree species from a potential list of 40+, properly demonstrate use of the Biltmore Stick and accurately measure the merchantable timber in a standing tree. Finally they must show their grasp of forestry and silviculture concepts using short answers and essays.

Although a great deal of training and information is given to students during the training day, they spend months preparing for the competition. The New England District team supported the students' efforts and made themselves available, going out to numerous schools and assisting the teachers.

When Competition Testing Day arrived on May 20,

nearly 150 students from schools around the state came to compete in this day-long event. Instructors were able to see their efforts come full circle as the kids passed from station to station practicing the principles learned over the past few months. Many students are preparing for college and have been involved in the Envirothon for three or four years.

The day was a huge success, and for the second year the New England District team saw the program continue to grow as middle school teams began to participate and compete on testing day. The future is bright and thanks to the many volunteers from over 10 state and federal agencies, like the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the New Hampshire Envirothon program will continue to field highly competitive teams and individuals that have routinely ranked very high at the North American competition. Teams from New Hampshire have placed in the "Top 5" eight times since the program began 25 years ago. A New Hampshire team last won the ultimate bragging rights in 2002. Last year Keene High School placed 4th and they again represent New Hampshire in this year's upcoming competition in Georgia.

This year marks Levesque's 11th year of participation in the Envirothon Program. Curran has been with the program for 12 years, since the District started participating in the program. Additionally, Karen Hoey has been involved for the past five years. Other forestry instructors include Roger Monthey, U.S. Forest Service, Maria Colby, New England College, and Earle Chase, forester and New Hampshire Licensed Wetland Scientist.

Over the 12-year period of New England District's involvement with the program, the New England District team has trained nearly 2,000 students, some of which have continued on to pursue careers in natural resources.



A student from the Beech Hill Middle School in Hopkinton, New Hampshire, drives the oxen team during training day.



Col. Charles Samaris with the Lean Six Sigma Green Belt graduates.

Photo by Brian Murphy

District holds first Lean Six Sigma Green Belt course

This summer, the New England District hosted the very first U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-led Lean Six Sigma (LSS) Green Belt training at its Concord Park headquarters.

LSS is an important initiative in which resources such as LSS Black and Green Belts are armed with a powerful set of problem-solving tools – Lean and Six Sigma – and sent into the organization to form, lead and mentor teams to solve complex, high impact organizational issues.

“The two week-long sessions were taught 100-percent by our own DA certified Master Black Belts, Gerry Hardin and Kevin Fuqua,” said Armando Jimenez, Quality Management System, Continuous Process Improvement Program Manager, North Atlantic Division. “This LSS Green Belt Course is the very first time that USACE has conducted this Department of the Army level course without Army Master Belts auditing and co-teaching the material.”

Jimenez and Francis Fung, New England LSS Black Belt, also instructed some of the course modules. “Our goal was to educate the students on the application of the LSS methodologies and the intelligent, strategic use of the LSS tools,” said Fung.

The first week of training was held May 19-23, and focused on an introduction to LSS and focused on two components of the LSS Road Map – the Define phase and the Measure phase. Students demonstrated understanding of the toolset by participating in a simulated transactional process and then using the DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, and Control) methodology to improve the simulated process.

In the first week, they developed a project charter to help define the problem, identify the scope and determine the goal

of the process improvement effort. This included identifying the voice of the customer and developing a communication plan. They then gathered baseline data from the simulation to help measure how bad the problems were.

The second week was held June 16-20, and focused on the remaining road map components—Analyze, Improve and Control. Students identified the root causes of the problem using Analyze phase tools, then developed solutions in the Improve phase.

As part of the Improve phase, students participated in an additional round of the DMAIC simulation to pilot their proposed solutions, gathering data to statistically prove their solution had indeed statistically significantly improved the process. After taking an exam on everything that they learned during the two sessions, the students were awarded diplomas for LSS Green Belt coursework completion. Among the graduates were members of the Army National Guard and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

“This is the first time that we’ve ever had EPA students participate in USACE Green Belt classes,” said Jimenez. “I’m sure that EPA will be interested in sending more students in the near future to improve their process improvement program. Their agency currently only provides basic ‘Lean’ training to their process improvement practitioners.”

Fung received a letter of appreciation from Wesley Miller, Director of Resource Management, for his efforts in making the training a success.

USACE has scheduled LSS training in Fiscal Year 2015 for both Black and Green Belts. If you’re interested in participating, please contact Armando Jimenez or your District QMS/CPI Program Manager.

New England District celebrates Asian American/Pacific Islander Month

The New England District's Equal employment Opportunity Office hosted its annual Asian American/Pacific Islander Month observance, June 5, in the Concord Park Theatre. James Fong, Chairman of the Board for the Boston Chapter of the National Association of Asian American professionals served as keynote speaker.

Jackie DiDomenico, EEO Officer, introduced Lt. Col. Charles Gray, New England District Deputy Commander, who welcomed the audience and expressed the importance of the observances EEO puts on throughout the year.

Ruthann Brien, Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Program Manager, introduced Fong prior to his speaking.

"Asian American/Pacific Islander Month recognizes the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the American story," he said. "In 2014, the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center theme is 'I Am Beyond' – a phrase that is meant to empower Asian Pacific Americans in their sense of inclusion in the national story and spark discovery and appreciation of America's Asian Pacific heritage."

Fong gave a background of his early life, explaining that he was born to immigrant parents and spent his youth in Boston's Chinatown. He said that he was one of four brothers who served in the U.S. Armed Forces all at the same time in the 1960's. After finishing school, he spent 32 years as a computer industry



Lt. Col. Charles Gray presents James Fong with a Bunker Hill plaque after Fong's presentation.

Photo by Brian Murphy

executive before retiring and volunteering his time. Fong talked about the Asian influences in his life – his family origins, cultural heritage and his local neighborhood which consisted mostly of Asian and Asian American residents. Fong also talked about the American influences in his life, such as his schooling (he attended Boston Latin School, the oldest school in America), learning the English language, his involvement in community activism and team sports. He discussed living in a suburban neighborhood, paying taxes, social security and his career in the Corporate World.

The keynote speaker talked about the cultural contrasts between east and west, with the west culture seemingly more aggressive than eastern culture, particularly the west's problem solving

approach. Fong described the challenges that Asian American/Pacific Islander face when they become participants in the American story. Fong concluded his presentation by discussing the local chapter of National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to cultivation, support and promotion of Asian American leaders through professional development programs, community services engagements, and diverse industry connections. "We build leaders," he said.

At the end of the observance, Lt. Col. Gray presented Fong with a Bunker Hill plaque and a commander's coin after his presentation in appreciation of his efforts and for coming to speak to the New England District team.

Annual health fair comes to new England District

The New England District Safety Office, partnered with the Federal Occupational Health Office in hosting their annual health fair, June 18 in the Concord Park Cafeteria.

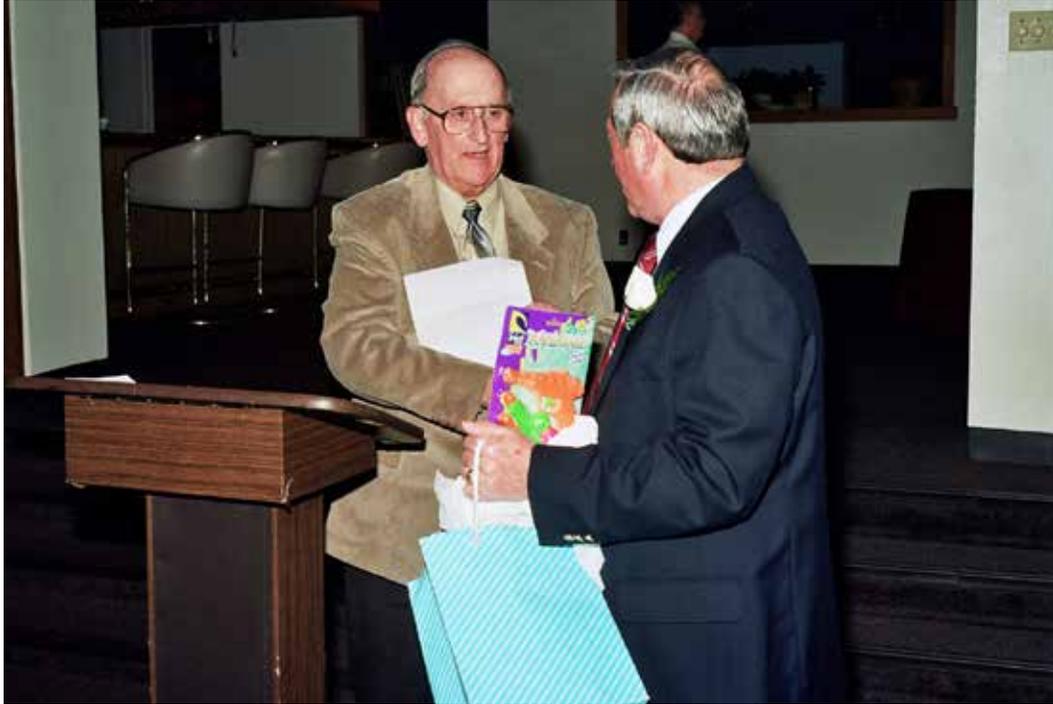
This year the well attended event boasted a dozen vendors that featured health-related booths and displays at

the fair. Some of the free services provided at the fair this year included ear checks, blood pressure readings, vision screening, back analysis, spine screenings, chair massages, face and hand hydration and golf swing tips from a professional golfer.

The 2014 vendors at the health fair

were: Federal Occupational Health, GEHA, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Davis Eye, Chiropractor Seth Barron, Chiropractor Deborah Diamond, Hanscom Federal Credit Union, Gathering Inn Reiki, Human Scale, Inc., James Tobin, PGA, Concord Fire Department and Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Dredging up the past



Roger Parker (left) presents Ed Fallon with gifts during Fallon's retirement luncheon at the Hanscom Air Force Base Officer's Club on Jan. 19, 2001.

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