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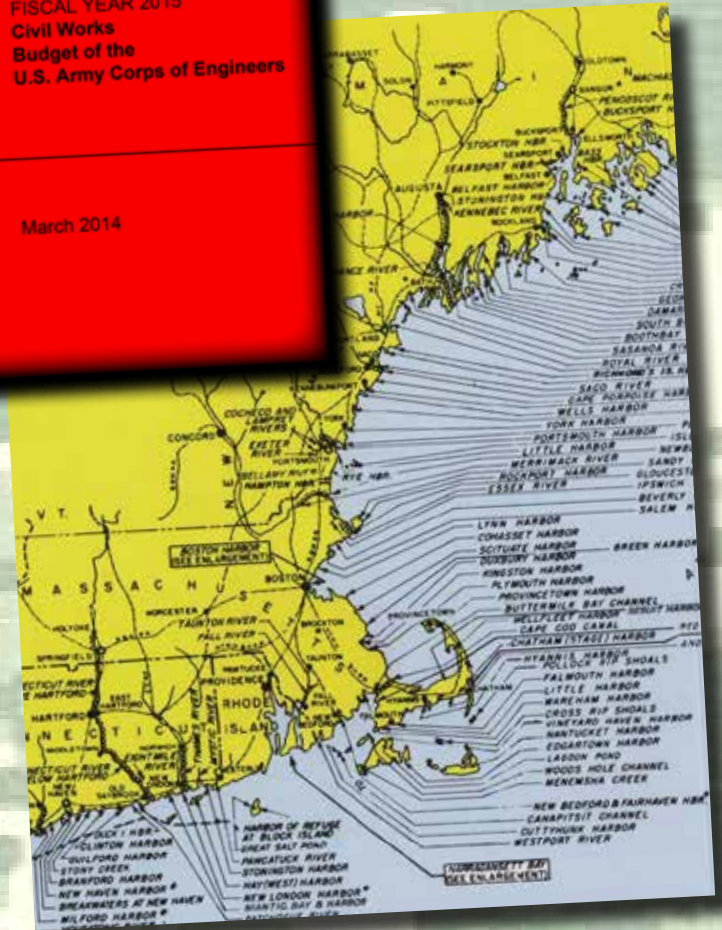
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Kristen Riderhour and Grace Bowles

Congratulations...

...to Birch Hill Dam and Tully Lake Park Ranger **Zachery Koziol** and his wife **Emily** on the birth of their son, **Deacon John Koziol**, Feb. 19. Deacon joins his big sister **Caroline** in the family circle.

... to **Ted Frazzetta** of the New Bedford Resident Office and his wife **Alison** on the birth of their daughter, **Gwendolyn Adele Frazzetta**, Feb. 2. Gwendolyn joins two sisters and a brother in the family circle.

Sympathy...

...to the family of former Division Engineer, **Col. Max Scheider**, who passed away Jan. 31.



Women's History Month Message

Each year, March is designated as National Women's History Month when we take some time to recognize and give thanks for the achievements of women within North Atlantic Division, our Corps, and our nation.

Women have been instrumental during our political, social, cultural, economic and educational advancements throughout American history and have played a critical role in both the growth of our nation and the success of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

It is not by accident or coincidence that the most advanced societies, nations, and economies in the world are exactly those that offer the most rights and opportunities to women. Women have been instrumental providing critically important contributions to every mission, project and development throughout our history.

We're proud that many outstanding women are part of the North Atlantic Division team. We've watched them lead our efforts in the Hurricane Sandy recovery and in areas recovering from war, tyranny, oppression and disaster. We've stood with women working on environmental cleanup sites, testing water at the Washington Aqueduct, working on complex problems in our laboratories and leading our efforts in technology. We've worked with women serving our nation as engineers, scientists, project managers, park rangers, boat captains, deckhands, attorneys, accountants, team leaders and environmental specialists. Women have commanded NAD districts, and our very own Brig. Gen. Margaret Burcham was the first female Engineer Officer promoted to Brigadier General in the U.S. Army - a great achievement.

Thanks for all you do each and every day for our nation!

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Colonel, U.S. Army
Deputy Commander
North Atlantic Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Commander's Corner: Straight Talk + Results = Credibility!

By Col. Charles P. Samaris
District Commander



“Ironically, people who suppress the mini-confrontations for fear of conflict tend to have huge conflicts later, which can lead to separation, precisely because they let minor problems fester. On the other hand, people who address the mini-conflicts head-on in order to straighten things out tend to have the great, long-lasting relationships.”

~ Ray Dalio (American business-

man and founder of the investment firm Bridgewater Associates. In 2012, Dalio appeared on the annual Time 100 list of the 100 most influential people in the world.)

New England Team,

Allegedly, spring is here. I however remain unconvinced. But, I do hope that everyone is at least close to being out from under the snowpack. Remember...spring is here.

And, as we do each spring, we recently executed our annual pilgrimage to our nation's Capitol to discuss our programs, projects and budget with our Congressional delegates. As usual, it was a very challenging, educational, and rewarding experience.

There was much discussion about the status of key, high-visibility projects; the challenges of dredging our many small, shallow-draft harbors; funding and cost of a few of our more complex studies; and innovative ways to approach a wide variety of requirements in light

of the difficult fiscal climate. All of which require a collaborative and creative vertically-integrated team approach as we advance into an ambiguous future.

While particular topics and issues varied greatly from office to office, one theme surfaced during every, single engagement...appreciation. Both primaries and staffers specifically appreciate two traits that - they assert - distinguish the New England District (and USACE in general) from many other organizations and entities:

1) Your willingness to “talk straight and tell it like it is” (even when it’s not what they want to hear), and...

2) Your seemingly limitless capacity to cross the finish line (while overcoming unique and difficult obstacles) and deliver high-quality results.

Those are two great traits for which to be recognized, for they demonstrate high character. That recognition results from your candor and tact as you daily engage with partners, stakeholders, and the citizens of our communities. You do this better, and more routinely, than anyone. All I can say is WELL DONE, and thank you for your character and setting great conditions for this year’s pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

It is an honor to serve alongside you!

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Character

The #1 Foundational Leadership Quality

1. The inherent complex of attributes that determine a person’s moral and ethical thoughts, actions and reactions;
2. The aggregate of features and traits that form the individual nature of a person or thing;
3. Of good repute;
4. Moral quality or integrity.

- Character is who you are – your thoughts, words, and actions align.
- Character is a choice – crisis builds, and usually reveals, character.
- Character is the foundation of trust and, therefore, leadership.
- Leaders cannot rise above the limitations of their character.

- ✓ The Army Values
- ✓ Warrior Ethos
- ✓ Self-Discipline
- ✓ Standards

“I never did give them hell. I just told the truth, and they thought it was hell.”

~ Harry Truman

“He who dares not offend cannot be honest.”

~ Thomas Paine

“You can’t leave a footprint that lasts if you’re always walking on tiptoe.”

~ Marion Blakey (President and chief executive officer of the Aerospace Industries Association.)

New England Small Harbors Support Communities, the Nation

By Jess Levenson
Public Affairs Office

While the New England coastline represents a scant 7-percent of the total coastline in the United States it, according to a 2010 study conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, contributes nearly 20-percent of the total national economic benefits for fisheries from “small ports and harbors with healthy commerce that positively impacts local communities” -- from goods and services to recreation and tourism; from dredging Federal navigation channels to partnering with stakeholders to engage in open environmental and regulatory public processes to identify and implement solutions.

Nationally, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers navigation program is responsible for providing safe, reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally sustainable waterborne transportation systems for the movement of commercial goods and for national security needs. The program seeks to meet this responsibility through a combination of capital improvements and the operation and maintenance of existing infrastructure projects. “The Maritime industry in New England is a crucial component of the region’s economic and cultural identity,” said Ed O’Donnell, Chief of the New England District’s Navigation Branch. “Maritime industries are positively tied to the region’s unique heritage, distinctive physical setting, and geographic location. Dredging and infrastructure improvement are required in order to maintain and preserve their businesses and economic viability and are also critical to future growth of the existing industries.”

Smaller projects in New England coastal communities make significant contributions to the local economy. These projects support various maritime services including, harboring local fishing fleets, vessel repair facilities, marina facilities, recreational boating and rentals, fuel sales, mooring rentals and fish and lobster processing and resale.



Photo courtesy of NOAA

Local fisherman and the host communities rely on New England’s small ports and harbors.

Additionally, the harbors tie directly into the tourist economy with lodging and specific local accommodations, including restaurants and dry goods. Lastly, these federally maintained waterways not only provide a critical link for the Coast Guard, and for commercial and private vessels to navigate around hazardous or inconvenient channels, the small ports and harbors typically provide good paying jobs and increase the local tax-base.

The American Society of Civil Engineers agrees and supports a national program to maintain and improve ports, harbors, and waterways as an essential and sustainable component of the economic and environmental well-being of the nation. Such a national program includes: a dedicated source of funding for the maintenance and improvement of ports, harbors, and waterways, and streamlining the environmental

regulatory process for improving ports, harbors and waterways. The President’s proposed Fiscal Year 2015 national budget for coastal navigation provides \$991 million, mostly for project maintenance to facilitate the efficient movement by water of commercial cargo, including \$915 million that is eligible for reimbursement from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.

“Although many smaller projects provide relatively limited benefits when compared with some larger projects nationally, those benefits accrue over much longer time periods before maintenance dredging is needed, making annual maintenance cost quite low,” said O’Donnell. “The longer interval between maintenance cycles, the lower the annual maintenance cost. Overall, the cost in maintaining small harbors pales in comparison to what is accomplished by keeping them in condition to help local communities.”

Interactive maps and detailed information on the economics, ecosystems and communities is available on the NOAA State of the Coast website <http://stateofthecoast.noaa.gov/>.



Thomaston Dam in Connecticut, Boston Harbor and the Muddy River Project both in Massachusetts are all listed in the President's Fiscal Year 2015 budget.

Corps of Engineers Photos

President's FY 15 Civil Works Budget Released New England projects make funding list

By Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs

With the release of the President's Budget for fiscal year 2015 for Corps of Engineers Civil Works on March 4, the Corps' New England District looks forward to continued normal operations and funding.

In Connecticut, the budget proposes continuing funding the operations and maintenance of the eight Corps-managed flood risk management reservoirs and the Stamford Hurricane Barrier. Additionally, the budget proposes \$100,000 each to start reconnaissance studies for Fairfield and New Haven counties flooding, and New Haven Harbor deepening. It also provides funds for the Long Island Sound Dredged Material Management Plan and project condition surveys and inspection of completed works and environmental projects.

In Massachusetts, the budget

proposes continuing operations and maintenance of the 12 Corps-managed flood risk management reservoirs, the Cape Cod Canal, and the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier. Additionally, the budget proposes \$1.8 million for preconstruction and engineering and design for the Boston Harbor Deep Draft Investigation; \$1.8 million for Muddy River construction; and funding for project condition surveys and inspection of completed works and environmental projects.

In New Hampshire, the budget proposes continuing operations and maintenance of the six Corps-managed flood risk management reservoirs; \$700,000 for the Merrimack River feasibility study; and \$23,500 to complete the Connecticut River Ecosystem Restoration feasibility study.

In Vermont, the budget proposes continuing operations and maintenance of the five Corps-managed flood risk

management reservoirs and funding for inspection of completed works.

In Rhode Island, the budget proposes continuing operations and maintenance of the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier, the Woonsocket Flood Risk Management project, as well as project condition surveys, and inspection of completed works and environmental projects.

In Maine, the budget proposes continuing operations and maintenance of disposal area monitoring, inspection of completed works and environmental projects, and project condition surveys.

Additionally, the District will receive funding from its higher headquarters for Regulatory permitting activities and the Continuing Authorities Program. Projects can be looked up by state. The FY15 USACE Civil Works Budget Book is online at: <http://cdm16021.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/p16021coll6/id/42>.

District Commander talks Engineering to Randolph Students

Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander, accompanied members of the Society of Military Engineers (SAME) to the Randolph Middle School in Randolph, Mass., Feb. 12 to talk to 75 eighth graders about what it's like to work in the fields of Engineering/Science. The visit's goal was to inspire the students to consider a career in one of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) career fields.

During his segment, Col. Samaris, a staunch STEM Program advocate, spent about 20 minutes talking with students about what it's like to work for the Corps of Engineers as well as what it's like to be an active duty Service Member with the Army Engineer Regiment. The District Commander's presentation had some students so interested, they took videos to review later.

The colonel and the SAME members were asked by the head of the School to Careers Partnership of Greater Boston, Katherine Tufrek, to

speak to the students. SAME's Outreach head David Heislin coordinated the visit.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the nation's premier engineering organization, recognizes the critical role that STEM education plays in enabling the United States to remain an economic and technological leader, and supporting the Defense Department and Army in the security of our nation.

Team Members are encouraged to work through the District to develop the nation's youth, the future STEM workforce.

The Corps is committed to teaming with others, such as SAME and the Schools to Careers Partnership of Greater Boston, to strengthen STEM-related programs that inspire current and future generations of young people to pursue careers in STEM fields.



Col. Charles Samaris speaks with students at the Randolph Middle School.

New Haven Harbor Dredging nearing completion

Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander, joined Congr. Rosa DeLauro, federal, state and local partners in celebrating the near completion of the long awaited New Haven Harbor Dredging in Connecticut. The harbor has not been dredged since 2003-2004.

A press conference was held to mark the occasion on Feb. 7 in New Haven. Combined with dredging Norwalk Harbor, it is the largest dredging project to take place in the state in 50 years.

"New Haven Harbor is the third largest port in New England, an important Long Island Sound shellfish industry, and one of the largest home heating oil container/distributor systems in the country," said Col. Samaris. "This maintenance event will allow large tankervessels and barge traffic to safely

access New Haven Harbor terminals without waiting on high-tide conditions. It also significantly reduces the potential for grounding and resulting associated environmental impacts within the federal project."

Cashman Dredging and Marine of Quincy, Mass., is the contractor on the project.

Work on the combined \$9,738,900 project includes dredging approximately 934,000 cubic yards of sediment from the 35-foot channel and turning basin to allow access from deep water in Long Island to the head of New Haven Inner Harbor, approximately five miles. Out of the \$9,738,900, the city of New Haven's share is \$7,252,500. The project is funded by both the Fiscal Year 2014 Congressional budget, and the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act

(2013). The Act was designed to help repair damages as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Congr. DeLauro, who wrote to the President's budgeting office asking that funds be included for dredging in the President's budget, played a significant role in obtaining the project funding. Col. Samaris credits teamwork for the success of the project. "This is a great example of our partnership with the local sponsors and state/federal agencies," he said. "Partnership and good communication continues to be the key to successful dredging operations."

Since the press conference, the inner harbor portion of the project was completed on Feb. 15. The expected completion date for the outer harbor extending to the breakwaters in Long Island Sound is April 30.



The completed Armed Forces Reserve Center in Pease, N.H.

District completes new facility for New Hampshire Reserves

The New England District team has successfully completed another facility to support the nation's military.

Members of the New England District Team joined their customer, the 99th Reserve Support Command, on a joint final inspection of the new Armed Forces Reserve Center (ARFC) in Pease, N.H.

The \$9.1 million facility was a design-build to construct project. "Primary facilities include an ARFC training building, open unheated vehicle storage, unheated storage building and organizational parking," said Project Engineer Timothy Coleman.

GM2 Associates, Inc., of Glastonbury, Conn., was the contractor for the project. James Conway is the District's

Resident Engineer.

The 20,000-square-foot main building contains offices, classrooms, a learning center, library, unit storage, kitchen and an assembly/drill hall.

According to Coleman, Sustainable Design and Development (SDD) and Energy Policy Act of 2005 features were designed into the handicapped-accessible building. Supporting facilities include the organizational parking and unheated storage building.

Coleman said that during the final inspection the 99th Reserve Support Command were pleased with the facility. They assumed ownership by signing the DD Form 1354 after the inspection.

District awards contract for dredging at Wethersfield Cove

By Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs Office

Maintenance dredging at Wethersfield Cove on the Connecticut River below Hartford in Wethersfield, Conn., will be completed under the terms of a \$944,400 contract recently awarded by the New England District. The Connecticut Department of Transportation is funding the project.

Work will be accomplished by Coastline Consulting & Development, LLC, of Madison, Conn. Construction started on March 7 and will take about four weeks to complete. "The work consists of maintenance dredging of approximately 13,300 cubic yards of predominantly fine grain sand and silty sediment by mechanical dredge from the Wethersfield Cove 6-foot-deep anchorage and navigation channels," said Project Manager Craig Martin.

The channel is 60 feet wide, about 0.4 miles in length, and extends from Wethersfield Cove to the Connecticut River. Wethersfield Cove is located in Wethersfield, approximately

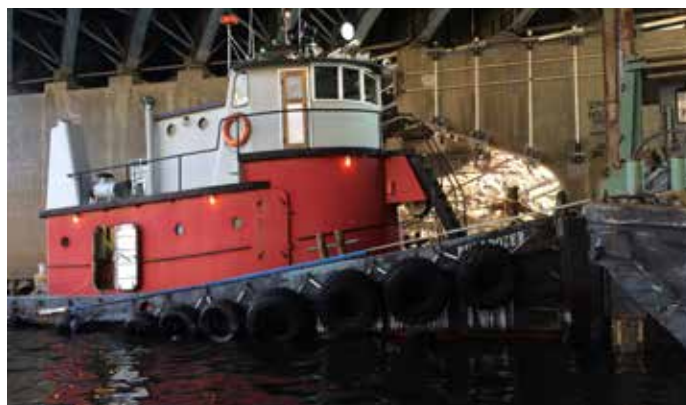


Photo by Kurt Mintell

Vessels like this one will find navigating Weathersfield Cove easier once dredging is complete.

five miles south of Hartford. The dredged material will be transported by dump scow approximately 12 miles south to a previously used in-river dredge material placement site just south of Gildersleeve Island in Portland, Conn.

Vehicular traffic and pedestrian changes due to Muddy River

By Timothy Dugan

Public Affairs

Construction activities continue on Phase 1 of the \$30.9 million Muddy River Flood Risk Management and Environmental Restoration project in Boston, Mass. On Saturday, March 29, another traffic shift to change both vehicular and pedestrian traffic will occur to continue installation of the arch culvert underneath Brookline Ave. This traffic shift will maintain Brookline Avenue, between the Riverway Connector and Park Drive, as one-way only inbound traffic but will shift the four inbound lanes to the left.

Traffic flow will remain in the same traffic pattern from the last traffic change in September 2013. Traffic coming down Brookline Avenue or Boylston Street outbound that want to continue down Brookline Avenue to the medical center will need to travel around the rotary between Brookline Avenue, the Riverway and along Fenway. Traffic signals that were installed from the last traffic change will remain permanently to ease congestion that occurs when traffic traveling

down Park Drive from Brookline tries to merge with traffic exiting the Riverway toward Brookline Avenue. As part of the vehicular traffic shift, a new pedestrian walkway will be constructed on the left side of the Brookline Avenue adjacent to the former Sears parking lot for pedestrian travel through the project area.

The pedestrian walkway on the right side, near the Jug Handle, will be temporarily removed.

These changes are being made so that the installation of a culvert under Brookline Avenue can continue. This shift was actually scheduled for earlier in the month but the snow storms and bitter cold have impacted the schedule. Police details will be used to assist drivers during the implementation and initial stages of this traffic shift.

For Muddy River project construction updates visit the website at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/ProjectsTopics/MuddyRiver.aspx>. If you have questions contact Project Manager Jennifer Flanagan at MuddyRiver@usace.army.mil.

District team meets with Mohegan Tribal Nation

Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander, and members of his staff joined members of the Mohegan Tribal Nation of Connecticut for a Government –To-Government outreach meeting at the Tribal Government building in Uncasville, Conn., March 6.

District team members reached out to see if the Mohegan Tribe had any questions about the Corps Mission in New England, specifically in Connecticut. The District last met with them five years ago. “The Tribe indicated that they wanted to discuss wetlands restoration and erosion control projects on tribal lands,” said Bill Hubbard, Chief, Evaluation Branch.

The hour-long meeting began with welcomes and introductions. Members of the Mohegan Tribal Nation that attended were Lynn Malerba, Chief of the Mohegan Tribe; Bob Soper, Sr., Council of Elders Chairman; Kevin Brown, Tribal Council Chairman; Melissa Tantaquidgeon Zobel, Executive Director, Department of Cultural and Community Programs; Jean McInnis, Environmental Protection Administrator, Compliance and Regulation Department; James Quinn, Mohegan Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Elaine Thomas, Mohegan Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Col. Samaris was accompanied to the meeting by Marc Paiva, the District’s Archaeologist and Tribal Liaison, Hubbard and Bob DeSista, Regulatory Division, and Branch Chief for Rhode Island and Connecticut.

The Team provided several presentations for the Tribe. DeSista began with an overview of the New England District Regulatory Program; Hubbard presented the District’s Planning and Environmental Programs; Paiva discussed the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106 compliance) and Regulatory Program Appendix C. Paiva concluded the formal presentations by giving the Tribe a briefing of the District’s Section 203 Tribal Partnership Program (WRDA 2000).

After the presentations, the New England District Team took questions from Tribal members to include discussions about the permitting process for tribal activities and the complicated wetlands and erosion issue on Mohegan Tribal Nation lands. At the end of the meeting, Tribal members who attended the meeting were pleased with the information they received.

“They were very happy that the District can provide some assistance in fixing their water resources problems in regards to wetland and erosion on tribal lands,” said Hubbard. The New England District plans to hold follow up conversations with Tribal members in the future. Currently, the District has four projects in process under the Section 203 Tribal Partnership Program with the Houlton Band of Maliseets and Penobscot Tribe (Maine), and with the Aquinnah Wampanoag and Mashpee Wampanoag Tribes, both of Massachusetts. A study with the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut would be the fifth under this program.



Photos by Brian Murphy

Martin Curran receives his retirement certificate from Lt. Col. Charles Gray. Above right: Curran greets retiree Bob Hanacek. Curran's new rock collection. Curran talks with Jennifer Rockett at the lunch.

Marty Curran retires with 34 years of federal service

After over three decades of service to his nation, Martin Curran, Environmental Compliance Coordinator for the Merrimack River Basin, has decided to hang up his uniform and spend more time with his family.

Approximately 70 family, friends, coworkers and retirees traveled to the Red Blazer Restaurant in Concord, N.H., to celebrate Curran's career and wish him well on his retirement.

Kristine Blanchette served as MC. She welcomed the guests and introduced Curran's family and the retirees who were in attendance. Presentations and speakers were numerous at the event. John Pribilla, Cape Cod Canal, presented Curran with a framed aerial picture of the Canal signed by the Cape Cod Canal Team. Jason Tremblay also presented Curran with photos. He gave the new retiree pictures of Curran working on projects at Edward MacDowell Lake and French Trapper Hat. The West Hill Dam Team gave Curran a Smokey the Bear bandana. David Nylan, Curran's supervisor when he worked at Pease Air Force Base, presented him with a Forestry Management Book that Curran used when he worked on the base. Friend Brian Bozak presented him with a hand-carved bowl.

In addition, Curran now has a brand new rock collection that holds a great deal of meaning – he was presented with a rock from each project he ever worked. Each rock was autographed by team members who work at the projects. Other speakers included Joshua Levesque, Edward Mac-

Dowell Lake, and Jennifer Rockett, Blackwater Dam, who both thanked Curran for his contributions when he worked at their projects. From the audience, Curran received gift certificates to Main Street Bookends and to local artist and friend David Carroll's art studio.

The new retiree's family also had a gift – a muzzleloader for the family's hunting adventures presented by Curran's son-in-law Gary Arnold. Curran had a presentation to make himself – giving his wife Ruth a bouquet of flowers in appreciation for all of her support during his career.

Lt. Col. Charles Gray, New England District Deputy Commander, concluded the official part of the lunch by presenting Curran with his retirement certificate and pin.

Curran has had a distinguished and varied federal career. In addition to his 23 years of service with the Corps, he spent two years with Pease Air Force Base and four years with the U.S. Forest Service. Curran also faithfully served his country in the U.S. Air Force for four years.

Family members that accompanied Curran to this retirement luncheon were his wife, Ruth, his sons Tom and Michael Grigware, his daughter Sheila and her husband Vitas Normantis and his son-in-law Gary Arnold.

Distinguished Civilian Gallery Member Jack Boyea attended the luncheon. Other retirees who came to wish Curran well were Mike Curran, Bob Hanacek, Ross Huntington and Dave Shepardson.



Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander, presents keynote speaker Tom Ingrassia with a Bunker Hill certificate.

Tom Ingrassia used many exhibits to explain the influence Motown had on the Civil Rights Movement.

Motown comes to District during Black History Month celebration

Tom Ingrassia, motivational speaker, writer and Motown Historian, served as keynote speaker during the Black Employment Program's Black History Month Observance, Feb. 19. The event, which was co-sponsored by the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, took place in the Concord Park Cafeteria.

Ingrassia discussed the impacts that Motown -- an American Record Company founded by Barry Gordy in 1959 -- has had on American Culture during the Civil Rights Movement. As part of his presentation, Ingrassia

showed an 18 minute video segment entitled, "Brown Sugar: 80 years of Black Female Superstars."

The video focused on the beginnings of several famous female groups to include Martha and the Vandellas, the Marvelettes, and the Supremes and detailed their influence on music and the way that society viewed African American musicians.

After the video, Ingrassia talked about Gordy's efforts to give his artists positive images, going so far as to send them to etiquette and modeling classes.

Ed Sullivan featured the Supremes

several times on his variety show, giving them mass media exposure. According to Ingrassia, seeing the Supremes perform on the Ed Sullivan Show inspired African American celebrity Oprah Winfrey to follow her own dreams.

At the end of the presentation, Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander, presented Ingrassia with a Bunker Hill plaque in appreciation for his appearance. Audience members were invited to the front of the room to look at various displays of Motown memorabilia from Ingrassia's private collection before leaving the event.



Tom Ingrassia's personal collection of Motown artifacts were on display during the event.



New England District team members line up during the annual Pie Fest.

Photos by Brian Murphy

District celebrates National Pie Day with its annual Pie Fest

There is no better way to shake off another cold winter day than a nice piece of pie and a hot cup of coffee or apple cider.

New England District team members lined up for the ultimate comfort food during the Work Environment Association's (WEA) annual Pie Fest celebration appropriately held on National Pie Day, March 14 in the Concord Park Cafeteria. For many years, the District Pie Fest was held in November to reward the team for successful completion of fiscal year end and closeout, but WEA changed the time of the event this year to coincide

with the national observance.

Dozens upon dozens of pies in every conceivable flavor lined the cafeteria tables. The selection was so vast, many couldn't pick just one slice. Ice cream and whipped cream were also provided because what is pie without them? Healthier options such as fruit were made available to those who wanted to participate but didn't want to indulge in the sweet treats. Over 56 New England District Team members signed up to bring a pie, donate other foods, beverage or paper products. This break time event is offered at no charge

to team members. It is one of the most anticipated events WEA organizes for the District. There was so much pie left over after the event, WEA offered pies for morning break March 17.

Drew Cattano and Kane Turmelle headed up this year's Pie Fest, taking over for long-time organizer Bob Meader who retired this year. Meader made a special guest appearance at the Pie Fest and was finally able to sit and enjoy a piece of pie. Other volunteers who made the event a success were Sally Rigione, Marilyn (Bonnie) Ortiz, Gladys Leone and Mary Daley.



Members of the Work Environment Association prepare for the Pie Fest.



Former Pie Fest organizer and Engineering/Planning retiree Bob Meader enjoys a piece of pie.

Dredging up the past



Siamac Vaghar looks on as Dot Tinkham cuts a piece of pie for Tony Mackos at the Pie Fest Event in 2006.

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