



Small Business: District hosts NAD's 5th annual conference

It is not unusual for entrepreneurs to spend a great deal of time and effort trying to attract business, but how many are actively solicit contractors? That is exactly what representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, North Atlantic Division did when they held the 5th Annual Regional Small Business Conference at the Renaissance Hotel in Bedford, Mass., June 11.

Over 400 representatives of large and small, women-owned, minority-owned, service-disabled, and veteran-owned businesses attended the event that was hosted by the New England District and co-sponsored by the Boston Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME).

Speakers varied from Corps of Engineers representatives and other government agencies to Nobis Engineering, a successful 8A (small business) New England contractor. Col. Thomas Koning, New England District Engineer, kicked off the conference by saying the event would provide a chance for discussions as well as an opportunity for the region's many small businesses to meet with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers leaders, small business deputies and contracting officers.

Col. Koning said that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the world's premier public engineering organization and that it sets high goals for awarding contracts to small and disadvantaged businesses. "In many cases, the Corps of Engineers goals are much higher than the Small Business Administration's (SBA) statutory goals for contracting," he said. "This is



Photo by Mark McInerney

Brig. Gen. Merdith Temple, North Atlantic Division Engineer, addresses over 400 attendees at the 5th Annual NAD Small Business Conference in Bedford, Mass. The New England District hosted this year's event.

because there has been a strong commitment by the Corps of Engineers headquarters for an extraordinary effort to maintain and expand socioeconomic programs."

As testament to the District's commitment to small and disadvantaged businesses, the colonel said that in fiscal year 2002, of the \$159.1 million in contract work the New England District obligated, \$44.1 million of that was obligated to small business.

Brig. Gen. Merdith Temple, North Atlantic Division Engineer, presented a summary of NAD's missions to include water resource development, the environment, infrastructure, disaster relief, and war fighting. He also discussed NAD's boundaries and the size

of its programs. The Corps customers are numerous, and the Division commander went over some of its customers and partners and the work that NAD does for them – work that the Division contracts out.

"My definition of a small business is a dedicated and skilled individual or small company who helps me serve the nation by working safely to deliver quality work on time and within budget," he said. "I see a company with strong entrepreneurial spirit and the will to work hard as a trusted partner."

Brig. Gen. Temple told the audience that the Corps of Engineers is a learning organization. "This is an opportunity for you to meet us and learn

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Yankee Voices



Margaret Lorenzo
Real Estate

Links You Should Know

A web page has been established for District employees with links to all three of these programs. It can be found on the Intranet under the What's Hot Section. The web page is entitled, "Links You Should Know."

ABC: <http://www.abc.army.mil>
TSP: <http://www.tsp.gov>
MyPay: <https://mypay.dfas.mil>

Welcome

Robert Holt, Engr/Planning
Marla Levenson, Contracting

Words worth repeating

"When you like someone, you like them in spite of their faults. When you love someone, you love them with their faults."

- *Elizabeth Cameron*

Congratulations

... to **Todd Randall**, Engineering/Planning, and his wife, **Kim**, on the birth of their daughter, **Jordan Ashley Randall**, June 8. She joins her older brother, **Ethan**, in the family circle.

... to **Sheila Bergeron**, Military Project Mgmt. Br., and her husband, **Bill**, on the birth of their twin girls, **Alicia Marie and Kaley Anne**, June 27.

... to **Heather Morse**, North Hartland Lake/Union Village Dam, who was selected as the WE Committee's Employee of the Month for July. Heather received the award for her work as Acting Manager at the project.

... to the team members of the Survey Unit for being selected as the WE Committee's Team of the Month of July. Team members include: **Stephen Johnston, Paul K. O'Brien, Timothy Casey, Frederick W. Perry, Robert W. MacGovern, Michael J. Vadnais, Adrien Lussier, Varoujan Garabedian, William H. Walker, Annie Chin, Daniel Bradley, Maureen T. Murray and Stephen W. Kelley**. They received the honor for their work on the dredging projects in Belfast, Rockland, Camden and Ellsworth, Maine for the period of January through April 2003, which enabled all of these projects to be completed by the April 15 cutoff date.

WW II Veterans may be eligible for one more award to honor heroism

The Army News Service reports that World War II veterans who earned the Combat Infantry Badge or the Combat Medical Badge are eligible to receive another award to honor their heroism, the Bronze Star. In 1947, the Bronze Star Medal was authorized for all of those who earned a Combat Infantry Badge or the Combat Medical Badge, according to Army regulation 600-8-2, Military Awards.

The medal was designed to honor the infantrymen who endured the greatest hardships and the medics who accompanied them on the front lines, officials said. Officials from the National Personnel Records Center say that they don't know how many veterans are eligible for the medal or who still have not received the award, because a massive fire in 1963 destroyed most of the official military personnel files from World War II. For more on how to get service records and apply for medals, see <http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourcesContent/0,13964,31460,00.html>. (*Militaryreport.com*)

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Commander's Corner:

How much do you know? A history quiz on the Corps in New England

by Col. Thomas L. Koning
District Engineer



July 2003 marks my one year anniversary in command of the District. I want to start by saying THANK YOU for making my first year so great! You welcomed me, you made me feel right at home and you tried to

make me smart on the hundreds of projects, permits and issues the District faces every day. I may not remember all of it, but I will remember you, the employees of the District who make the good news of the Corps happen daily in New England.

As I have been learning about my job, I think it is appropriate to see how much you have learned about your work environment. Since we profess to be a learning organization, I decided to have some fun and create the 2003 Founders Day Quiz.

Let us see how much you know about the New England District. This is not a competition, but rather a way we can remember the history of our District.

These questions can also be found on our intranet website at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/news/quiz.htm>. If you are certain you know all the answers, send me an e-mail with your solutions. If not, wait until next month's Yankee Engineer and increase your knowledge. Here we go -- good luck!

1. New England District traces its roots back to 1775 when Colonel Richard Gridley of Massachusetts was named the Chief Engineer of the newly formed Continental Army. The current configuration of the New England Division/District was designated on May 1, 1942. Between 1775 and 1942, seven (7) port cities in New England had their own "District Engineer" – Which cities had their own "District Engineer," at any time, from 1775 to 1942?

2. Within our District boundary, we actively manage five (5) river basins. Which river basins do we actively manage?

3. Colonel Sylvanus Thayer is best known as the "Father of the Military Academy," from his tenure as Superintendent of West Point from 1817 through 1833. However, from 1833 through 1857, he was in charge of building two (2) of the

defensive works around Boston. Which forts did Colonel Thayer build?

4. Congress gave the Corps its Civil Works mission with the General Survey Act of 1824. When was the first government sponsored survey of the Cape Cod Canal conducted (mm/yy)?

5. When did the Cape Cod Canal open for the first time (dd/mm/yy)?

6. When did the government acquire the Cape Cod Canal (dd/mm/yy) and how much did they pay (\$x.xM)?

7. What are the critical dimensions of the Cape Cod Canal?

- Land cut length (miles)?
- Minimum Width (ft)?
- Authorized Depth (ft)?
- Total Channel Length (miles)?

8. What are the critical dimensions of the Bourne and Sagamore Bridges?

- Length of the main spans between the water piers (ft)? (Hint - they are the same.)
- Total length including abutments (ft)? (Hint - they are NOT the same.)
- Minimum vertical clearance (ft)? (Hint - they are the same.)
- Number and width of the travel lanes (#,ft)? (Hint - they are the same.)
- When were the bridges first opened (dd/mm/yy)? (Hint - they are the same.)

9. What are the critical dimensions of the Cape Cod Railroad Bridge?

- Length of the vertical lift span (ft)?
- At the time it was built, was this the longest vertical lift bridge in the world?
- Weight of each counterweight? (Hint - there are two of them and they are the same.)
- When did the first train cross the bridge (dd/mm/yy)?
- During original construction, was the lift span built in the raised or lowered position?

10. How long did the New England Division occupy the facilities at the Murphy Army Hospital in Waltham, Mass. (yy-yy)?

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Letter from Iraq:

Lt. Col. Green has arrived in Baghdad to assist Iraqi people

(Editor's note: Lt. Col. Green is currently serving as the Chief of Staff of the USACE Iraq Provisional Command (IPC). The IPC is a team of 17 military and civilian Corps employees who act as a forward USACE headquarters to command and control the majority of the USACE assets in Iraq. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Forward Engineer Support Teams (FESTs) are assigned to each of the Coalition Provisional Authority's (CPAs) north, central, south and southeast regions in Iraq. Lt. Col. Green is located in the central region of Baghdad. The FEST teams have been assisting the CPA Ministries in the technical assessments of bridges, government buildings, various utilities including electrical power grid and irrigation systems in order to determine the priority and scope of the repair, upgrade and reconstruction efforts. Other regional FESTs are supporting the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) by overseeing contracts for ongoing infrastructure repairs to schools, hospitals, and other critical public service facilities. The IPC is also working hard to coordinate infrastructure security with military units to prevent looting and sabotage of public utilities. Lt. Col. Green was good enough to "write home" to let everyone know how he is doing.)

Hello to everyone from central Baghdad! We are living and working out of one of the "villas" that was formerly one of the homes of King Faisal along the Tigris River.

Overall, it's a great setup for us as we do work for the Coalition Provisional Authority and its ministries, which is the interim government of Iraq.

The temperature is hot -- usually around 110 degrees Fahrenheit during

the day. We have some air conditioning and fans, so it's not too bad, as long as you stay out of the midday heat.

Traveling on the roads is still somewhat dangerous, especially around the Baghdad International Airport. There have been some ambushes and small arms fire along the main highway there.

The other day, we had to drive through a downtown Baghdad street bazaar in order to deliver \$2.3 million in

cash to the bank. The money was used to pay the public electricity workers who had not been paid in several months. It was quite an experience driving through the crowds and being caught in a traffic jam while transporting that kind of money.

Overall, USACE is assisting the Iraqi people by setting the conditions to allow them to overcome years of tyranny by the former government.

I am impressed by the technical ability of the Iraqi people and know that this country will again flourish in the next several years. Our goal is to provide the Iraqi citizens with security to prevent looting and sabotage of their critical infrastructure like electricity, water and oil, and assist them in rebuilding their country and helping them to become prosperous again.

We are also assisting military units by providing FEST teams to do master planning of base camp and unit beddown locations and to provide technical expertise through reachback using the TeleEngineering Kit.

My best to the whole New England District family!

Sincerely,

Lt. Col. Brian Green
Deputy District Engineer



Lt. Col. Brian Green, dressed in his Desert Camouflage Uniform, is working with other Corps employees in the effort to rebuild Iraq. Photo by Tom O'Hara, Omaha District.

Corps study proposes closure of the River Street cut in Seabrook Harbor to reduce erosion

by **Tim Dugan**
Public Affairs

The New England District is proposing an erosion control project in Hampton-Seabrook Harbor, N. H., to alleviate the erosion on an intertidal sand flat and adjacent shore properties.

“The proposed project involves the closure of the breach across the eroding portion of the middle-ground sand flat. Closure of the breach would be accomplished by constructing two parallel sheet-pile walls on either side of the breach followed by dredging about 84,000 cubic yards of sandy material from the Hampton and Seabrook anchorage areas

with a hydraulic dredge to fill the area between the walls,” said Study Manager Duban Montoya.

The fill would restore the elevation of the sand flat to conditions that existed before the breach and prevent further erosion properties along the north side of River Street.

Portions of the Seabrook anchorage will be dredged to -7 feet mean lower low water (MLLW), and if needed, portions of the Hampton Harbor anchorage will be dredged to -5 feet MLLW.

This project is being proposed under the National Shoreline Erosion Control Development and Demonstration Program which is authorized by Congress under Section 227 of the Water

Resources Development Act of 1996 and under provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1977.

The study was conducted in response to a request by the Pease Development Authority—Division of Ports and Harbors.

“The sheet pile walls will be com-

formed during a five-month period between Oct. 15 and March 15,” Montoya said. “The dredging part of the work will occur in the period between Nov. 15 and March 15.”

Hampton-Seabrook Harbor is located in coastal New Hampshire. The erosion of an ecologically productive intertidal sand flat and adjacent shore properties at the mouth of the Blackwater River is causing deposition of sandy material in Hampton-Seabrook Harbor’s anchorage areas as well as threatening the integrity of the shoreline properties.

“The purpose of this proposed erosion control project is to stop erosion of the adjacent shoreline at the south end of inner Seabrook Harbor, restore the intertidal sand flat, and reduce deposition of shoal material in the Seabrook Harbor anchorage,” Montoya said.

“The material proposed to fill the breach area is clean sandy material from adjacent anchorage areas.”

An Environmental Assessment is being prepared for this erosion control project and will be available upon request. Dredging and construction impacts are expected to be minor and temporary.

An unavoidable loss of less than 0.25 acres of vegetated wetlands will be compensated in the project.

“No state listed historical or cultural resources are expected to be impacted by the proposed project,” Montoya said.

The proposed work is being coordinated with federal, state and local agencies.



Aerial view of Seabrook Harbor.

Photo provided by Navigation Section/Planning Branch.

posed of double walled composite material sheet piles on either side of the breach,” Montoya said.

The western wall (Blackwater River side) will be about 950 feet in length and the eastern wall (Seabrook anchorage area side) will be about 450 feet in length.

Composite material piles will be driven approximately eight feet into the sediment with a barge mounted high frequency vibratory pile driver. A stone toe will be placed in front of both walls to prevent scouring, and to tie the walls into the existing riprap along the River Street slope.

Public comments on this proposed project were accepted by the Corps until July 9. “The work will be per-

Base Realignment and Closure: District, Contractor celebrate landfill project with cookout

Representatives of the New England District joined their contractor, Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure (E & I), Inc. (formally Stone and Webster Environmental Technology and Services), and subcontractors, Maxymillian Technologies and Greenscape, Inc. in celebrating the completion of the Devens Consolidation Landfill (DCL) project with a cookout at the project site, June 20.

Over 60 people attended the cookout, which was open to the public. Project Manager Randy Godfrey welcomed participants, and thanked the contractor and subcontractors for their work on the project and for hosting the cookout.

Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, said that the completion of the landfill was the largest Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) environmental remediation project completed on Devens to date. "Completion of this \$25 million project is a very significant accomplishment," he said. "Headquarters has reported this project to congress as a significant BRAC success story."

The District Engineer also men-



Devens landfill after construction.

tioned the partnership between the Corps and the state and federal agencies. "The successful completion of this project exemplifies a win-win partnership and cooperative teamwork among the Environmental Protection Agency, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, MassDevelopment, the Public and the Army, and allowed all stakeholders concerned to be satisfied," he said.

MassDevelopment, legally known as the Massachusetts Development and Finance Agency, is the Local Reuse Authority for the Devens property transferred by the Army.

The colonel concluded his remarks by praising everyone involved for their hard work. "Your extraordinary efforts are highly commendable for meeting the Army goals and mission of the BRAC environmental restoration program," he said.

Other speakers who made presentations during the cookout were Jim Ohnigian, Project Manager, Shaw E&I, Inc.; Mike Rose, Site Superintendent, Stone & Webster, Inc., A Shaw Group Company; Carol Keating, Remedial Project Manager from EPA; and Bud Taylor, former Corps Project Manager.

Construction on this \$25 million project began in September 2000 and was substantially completed on time in December 2002. The 15-acre, 335,000 cubic yard landfill, combined the waste debris of six smaller landfills that were scattered around the former Fort Devens.

Work included segregating out of the waste stream, 100,000 cubic yards of recyclable waste debris, such as wood, tires, steel and concrete. This permitted room in the landfill for the disposal of pesticide-contaminated materials from another on-going BRAC project and for the disposal of other miscellaneous BRAC and State-gen-



Devens landfill during construction.

erated contaminated soil requiring disposal; a cost savings of about \$3 million to the BRAC program.

The remediation of the six former landfills sites assisted with MassDevelopment's redevelopment plans and also showed support to the on-going public efforts to improve river and groundwater quality. Construction of the landfill was accomplished by the Corps' cost-plus remedial action contract with Shaw E&I, Inc. The contract vehicle was appropriate, given that despite the substantial quantity overruns, scope changes and legal disagreements encountered along the way, the project was completed on time and under budget (cost per cubic yard excavated was lower than budgeted).

Christine Johnson arranged the details for the event and donated a cake (featuring a depiction of the landfill) to celebrate the occasion. John McDowell, Corps Construction Representative, provided photos of the project to the cookout attendees as mementos.

The New England District team members responsible for the successful completion of the landfill are Bob Davis, Joanne Ellis, Christine Johnson, Michelle Kewer, Choudary Choday, Bill Saner, Kerry Leblanc, Sheila Winston-Vincuilla, Dennis Long, Molly McCabe, John McDowell, Scott Michalak, Gary Morin, Randy Godfrey, Jim Morocco, Mike Penko, Joe Redlinger, Ruth Tanner, Dave Margolis, and Richard Vigeant.



Photos provided by the Cape Cod Canal.

Students show off the certificates they received for rebuilding the engine pictured behind them for the Cape Cod Canal.

Students' volunteer work saves New England District \$20,000

Students from the Marine Services Department of the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School in Bourne, Mass., got a chance to practice their craft and to help out the Cape Cod Canal at the same time when they recently rebuilt one of the Canal patrol boat's spare engines.

The exercise resulted in excellent practice for the students and a \$20,000 savings to the U.S. Government.

In appreciation for their work, Joseph Moyer, Chief Engineer of the Corps vessel, "Manamet," presented the students with certificates of appreciation, signed by Fran Donovan, Cape Cod Canal Manager, during a brief ceremony held at the Canal this past June.

"We removed engines from the Patrol Boat 'Onset' in August 2002," said Tug Master John Murner. "Our engineers installed two new Caterpillar 3208 engines into the vessels, but they didn't have any time to work on the old engines."

John's son, Asa, attends the tech-

nical school, so he knew that the students rebuilt engines. He contacted the Upper Cape Cod Marine Services Department.



Canal Patrol Boat "Onset"

February. It took the class, made up of freshmen and seniors, about three months to complete the job. The engine was run through several tests and passed with flying colors before the call was made for the Canal to pick up the engine.

"We have it here as one of our spares," said John. "They did a very good job and we appreciate their help."

"They said they would rebuild one of the engines for us as a good practical learning experience for the kids," he said.

John delivered the Caterpillar 3208 engine to the school last

Naugatuck bids two employees farewell

By Reese Morgan
Naugatuck River Basin

Fellow teammates from the Naugatuck River Area (Naugy) and family members held a cook-out luncheon for Jim Farrell and Mark Wilmes at Northfield Brook Lake, July 2.

Jim, aka "Papa Squirrel," will retire August 2 as Park Ranger, Colebrook River Lake, after more than 32 years of federal service. During his career, Jim served at many of the District's flood control projects, including assignments at the Thomaston Dam, Black Rock Lake, and the Hop Brook Lake Unit. His wife, Beverly, and grandchildren attended the event. Jim received two gifts for his birdwatching hobby from his teammates.

Mark departed the Naugy July 11. Mark performed many tasks such as the Environmental Compliance Coordinator and its all-around utility man for O&M; natural resources management; IT; GIS; OMBIL; and project websites. He also volunteered for emergency operations assignments in and outside the U.S., and had many other responsibilities and duties.

Mark will be relocating northward with his family as he starts as the new project manager at the North Hartland Lake/Union Village Dam Unit, UCRB, in Vermont effective July 13.

The folks of the Naugy will miss them a lot and wish them the very best.

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about the work we do," he said. "We are also here to listen, so tell us about yourself and the work that you do."

Sheila Warren, SAME, Boston Post, talked about the organization's mission as well as its scholarship program. "The Boston Post has recently had an annual event where we gave \$46,000 to 22 engineering students from engineering schools from Eastern New England," she said. "It is possible because of the support of many of the members of the organization that come together, raise money and give it to students."

Ms. Warren said that the organization is a conduit that allows military engineers to network with corporate engineers. She explained that SAME holds monthly meetings that contractors are also able to attend to network. "Small business is the backbone of the economy," she said. "There are many small businesses that are part of our organization and we are glad that we can be part of this conference."

Ms. Warren concluded her presentation by announcing that a business opportunity fair would be held on the premises after lunch for networking opportunities with other companies.

Nancyellen Gentile, a representative for Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine, talked about the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. "The goal of the committee is to create an environment on a national level where small businesses can start up and flourish," she said. "Senator Snowe meets with small businesses to hear from them about the issues that concern them most and then she works with the committee staff to develop solutions to the challenges they face."

Ms. Gentile said that in the FY02 Small Business Reports for DoD, the Army came out on top with a grade of A minus.



Photos by Mark McInerney

Col. Thomas Koning, New England District Engineer, talks about the available opportunities for small business owners with the District.



Col. August Mancuso listens to the concerns of a small business owner during his lunchtime talk.

"Because of the work of the contracting officers at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the North Atlantic Division working with SBA and the small business office," she said.

The Committee relies on small business to raise small business issues to its attention, according to Ms. Gentile. "Your input is extremely invaluable to help us as we try to level the playing field for small businesses," she said.

Arvind Patel, SBA, talked about the Administration's mission and opportunities in contracting, subcontracting, SBA's size standards program, certification of small businesses, and an online small business database called Pro-Net that is accessed by federal agencies. Mr. Patel also recommended that all small businesses become computer savvy. "Learn the computer," he said. "The federal government is becoming paperless, and learning how to use the computer will help you excel."

Mr. Patel said that helping small businesses is the SBA's mission, and he urged attendees to go to <http://www.sba.gov> for more information.

Representatives from five of North Atlantic Division's district offices made presentations, covering their missions, programs, current work, upcoming work, and contact and website information for small businesses to receive more information. The District representatives were Col. Thomas Koning, New England District Commander, Lt. Col. Doug Sarver, New York District Deputy Commander, Lt. Col. Thomas Chapman, Philadelphia District Deputy Commander, Lt. Col. W. Scott Flanagan, Baltimore District Deputy District Commander, and Col. Dave Hansen, Norfolk District Commander.

Mr. Nannu Nobis of Nobis Engineering, one of New England District's contractors, described to the audience what it took for his business to be a small business success

story. Part of the company's formula for success is sharing information with staff; empowerment; invest in employees; community service; reward and recognition; sharing in successes; and celebrating and having fun.

"What we've tried to do over the years is give our employees the tools, the authority, and the ability to service clients as effectively as we can," said Mr. Nobis.

Col. August Mancuso, Senior Military Assistant and Executive Officer, Department of the Army, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, served as the lunchtime guest speaker.

Col. Mancuso told the audience that small business has a large role in supporting the Army war fighter, from providing quality goods and services, to providing responsive support when and where it is needed.

Other topics that Col. Mancuso discussed were the small business program reinvention initiatives, the Army Prime Contract and Subcontract awards for fiscal year 2002, the Historically Black College & University/Minority Institutions Program for fiscal year 2003, the DoD Pilot Mentor-Protégé Program; the residential communities initiative; and the Army Small Disadvantaged Business Focus. Col. Mancuso's topic of contract bundling sparked a lengthy dialog that provided information to both the colonel and the audience.

After lunch, conference-goers attended the business

opportunity fair, sponsored by SAME. The 30 exhibitors provided information and networked with attendees.

The conference, according to those who attended, was a success. "I'm new to doing business with the government," said small business owner Steve Curran. "I wanted to get a sense what the opportunities with the Government were. I think the conference met my objectives."

Kathy Duggan, marketing coordinator with Gannet Flemming, Inc., operated one of the booths during the business opportunity fair in the hopes of networking with some small businesses. "We have a contract with the Corps of Engineers and I'm looking for small businesses to partner with," she said. "I spoke with several people at the fair. I think it went very well."

Col. Koning recognized Sheila Warren, Former President of SAME, Debi Heims, Director of Business Development for AMRO Environmental Laboratories Corp., and New England District employees Angie Vanaria, Mark McInerney, and Eva D'Antuono for their work putting the conference together by presenting them with Brig. Gen. Temple's Division Commander's coins.

At the end of each presentation, Col. Koning awarded each speaker with a Bunker Hill plaque and a small award from the District in appreciation for participating in the conference.

Gallery member Zaven Malkasian remembered

The New England District team was saddened to hear of the passing of Distinguished Civilian Gallery member and retired Chief of Operations, Zaven Malkasian, in January. Mr. Malkasian retired Dec. 28, 1966 with 30 years of federal service.

Mr. Malkasian joined the Corps in New England as a surveyor in June 1936 after graduating from Northeastern University with a bachelor of science in civil engineering. In 1942, he entered the Armed Services and in 1946 retired as a Major before returning to the New England Division.

During his career, Mr. Malkasian held progressively responsible positions that finally led to the position of Chief, Operations Division in 1958 – the position from which he retired.

Mr. Malkasian received many awards throughout his career, including awards for outstanding performance and a certificate of achievement.



Zaven Malkasian

A history quiz on the Corps in New England

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11. How many federal dams did the Corps build in New England? How many does the District operate today? Which ones did we turn over to local communities?

12. How many federal hurricane barriers did the Corps build in New England? How many does the District operate today? Which towns have barriers that are now operated by local communities?

13. How much do you know about the New England District dams?

a. Which one is the tallest – how high (ft)?

b. Which one is the lowest – how high (ft)?

c. Which two are the widest – how wide (ft)? (Hint - there are two (2) and they are the same.)

d. Which dams have crested their spillways? (Hint - there are six (6).)

14. New England District has the third (3rd) largest regulatory program in the Corps. What is the range of the number of permits that the Regulatory Division issues in an average year?

- a. 4500 - 5499
- b. 5500 - 6499
- c. 6500 - 7499
- d. 7500 - 8499

District preparing environmental assessments for proposed new border patrol stations in Maine

by Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs

The New England District is preparing Environmental Assessments on three proposed U.S. Border Patrol Stations in Maine and is seeking public comments on these proposals. The District is providing support services to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service, for the construction of three new proposed U.S. Border Patrol Stations to replace existing stations in Calais, Van Buren and Jackman, Maine.

This support is in accordance with a 1997 Memorandum of Agreement for the Corps of Engineers to provide nationwide project management services to DHS for their program to provide upgraded Border Patrol Stations to accommodate increased staffing levels.

The Corps of Engineers and the DHS are considering sites in Calais, Van Buren and Jackman for the construction of new U.S. Border Patrol Stations based on siting criteria established by the U.S. Border Patrol, operations functions of the U.S. Border Patrol, size, environmental acceptability and real estate viability.

A 10-acre minimum site size is required for each project, and all the proposed stations will be designed to support a staff of 29.

Three alternatives are being considered for the one proposed site in Jackman. Site #2, located on the south side of Route 6, is a portion of a tract in excess of 1,000 acres, currently owned by Plum Creek Timber Company. Site #2(a), the preferred site, is in the immediate vicinity of Site #2, and is part of the same large tract. Site #3 is located on the east side of U.S Route 201, and

is part of a larger tract currently owned by Plum Creek Timber Company. All three sites are wooded lots.

Two alternatives are being considered for the one proposed site in Van Buren. Site 7 (the new preferred site) is located off of U.S. Route 1 on the east side of Madore Road in Cyr Plantation, and is currently a cleared field used for growing potatoes. It is about two miles outside of Van Buren. Site 8 is also located in Cyr Plantation on the west side of U.S. Route 1, on the south side of the intersection of LaPlante Road and U.S. Route 1, about 2.5 miles outside of Van Buren. It is also a cleared field used for growing potatoes.

Three alternatives are being considered for the one proposed site in Calais. Site 1A (the new preferred site), is located in the Baileyville Industrial Park on Lots 1 and 3, east of one of the previously considered alternative sites (Site 1). These wooded lots are located in Baring Plantation, but are owned by the Town of Baileyville. Site 6, also located in Baileyville, is a cleared field/wooded lot adjacent to a campground on the north side of Route 9 about ¾ mile from the intersection with Route 1. Site 5, a cleared field, is across the street from Site 6.

Environmental Assessments are being prepared for these proposed projects. A preliminary determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed project is not required under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. This determination will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to the public notice and other coordination efforts.

The proposed work is being coordinated with federal, state and local agencies.

Volunteerism:

Richalie Griffith promoted to rank of Captain in the Civil Air Patrol

This has been an eventful year for Richalie Griffith, Engineering/Planning. Most recently, she was promoted to the rank of Captain in the Civil Air Patrol and also became the Deputy Commander of Cadets for the Hanscom Composite Squadron. Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, demonstrated his support for her and the work she does both in and outside of the Corps by attending her Squadron Banquet that was held at the Hanscom Officer's Club, Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., July 9.

"I am extremely proud to serve you as your next deputy commander of cadets. I have confidence we can work together to increase membership, cadet progression, and also emergency services training," Richalie told the audience. "There is more and demanding work to be done...but I am sure we are up to the challenge. We will make a difference."

About 80 people attended the event, including Col. Koning and EEO's Dianna Barela. "We are proud of the service

Richalie has given to the Corps and the Civil Air Patrol and she is well deserved of this promotion to Captain," said Col. Koning.

During the promotion portion of the banquet, Col. Koning



Lt. Col. Randall Bowlby (left), Hanscom Composite Squadron Commander, assists Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, with pinning on Richalie Griffith's Captain's bars.

pinned Richalie's Captain's bars on her uniform. Promotions like Richalie's recognize an individual's potential for additional responsibility. "Past performance obviously is a contributing factory, but is not the only one," she explained. "As individuals develop their personal skills through training, education and proven performance, they receive added opportunity for advancement."

Richalie joined the Civil Air Patrol

in 1995 and devotes about 20 hours a week to the organization. Earlier this year, she was involved in a mission that resulted in the rescue of several children from a plane crash site. Her actions not only earned her praise and admiration from co-workers, friends and family, but also a coin from the Chief of Engineers, Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers.

In addition to working full time for the New England District (she has been a student trainee in Engineering and Planning's Design Branch, Civil Section since August 23, 2002), Richalie is entering her senior year at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

The Civil Air Patrol is the Civilian Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, and was founded Dec. 1, 1941 -- a week before Pearl Harbor. The all-volunteer CAP performs three main functions -- emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet training.

Richalie also devotes her time to the following organizations: the Society of Women Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, and the Society of American Military Engineers. She is also a licensed pilot.



Photos by C.J. Allen

Col. Thomas Koning (left) and Dianna Barela (right) attended Richalie Griffith's promotion ceremony.

Corps study proposes ice control structure upstream of Leesville Dam in East Haddam

by Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs

The New England District has conducted a feasibility investigation under Section 205 of the Flood Control Act to investigate flood damage control alternatives for the Salmon River near the Leesville Dam in the town of East Haddam, Conn.

“The study for a flood damage control project was conducted to examine solutions to ice-jam related flooding at properties and other infrastructure near the Leesville Dam in the town of East Haddam,” said Study Manager Raimo Liias.

Ice jams form when the ice sheet on the Salmon River breaks up during a sudden increase in discharge caused by runoff from snowmelt and rainfall. The broken ice is transported downstream until the transport capacity of the river is exceeded and the ice stops, forming a jam that progresses back upstream. The stopping point is usually near the Route 151 Bridge that is located about one quarter mile downstream of the Leesville Dam in East Haddam.

“Flooding causes damage to residential properties, highways, the Route 151 Bridge and its appurtenant structures,” Liias said.

The study has been completed to identify and evaluate alternatives plans that would reduce or eliminate these damages.

“The recommended federal cost-shared plan is the construction of an ice control structure upstream of the Leesville Dam,” Liias said.

In addition, a separate non-federal, state-sponsored sediment detention basin to complement the ice control structure has been proposed to be located immediately upstream of the ice control structure.

The state-sponsored sediment detention basin is not a required element



New England District is investigating ice jam flood damage control alternatives for the Salmon River near the Leesville Dam.

for controlling ice jams and reducing flooding, thus it is evaluated as an add-on component for the cost shared project.

“The proposed ice control structure consists of a series of concrete piers and an accompanying flow relief channel using a natural flow area on the

eastern bank of the dam impoundment,” Liias said.

The preliminary design proposal has nine concrete monoliths, spanning the main channel, with a center-to-center spacing of 14 feet and a gap width of 12 feet. The piers are each 10 feet long stream-wise, 15-18 feet high and two



Photos by Scott Michalak

The Leesville Dam on the Salmon River in East Haddam, Conn.

feet thick. Accompanying the monoliths is a series of 23 large natural boulders (4-to-5 feet in diameter) aligned along the crest of an existing gravel bar that extends from 70 feet just upstream of the dam. These boulders will serve to capture smaller pieces of ice and maintain flow through a natural relief channel along the eastern bank just above the impoundment.

The sediment basin is to be excavated just west of the gravel bar that is to be lined with the 23 natural boulders. It is anticipated that as much as 21,000 cubic yards of sandy sediment will be removed from the river bottom to a depth where more lithified substrate is present. The depth of this substrate varies from about one to 10 feet in the area of the dam and proposed ice control piers and boulders. The material removed will be disposed of at an old sandpit site, Echo Farms, located about three miles south of the project site in Haddam.

"It is the most technically and economically feasible, environmentally and culturally acceptable project for flood damage control near the Leesville Dam on the Salmon River," Liias said.

The plan was developed with consideration of the overall public interest, including engineering and economic feasibility, and environmental, cultural and social effects. It is the best implementable alternative to meet the objectives of the investigation.

An Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact has been prepared for the flood damage control project. Impacts to the area are expected to be minor and temporary. Construction work will be done during low flow periods when there are no active spawning activities and minimal risk of peak flows. No impacts to threatened, endangered, or rare species are expected, and no cultural resource impacts have been identified in the project area.

The proposed work is being coordinated with federal, state and local agencies.

Fitzgerald departs New England, heads to Army Staff College

Members of the New England District extended their best wishes to Maj. Michael Fitzgerald and his family as he completed his tour with the District to make his way to Command and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Missouri, during the Founder's Day awards ceremony on June 27, at Hanscom Air Force Base's Castle Park.

Bill Scully, Deputy District Engineer for Programs/Project Management awarded Maj. Fitzgerald a Cold War Certificate, signed by the Secretary of Defense, for serving the U.S. Government during the Cold War era (Sept. 2, 1945 through Dec. 26, 1991) and providing peace and stability for the nation. "The people of this nation are forever grateful," said Bill.

Maj. Fitzgerald also received a framed Corps of Engineers flag and a plaque in appreciation of his two years of service with the District. He worked in the Devens field office and then transferred to the Programs/Project Management Division at Concord Park headquarters.

He has recently returned from being deployed overseas in Germany, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, said that the nine months that Maj. Fitzgerald was de-

ployed away from family was difficult. "It's tough duty, but he has done his job extremely well," he said. "I spoke with his commanders in Iraq and in Germany and heard about combat operations and the near misses in places that were supposed to be safe but weren't quite safe and that he performed very well."

The District Engineer said that being sent to the Command and Staff college was a reward for his dedicated service to the nation. "It's a school that only 50-percent of the military gets to go to," he said.

In addition to the awards he received during the Founder's Day celebrations, Maj. Fitzgerald was honored previously with a meritorious service medal in the Emergency Operations Center earlier that week.

Col. Koning concluded the presentation by thanking Maj. Fitzgerald and his family for his service. Maj. Fitzgerald thanked everyone for making he and his wife,

Donna, and son, Tommy, welcomed during their time in New England.

"Since we are from New England, we hope to someday come back here and settle down," he said.



Photo by C.J. Allen

Maj. Michael Fitzgerald receives a going away present from the New England District family before he left for Command and Staff College.

Honors, length of service highlight awards program

New England District team members, retirees, family and friends marked 228 years of service to the nation during the annual Founder's Day celebration. This year both the awards ceremony and the celebration picnic were held next door to the Concord Park headquarters at Castle Park at Hanscom Air Force Base, June 27.

"We don't look a day over 138," quipped Master of Ceremonies and Chief of Public Affairs, Larry Rosenberg, as he welcomed everyone to the awards ceremony.

Larry told his audience that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is not made up exclusively of engineers, but of many professions that work as a team to get the job done. "This total team effort allows the Corps of Engineers to respond wherever, whenever we are needed," he said. "Anywhere, any place, anytime."

During his first Founder's Day address, Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, said that it was a great day to

celebrate the Corps and talked about the significance of Founder's Day. He mentioned that in addition to celebrating 228 years of the birth of the Corps, 2003 is also the 200th anniversary of Lewis and Clark and their three-year journey across the west. "It's another reason to celebrate and enjoy the things that we're doing here today," he said.

The District Engineer talked about the diverse missions that the employees of the New England District perform. He asked the audience to remember District employees, both military and civilian who have been or who are currently on the front lines supporting the U.S. Army in the war against terrorism. He also recognized people who have gone on emergency operations missions in Guam, and have backfilled for employees stationed in Korea and Japan. Col. Koning said that the Corps provides support to families of those who are deployed. "When we deploy people away it is the families that are left behind," he said. "They give tremendous value that

help us do our work."

The colonel recognized the retirees and thanked them for participating in the celebration. "Retirees have given their service to the nation, and have educated, groomed, and mentored the current employees who are able to do their work," he said. "Thank you for celebrating with us."

Col. Koning concluded by saying that he was thrilled that the Corps takes a day to celebrate the work that it does for the nation and thanked everyone for doing the work that they do every day.

Bill Scully, Deputy District Engineer for Programs/Project Management, introduced Frank Ciccone as the 2003 inductee of the Distinguished Civilian Gallery (see story on page 17).

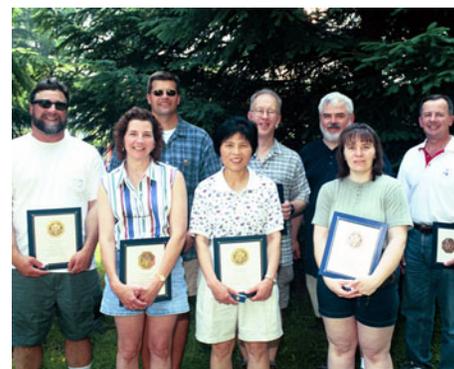
Dave Dulong, Chief, Engineering/Planning, named Chris High as the 2003 Planner of the Year. Chris received the honor for his exceptional performance during planning studies such as Long Island Sound scientific investigations, and for his work as a team member on



Five year certificate



10 year certificate



15 year certificate



20 year certificate

Photos by C.J. Allen



25 year certificate



Distinguished Civilian Gallery

the New England District's Force Protection Project Delivery Team. "Chris assisted with the assessment of all NAD civil works projects," said Dave. "He conducted numerous site assessments and evaluated security enhancements for projects for the District."

Dick Carlson, Chief, Construction/Operations, named Delia Vogel of Barre Falls Dam as the 2003 Interpreter of the Year. "Delia is a park ranger in every sense of the word," he said. "She has jumped into this job and is a terrific recipient of this award."

Dianna Barela, EEO Officer, assisted by Barbara Blumeris, named Molly McCabe, Real Estate, as the Federal Women's Program's 2003 Supervisor of the Year. Molly's employees nominated her for the annual award. "I have a tremendous staff," she said. "They're teaching me things every day. They are a marvel to watch in action."

Dianna assisted Joe Bocchino, Executive Assistant, in presenting Chiway Hsuing with a certificate of appreciation for his service as the Asian American/Pacific Islander Program Manager. Chiway recently stepped down after many years as the Program Manager.

Joe called on Bill Scully to award Eva Marie D'Antuono with a Department of the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for organizing, preparing, and hosting the 5th Annual NAD Small Business Conference. "By all accounts, this was the most successful of these events thus far," said Bill. "The materials that were prepared for the conference and the record number of over 400 private sector participants are a direct testament to her commitment and her passion for a small business program."

Bill also awarded Maj. Michael Fitzgerald with a Cold War Certificate, and a memento from the District as he makes his way to Army staff college.

Chris Godfrey, Chief Regulatory and WE Committee Chair, named Bruce Zawacki as the WE Committee's employee of the month for June. Bruce



30 year certificate



35 year certificate



40 year certificate



Army Achievement Medal



Cold War Certificate



Employee of the Month



Interpreter of the Year



Planner of the Year

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Honors, length of service highlight awards program



Team of the Month



Supervisor of the Year

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received the honor for planning, coordinating, and helping with the installation and configuration of numerous offices at Concord Park. Chris also commended him for his efforts during the President's Day blizzard in which he helped move the office of Information Management and conducted snow removal of the Corps' sedan fleet. Col. Koning presented Bruce with a Commander's coin and praised his selection.

Chris recognized the Devens Base Realignment and Closure Team as the WE Committee's Team of the Month for June. They received the award for their, "outstanding team work on the completion of two major base realignment and closure projects at Devens, Mass.," she said.

The Devens BRAC Team members are Bob Davis, Joanne Ellis, Chris Johnson-Battista, Michelle Kewer, Mark Koenig, Sheila Winston-Vincuilla, Dennis Long, Molly McCabe, John McDowell, Scott Michalak, Gary Morin, Randy Godfrey, Jim Morocco, Mike

Penko, Joe Redlinger, Dave Margolis, Ruth Tanner, and Richard Vigeant. Col. Koning also presented them with Commander's coins. "They deserve all the accolades we can give them," he said.

Kim Kaminski-Donaher, Human Resources, assisted by Amal Guirguis, presented the length of service awards for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service. A complete listing of award recipients was printed in the 2003 Founder's Day brochure.

Col. Koning honored the Founder's Day Committee with Commander's coins to thank them for their work on this year's activities. He also recognized many others for their efforts during the awards ceremony.

Jerry Stalder, Deputy Chief of Construction/Operations and Chair of this year's Founder's Day Committee, concluded the official portion of the Founder's Day Awards ceremony by going over the list of activities and wishing everyone a good time at the day's events.

Summer melons make sweet, healthy treats

Summer melons not only taste great, but also can contain significant amounts of important nutrients like vitamins A and C, which have been associated with lowering cancer risk. Cantaloupe and crenshaws are rich in both these vitamins, and honeydews, casabas and pepinos are good to excellent sources of vitamin C. Watermelon, a summer favorite, contains only fair amounts of vitamins A and C. Here are some fun ways to serve your favorite salad:

- Make a colorful fruit salad out of different kinds of melon and your favorite berries.

- Cantaloupe can be halved, seeded and served as a bowl for other melons and fruits.

- Make a frosty drink by blending one cup melon with one cup ice. Add a touch of sugar or a little lemon juice.

- For a delicious dessert, layer melon with vanilla pudding (made with skim milk) in a parfait glass. Garnish with fresh mint leaves.

How to pick a melon

Melon selection has less to do with thumping than with fragrance and appearance. So rather than standing in the produce section of your grocery store holding a melon to your ear and tapping it pensively, use the following guidelines to pick the best melon:

Cantaloupe – buy when there is a smooth, rounded, depressed scar where the stem used to be; if you find some stem, the melon was picked too early.

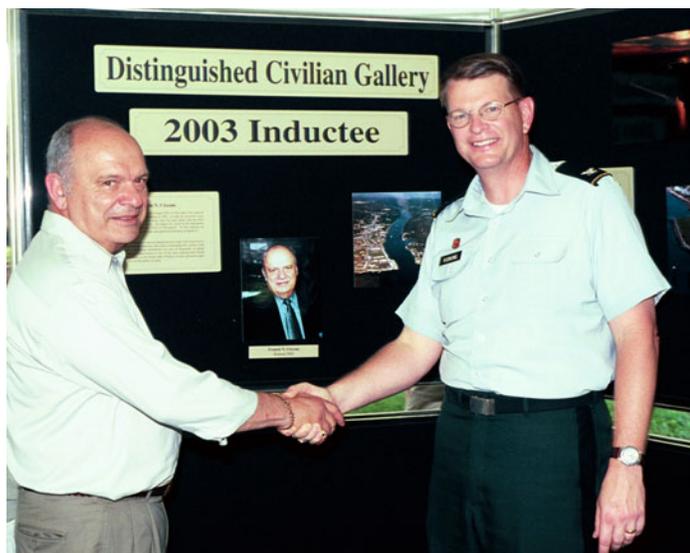
Cantaloupe should be eaten when it gives off a fragrance.

Honeydew – The blossom end should be slightly springy, and the shell should be creamy yellow; if the melon is greenish, it will never ripen. Honeydew becomes sweeter after picking.

Watermelon – They are ripe when the underside is yellowish and firm; if it is white or green, the watermelon is immature.

Crenshaws – Buy when the blossom end is soft and the skin is golden and green. The flesh is golden pink.

Casabas – The shell is golden when the melon is ripe. The flesh is white. *(Ideas Unlimited)*



Col. Thomas Koning inducts Frank Ciccone into the Distinguished Civilian Gallery.



Photos by C.J. Allen

Mr. Ciccone and his family pose for a picture after the induction.

Distinguished Civilian Gallery: Frank Ciccone becomes 90th inducted member

Frank Ciccone, retired Engineer-in-Charge of the Cape Cod Canal, was named as the 2003 inductee of the Distinguished Civilian Gallery. Bill Scully, Deputy District Engineer for Programs/Project Management, honored Mr. Ciccone during the Founder's Day Awards ceremony, June 27 at Castle Park, Hanscom Air Force Base. Mr. Ciccone became the 90th member of the Gallery.

The Distinguished Civilian Gallery in the Corps of New England has been in place for 60 years, dating back to 1942.

"The New England District Distinguished Civilian Gallery honors those who have excelled and contributed above and beyond the call of duty," said Bill.

The criteria is extremely strict, said Bill, who went through what it takes to become a member of the Gallery. "The individual must have at least 30 years of federal service, of which 20 must have been served with the Corps of Engineers," he said. "An individual has to be retired for at least six months, but not more than five years."

Nominees must have accomplished duties in a manner clearly exceptional and preeminent among others performing similar duties or developed methods and procedures which produced extraordinary benefits for the Corps, or performed loyally and faithfully throughout the period of service, according to NEDER 672-1-1.

Mr. Ciccone said that he was grateful for the great projects that he was able to work on. "Thank you to the Corps of Engineers for giving me opportunities," he said. "I've had great work experiences and I also had great supervisors to work for such as Frank Fogherty, George Williams, Jessie Lamage, Jimmy Wong, and Andy Andreliunas."

The latest gallery member concluded his remarks by thanking his family for their support. Mr. Ciccone's wife, Judy, and sons, David and Michael attended the ceremony. His eldest son, Francis, was unable to attend.

Mr. Ciccone spent more than 38 of his 41 years of federal service with the Corps of Engineers in New England. He began his career in the Project Operations Division and through a succession of promotions, took the position of Engineer-In-Charge in 1978 – the position from which he retired. During his time as Engineer-In-Charge, Mr. Ciccone ensured the required maintenance of the Sagamore and Bourne bridges and was instrumental in setting in motion the current rehabilitation of the Railroad bridge. Under Mr. Ciccone's direction, the installation of the most sophisticated marine traffic control system in the world took place at the Canal in 1997. He can also be credited with developing seven major recreation sites, complete with park attendants, a state-of-the-art Visitor's Center, the largest interpretive program in New England, and an excellent environmental program. Mr. Ciccone spent the 23 years he worked at the Canal modernizing all the facilities and developing a multi-talented and professional staff. Mr. Ciccone retired in January 2002.



District employees gather together to enjoy the Founder's Day picnic.



Attendees play horseshoes during the picnic.

Picnic, activities highlight Founder's Day celebration

Founder's Day isn't Founder's Day without the traditional picnic lunch and activities that follow the awards ceremony. This year, the catered picnic lunch and activities were held June 27 at Castle Park, Hanscom Air Force Base.

The Hanscom Air Force Base K-9 demonstration kicked off the fun. Basketball finals, horseshoe tossing preliminaries, and the Lewis and Clark display were held simultaneously to give attendees a large variety of things to do. Mary Christopher, Information Management, once

again lent her artistic talents by volunteering to do face painting until the noon hour and then after lunch.

District employees, retirees, family members, and friends took a break from the activities to eat a catered lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, and a variety of salads prepared by Air Force Catering, Hanscom Clubs from the Hanscom Minute-man Club. District employees donated desserts to finish off the meal.

Friendly, non-structured games of softball, volleyball and horseshoes followed lunch. Hanscom Air Force Base's fire



Softball was one of many sports played during Founder's Day.



Kids get ready to dig in during the Pie Eating Contest.



The WE Committee sold items with the District logo throughout the day.

Photos by C.J. Allen



Jerry Stalder, Founder's Day Committee Chair, dresses up in a purple wig while announcing the day's activities.



Mary Christopher painted the faces of young and old during the picnic.



Eva Marie D'Antuono (left) and Sheila Winston-Vincuilla play with Eva Marie's son, Nicholas, on the swings.



Attendees escape the hot sun by sitting under one of the Founder's Day tents.



Picnic-goers wait in line for the catered lunch.

department handed out coloring books and fire hats to children and provided information on fire safety. For attendees who wanted to participate in the day's activities but wanted to stay out of the sun, the Founder's Day committee offered a game of Bingo under the ceremony tent.

In addition to the adult activities, there were also many games to keep the children occupied. Soccer, three-legged races, and other activities the prevented the kids from sitting still well into the afternoon.

Kids dove their faces into the pies during the final event -- the pie-eating contest -- for a sweet and sticky end of the day.

Construction/Operations headed this year's Founder's Day Committee. Committee members were Jerry Stalder (chair), Kenneth Bouchard, Tom Fredette, Amal Guirguis, Ann Marie Harvie, Eileen Hughes, Barbara Ingersoll, Colleen Jacquet, Gladys Leone, Alexine Raineri, Alexander Soter, Rosalie Tekeyan, Michael Tuttle, and Angie Vanaria.

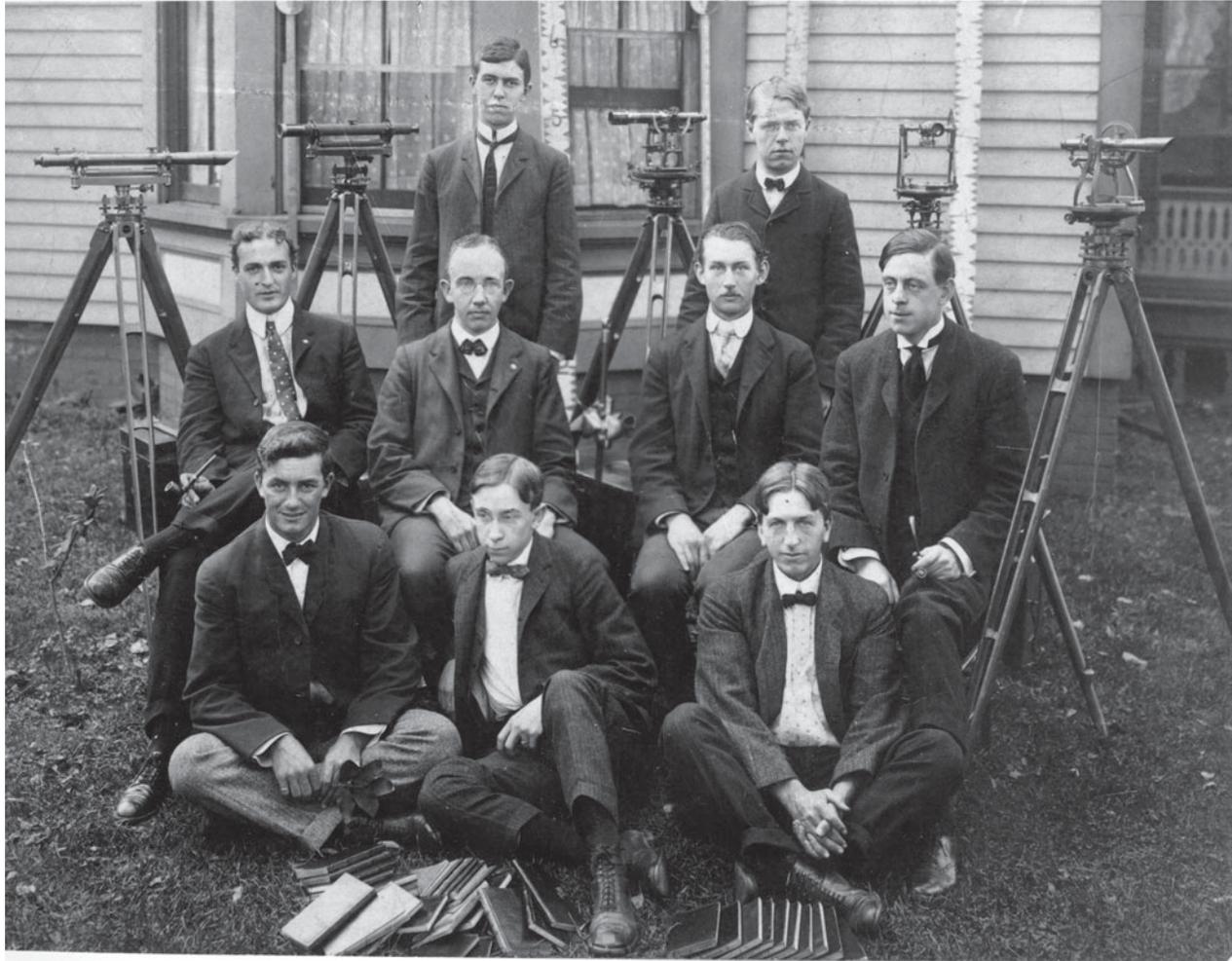


Gary Morin plays with daughter, Sarah, at the playground.



District employees play a pickup game during Founder's Day.

Dredging up the past . . .



A portrait of a survey party at the Connecticut River in 1903 in Thompsonville, Conn. Files have indicated the identities of these individuals as the following: (rear) Mr. Klein and F. McCullough. (Middle) E.J. Jones, Arthur J. Ober, Sr., G.W. Hayden and H.V. Doherty. (Front) L.D. Mutt, F.W. Milliken, and C.A. Brownell. The Engineer in Charge was Mr. Ober, who later became the first of three generations of surveyors to work for the Corps in New England. Both he and his son, Arthur J. Ober, Jr., went on to become members of the Distinguished Civilian Gallery. Mr. Tom Ober, Mr. Ober's grandson, retired from the New England District with over 30 years of service. The Ober family's dedication to the Corps in New England totalled over 120 years.

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