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## Military Programs:

### District representatives cut ribbon on another success story

New England District representatives and contractor TLT Construction Corporation recently completed repair work on Airman Quarters, buildings 5104 and 5105 at the Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee, Mass. To mark the occasion, Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, Commander of the 439th Airlift Wing, hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony and facility tour June 2 at the construction site. "The completion of

the dormitory renovations fulfills a commitment we've made to provide our enlisted personnel with world-class accommodations," said Brig. Gen. Mazick. "It is another step in our continuing goal to have the highest quality of life for all our people at Westover."

Bill Scully, Deputy District Engineer for Project Management, represented the New England District at the ceremony. "Our men and women of

the armed forces deserve the best in facilities, and these quarters behind us that we are dedicating this morning represent just that," he said. "We in the Corps consider it a privilege to work on projects such as this in support of Westover Air Reserve Base. We consider you to be a valued customer, and we look forward to a continuing relationship in bringing future projects to completion here at the base."

Master of Ceremonies, Maj. Patrick Ryan, Executive Officer, 439th Airlift Wing, discussed the quality of work performed by the District and TLT Construction Corp. "The completion of these dorms solidifies our plan for facility investment in which our people can work and relax; where our facilities enhance the ability of our people to perform their mission; where our employees can see and feel our commitment to provide world-class resources in which they can take pride," he said

Brig. Gen. Mazick, Rep. Richard E. Neal, Mr. Joe Bondi, Vice President, TLT Construction Corporation, and Richard J. Kos, Mayor of Chicopee were also guest speakers at the event.

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*Ceremony attendees gather near one of the two buildings renovated by the New England District*

# Yankee Voices



Donald Hassett  
Engineering/Planning

## Beware of last year's sunscreen

Don't use sunscreen left over from last summer.

The American Academy of Dermatology says that, after a year, the chemicals and active ingredients usually degrade and lose their effectiveness.

For the best and most effective coverage, buy a fresh supply. (Ideas Unlimited)

## Fresh Raspberries

Fresh raspberries are among early summer's tastiest treats. They are also a good source of vitamin C, fiber, and cancer-fighting antioxidants.

When picking, look for the reddest berries and pull gently. If the raspberry doesn't come off its stem easily, it's not quite ripe.

If you're buying, gently shake the plastic container. If the berries jiggle or tumble around, it's likely to be a fresh boxful; if they remain still, it's possible that the inner berries have turned moldy. (Ideas Unlimited)

## Congratulations

... to **Tim Maynard**, Survey Section, and his wife, **Pamela**, on the birth of their second child, **Colin Andrew**, May 29.

...to **Bruce Zawacki**, Logistics, on his selection as the WE Committee's Employee of the month for June. Bruce received the award for his work in the reconfiguration of several offices at Concord Park.

...to the **Devens Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Project Delivery Team** that was selected as the WE Committee's June Team of the Month. Team members include **Randy Godfrey, Project Manager, Joanne Ellis, Bob Davis, Mike Penko, Dave Margolis, Scott Michalak, Mark Koenig, Jim Morocco, Ruth Tanner, Chris Johnson-Battista, John McDowell, Gary Morin, Joe Redlinger, Molly McCabe, Richard Vigeant, Dennis Long, Kerry LeBlanc, Michelle Kewer, and Sheila Winston-Vincuilla.**

According to the nomination, the team was selected for their work on the Landfill Consolidation project. Despite many challenging issues encountered, and the discovery of an additional 70,000 cubic yards of waste found during the excavation of the six landfill sites for the \$25 million Landfill Consolidation Project, innovative methods were devised to increase productivity and allow completion of this two year project one month ahead of schedule. A \$3 million cost savings was realized as a result of outstanding teamwork and dedication.

## Sympathy

...to the family of Construction retiree **Ronald W. Dubreuil**, who passed away June 10. Mr. Dubreuil retired from the Corps in New England four years ago with 48 years of federal service.

...to Barre Falls Dam Park Ranger, **Delia Vogel**, and her family on the passing of her mother, **Evangeline Bessey**, on June 11.

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# Commander's Corner:

## The New England District acting corporately

by Col. Thomas L. Koning  
District Engineer



“Corporately – schorporately – this is a military organization!” “The New England District is the best – and forget the rest!” Do you see anything wrong with these comments? I do. These statements do NOT support the corporate climate and the regional behavior that allows the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers total team effort to provide better service to our customers than any one District could do alone.

All of us have been charged with enhancing corporate thinking and eliminating parochial attitudes that prevent us from realizing the regional business objectives of the Corps. What does acting corporately or regionally mean? To me it means that, as demonstrated by our actions and words, we believe acting together with our sister Corps organizations, we can bring better service to our customers. In other words, if we add two and two together, we get five or six -- not because we cannot add -- but because the sum of our collaborative work is greater than the sum of the individual parts.

I think that New England District and North Atlantic Division (NAD) are doing this very well. An example is the “Vertical Team” approach to coordination on a particularly difficult or complex project.

A vertical team is those PDT team members that cut across higher levels of the organization linking District to Division to HQ, USACE to ASA(CW) and/or Congress. It represents those individuals who coordinate the individual project issues but link them into the bigger picture for application and effects into other Division/HQ/Army programs.

This District has set up vertical teams on projects such as: Providence River Dredging, Combustion Engineering Clean-up, Muddy River Flood Control and Environmental Restoration, and the Wind Farm Permit Application to name a few.

By implementing vertical teaming, we ensure we have a

constant message and excellent coordination at all levels (District, Division, HQ, Congressional Members, and others). This promotes trust, limits erroneous information and builds confidence that the organization is making the best-informed decisions possible. All this is to better serve our customers.

Another technique we use is information sharing through our corporate management boards. Your District leaders are members of the business decision-making boards of the Division and Corps. Examples are: the Regional Management Board (RMB), Board of Trustees (BOT), Board of North Atlantic Division (BOND), and Chief of Contracting or Public Affairs to name a few. These boards study and recommend solutions to issues in the operating business

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procedures of the Division.

Lastly, let me list the sharing opportunities that we have institutionalized in each of our divisions and branches with other Districts. Examples are: combined acquisition plans for HTRW (Hazardous, Toxic and Radiological Waste) contracts with Baltimore, ITR (Independent Technical Review) with New York, financial management revolving accounts with all NAD districts and mediation services for dispute resolution. This list is not all inclusive, but shows we gain efficiencies, make smarter decisions and provide better service to our customers together rather than acting separately.

When I arrived in the District, I stated my command philosophy as TEAM (Teamwork, Expertise, Attitude and Management). All of these tenets are validated by our corporate and regional behavior. I encourage each of you to look for opportunities where we can act “corporately!” We will continue to provide excellent service as we move forward together.

# Memorial Day Observance:

## District Engineer urges citizens to remember fallen heroes at local event

*Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, paid homage to those who lost their lives for America's independence by serving as the keynote speaker at the Leominster Memorial Day celebration on May 26.*

The ceremony was held in the Leominster City Hall and sponsored by the Leominster Veterans Council. Several hundred people, ranging from veterans to children, braved the rain and attended the annual event.

The theme of Col. Koning's speech was 'The Ultimate Sacrifice.' In his speech, he said that young people believe that there are no more heroes. "We've seen all too many sports figures, political members, business leaders, and others fall from good grace and appear all too human and weak after a misjudgment or mistake on their part," he said. "People have become cynical and suspicious of leaders today."

Col. Koning said that inspiration is not far away, in fact there are many heroes that are just a couple of towns away. He spoke of Medal of Honor awardee Army Private First Class Frederick C. Murphy, a local soldier born in Boston, and his seemingly superhuman efforts to save the lives of those on the World War II battlefield in an attack against the Siegfried Line at Saarlautern, Germany.

"Like most in his unit, he was injured, but as a medic, he continued moving forward on the battlefield, administering first aid to his fellow soldiers while under fire," he said. "Then tragically he stepped on a land mine. But despite a serious injury, he continued to advance and administer first aid to his comrades. He crawled, because he could not walk, and his only thoughts were to help his fellow soldiers. Then tragically, another land mine took his life."

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District employees recognized Pfc. Murphy when the organization's old facility, the Pfc.



Photos by Bud Taylor

*Col. Thomas Koning prepares to address his audience at the Leominster Memorial Day celebration.*

Murphy Federal Center in Waltham, Mass., was named after the hero.

The District Engineer told his audience that Memorial Day is a time to

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- Col. Thomas Koning,  
District Engineer

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remember the brave and gallant members of our Armed Forces who in the face of death did their duty and gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. "Visit any U.S. military cemetery around the world and you'll see the price tag of the freedom we enjoy," he said. "Some people take that freedom for granted. Others belittle those who defend this great nation. Today we

honor our brave veterans who died for their country."

American soldiers have fought in many wars over the years, and a number of those soldiers have become heroes based on their selfless acts, according to Col. Koning. "Some have cities named after them," he said. "Others have buildings or streets named in their honor. Other heroes lie in unmarked graves – known but to God. They are heroes – one and all."

Col. Koning said that since the last Memorial Day, 181 service members have died in support of military operations – 151 in Operation Iraqi Freedom and 30 more in the larger Global War on Terrorism in Afghanistan and in the Philippines.

Three soldiers and six Marines from New England were among those who gave their lives during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The colonel singled out 25-year-old Marine 1st Lt. Brian McPhillips of



*Col. Koning meets with Richard Early, Director of Veterans Services in Leominster at the Memorial Day celebration.*

Pembroke, Mass., who died with two other Marines in a firefight on April 4 near Baghdad. McPhillips, who belonged to the 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, was ambushed by a band of Jihad volunteers.

“If we need any examples of heroes today, we needed only look back to people like Pfc. Murphy or even more recently, 1st Lt. Smith for inspiration,” said Col. Koning.

Col. Koning urged the audience to never forget the sacrifices that the members of the U.S. Armed Forces have made. “Let’s never forget that we still have heroes to look up to and admire – and that we can teach our children about.”

As he concluded his remarks, Col. Koning thanked the audience for taking part in the special observance to remember U.S. heroes.

“Please never forget them and the sacrifices they made,” he said. “I know I never will. May God bless you and may God bless America.”

Other speakers during the ceremony included state Sen. Robert Antonini (D-Leominster), Richard Early, Director of Veterans Services, Mayor Deal Mazzarella, city Council President James Lanciani; Meghann McNally of Leominster High School; Jerry Dube of the American Legion; and Frank Domenchilla.

Malaina Bissonette of Leominster High School gave the benediction.

## What is Memorial Day?

Memorial Day is a day for U.S. citizens to remember members of the Armed Services who gave their lives in our nation’s service.

Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were laid on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. It is celebrated in most states on the last Monday in May.

On every Thursday before Memorial Day, soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place small U.S. flags on the over 260,000 graves stones at Arlington National Cemetery. To ensure that each flag stays in place, they patrol the cemetery 24 hours a day for the remainder of the weekend.

Although President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y. the official birthplace of Memorial Day, there are many stories as to where and how the celebration came about.

One story of how Memorial Day (originally called Decoration Day) began is from the organized women’s groups in the South decorating graves before the end of the Civil War.

In his Memorial Day 2003 remarks, President George W. Bush said, “The noble sacrifices of our service men and women will not be forgotten. Every name, every life is a loss to our military, to our Nation, and to their loved ones. Americans stand with the families who grieve, and we share in their great sorrow and great pride.”

## More veterans' benefits bills passed

The House of Representatives has passed several bills that would provide a cost of living adjustment for veterans' benefits, permanently extend home loan benefits to members of the selected reserve, and establish new federal criminal and civil penalties for desecration of veterans' memorials located on public property.

The Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living (COLA) Adjustment Act of 2003 would provide a COLA, effective as of December 1, 2003, to the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans. The Selected Reserve Home Loan Equity Act (H.R. 1257), would amend the U.S. Code to permanently extend the VA home loan guarantee benefits guaranteed to members of the selected reserve.

Under current law, reservists are eligible for home loans guaranteed by VA only through September 30, 2009.

Recently, the House also passed the Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003, which would establish new penalties for desecration of veterans' memorials located on public property. A person convicted under this act may be fined, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

The bill also retroactively modifies current law to require a veteran's cemetery to be treated as a site for which a sign may be placed on any federal-aid highway. (Military report.com)

## District celebrates diversity with Asian American/ Pacific Islander Heritage Month Observance

by Melissa Mancuso  
Public Affairs

New England District employees celebrated Asian American / Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a speech from former Harvard University Lecturer and Assistant Professor Wai-Fong Loh, Ph.D., May 20, in the theatre.

Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, started things off with a discussion of the idea of liberty versus that of freedom and how the two terms are not truly interchangeable. The colonel then followed with a "Stump The Chump" quiz on the Asian-Pacific arena, which Professor Loh laughingly said that he failed.

After an introduction by Chiway Hsiung, Professor Loh lectured about the evolving image of Asians in western culture. He used the varying portrayals of Asians in films to highlight



Photo by Brian Murphy

*Lt. Col. Green (left) presents Professor Wai Fong Loh with a certificate in appreciation for his presentation as Chiway Hsiung (right) looks on.*

how the perception of these ethnic groups continues to change, albeit slowly.

A question and answer session followed in which Professor Loh discussed everything from the Taiwanese government to his feelings on China, his homeland. Lt. Col. Brian Green, Deputy

District Engineer, then presented Professor Loh with a District Scroll and a District Coin, which Professor Loh held aloft and proclaimed "a treasure." Attendees were then treated to Indian cuisine from Bombay Mahal Restaurant, a fitting end to a program that was both informative and affecting.

## District cuts ribbon on another success story

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After the remarks, Rep. Neal, Mayor Kos, Brig. Gen. Mazick, Bill Scully, Mr. Bondi, Mr. Chris Menard, Chief of Services, and Mr. Pedro Santiago, Lodging Manager, cut the ceremony ribbon.

Following the official ribbon cutting, Ms. Jeanne Ahern, a staff member from Rep. Neal's office announced the Air Force and West Point Academy appointments. Ms. Ahern presented the newly appointed cadets with appointment letters signed by Rep. Neal.

Maj. Ryan concluded the ceremony by inviting attendees to tour the new facility.

Repairing Airman Quarters, Buildings 5104 and 5105 consisted of the renovation of two three-story visiting Airman lodging facilities.

The facilities consisted of double-occupancy rooms, central latrines, and central heat. The renovations provided 70 Airmen's quarters, four officer quarters, two ADA officer quarters, and two ADA Airmen's quarters in each building. All of the quarters were provided with individual heat and air conditioning controls, telephones, cable TV and private bathrooms. Additions on the front and back of each building provided for enclosed stairwells.

The contract, with modifications, totaled \$6,951,045.90.



Photo by C.J. Allen

*Bill Scully (right) and other ceremony attendees get a tour of one of the new renovated facilities.*



*Jim Bacon (back) poses with his family.*



*Jim shows the audience his Commander's Award for Civilian service.*

## Jim Bacon retires from Construction/Operations with over 35 years of federal service

When you retire, how would *you* like to go out? Jim Bacon, Construction/Operations wanted to celebrate his retirement with a barbecue at Birch Hill Dam on May 23.

About 80 friends, relatives, and co-workers joined Jim for hot dogs, hamburgers, and other picnic foods to celebrate his 35 years, 10 months, and 12 days of federal service.

Speakers were as plentiful as the food served at the celebration. Most took their time to joke with Jim and to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation for Jim's service and friendship over the years. Attendees who stepped up to the microphone to say a few words to Jim were Dave Schafer, Bob Hanacek, and retired Chief of Operations, Andy Andreliunas.

Awards and gifts were also part of the celebration. Jim had received his retirement certificate from Lt. Col. Brian

Green, Deputy District Engineer, when he officially retired in April. On the day of his barbecue, Dick Carlson, Chief of Construction/Operations, presented Jim with a Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

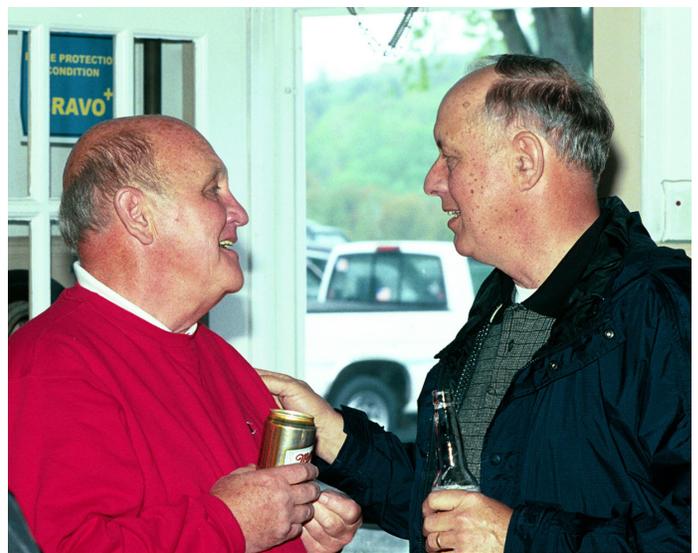
Jeff Phillips presented Jim with an aerial photograph of Birch Hill Dam. Jim also received an award from the town of Templeton for his service through the Corps. Jim received a card and a cash gift from everyone who attended his celebration.

Members of Jim's family that attended the barbecue included his wife, Sara, his daughters, Jane and Jen, and his grandchildren, Brianna, Eric, Shauna, and Garrett.

Retirees who came to welcome Jim into the retirement community were Bob Rose, Joe Finnegan, Jim Crawford, Bernie Manor, Jack Boyea, and Andy Andreliunas.



*Guests at Jim Bacon's retirement party enjoyed a barbecue lunch.* Photos by C.J. Allen



*Distinguished Civilian Gallery members Joe Finnegan and Jack Boyea catch up during the luncheon.*

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## Pat Mulvey retires from Construction/ Operations

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Photos by Brian Murphy

*Bill Scully presents Pat Mulvey with her retirement certificate and pin.*

Pat Mulvey, Construction/Operations, made the decision to end her many years of Federal service by retiring from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, on May 30. To celebrate her decision to join the retirement community and to honor her work and friendship, over 100 people attended a coffee reception held in Pat's honor in the Maine and New Hampshire Conference Rooms.

During the reception, several people spoke and presented Pat with gifts and awards. Fran Donovan gave Pat a picture of the Cape Cod Canal Bridge. Dave Kratz presented her with a certificate of appreciation and some water

from the Merrimack River Basin.

Dick Carlson, Chief, Construction/Operations, honored Pat by presenting her with a Chief of Engineers Coin, a Commander's Award for Civilian Service, a Bunker Hill certificate and for fun, a picture of a very elderly Girl Scout selling cookies to supplement her retirement. Dick also presented Pat with a cash gift from the reception attendees.

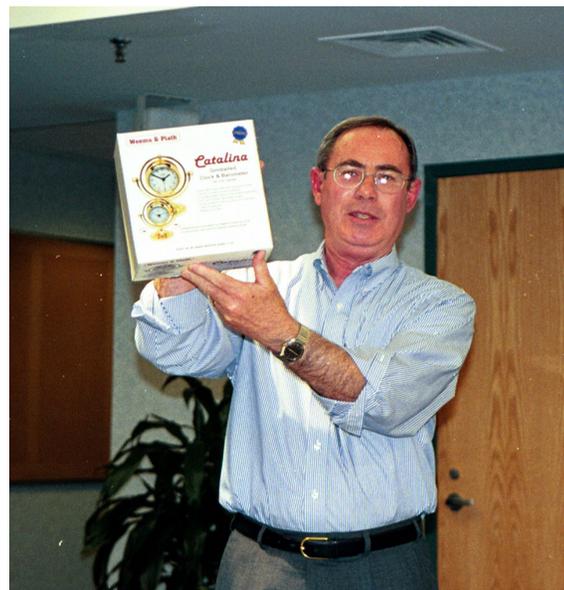
Bill Scully, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management, ended the official portion of the retirement reception by presenting Pat with her retirement certificate and pin.



*Pat shows off her picture of an elderly Girl Scout that she received as a retirement gift.*



Retirees Paul Pronovost, Andy Lamborghini, Bill Coleman, Steve Rubin, Charles Joyce, Joe Ignazio and Bob Hunt pose for a picture during the party.



Steve shows his newly acquired clock and barometer to the audience.

# Steve Rubin celebrates retirement decision with wine and cheese party

*Steve Rubin, Engineering/Planning Division, a sailing enthusiast, heard the call of the sea and decided to sail away into retirement after 35 years of federal service. Friends and co-workers held a wine and cheese party for Steve in the Concord Park cafeteria, May 30 to wish him well.*

About 65 co-workers, family members and retirees, attended the event. Speakers who wanted to wish Steve good luck in his retirement included Rich Ring, Bill Hubbard, retired Planning chief Joe Ignazio, retired Planning deputy Paul Pronovost, and Steve's wife, Irene. Marianne Mathene-Katz, a former employee of Steve's and currently working in the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil

Works, also stepped up to the microphone to say a few words.

Steve received many fun gifts to enjoy during his retirement. They included Just Do It! Permission slips for summer and winter; retiree business cards; and a calculator with the Corps castle logo. As encouragement for Steve's love of the sea, he also received a book of "salty" language and expressions used by sailors; and a combination nautical clock and barometer that can be placed on a desk or installed on a boat.

Due to scheduling restraints, Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, presented Steve with his 35-year and retirement certificates during a separate ceremony held May 13.

On the day of the party, Bill Scully, Deputy District Engineer for Programs/Project Management presented Steve with a Commander's Award for Civilian Service. Dave Dulong, Chief, Engineering/Planning, presented Steve with a Bunker Hill plaque in appreciation for this many years of dedicated service.

In addition to Steve's wife, Irene, his son, Larry flew in from Chicago and his daughter, Merideth flew in from Milwaukee for the ceremony.

Retiree's who attended the wine and cheese party were Jack Caffrey, Bill Coleman, Bob Hunt, Joe Ignazio, Charles Joyce, Andy Lamborghini, and Paul Pronovost.



Photos by Brian Murphy

Bill Scully presents Steve with his Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

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## Lt. Col. Green deploys on temporary assignment with the hopes and blessings of the New England team

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Photos by Brian Murphy  
*District employees crowd into the Massachusetts/Connecticut conference rooms to say good-bye to Lt. Col. Brian Green to be safe and return home soon.*

*The New England District team told Lt. Col. Brian Green, Deputy District Engineer, to return home safely as soon as possible during a reception in the Massachusetts/Connecticut Conference Rooms, June 12. Lt. Col. Green has been deployed overseas in support of warfighting efforts in Iraq.*

Crowds of people lined up to shake hands with the Deputy and wish him well.

Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, said that the people that make up the New England District will keep good thoughts for Lt. Col. Green, his family, and all employees from New England currently deployed overseas.

Lt. Col. Green is scheduled to return to the District after a 120-day deployment. District employees who were deployed overseas and have returned to date are Peter Quinn, Bob Govero, Maj.

Mike Fitzgerald, and Jason Robinson.

Col. Koning mentioned that Maj. Fitzgerald will be leaving the New England District for good to go to the U.S. Army Staff College.

In addition to Lt. Col. Green, employees who are still deployed or have been activated are: Dave Cole, Dennis Asenault, Matt McClintock, and Ray Prisk.

The Deputy District Engineer concluded the reception by thanking everyone for attending and hoping to see everyone in 120 days.



*Tim Winter, Chief, Information Management wishes Lt. Col. Brian Green good luck with his deployment.*



*During the reception, Col. Thomas Koning urged employees to think of the other District team members that are deployed overseas.*

# Hop Brook Lake Hosts Fishing Derby/Water Safety Day

by Christopher Way  
Project Manager, Hop Brook Lake

“Should I keep it?” 12-year-old Kevin Fecteau asked as he held up the gyrating 8 inch bluegill. It was the first fish caught that morning. “Sure, use it towards the “First Five Fish” Award,” someone replied. Kevin filled up a five-gallon pail with water and placed the dejected fish inside it. “I only have four more to go!” he exclaimed.

Within 15 minutes he was on his way to number four. Victory was near. Seemed like he had an “in” with the aquatic critters, as no one else saw much action until much later in the morning. His nearest competitor – cold, wet and smiling, was three bluegills behind despite the 150 trout that were added into the waters from a local fish hatchery. But she didn’t mind.

So it went for most who attended a fishing derby/water safety day on June 7. The event was hosted by Hop Brook Lake as part of National Fishing Week. All day use fees were waived in honor of the event.

Approximately 70 people attended, many of whom departed early due to the start of yet another incidence of heavy rain.

In order to get the ball rolling, Hop Brook Lake Park Rangers Diana Errico-Topolski and Tom Mattis, who organized the event, took advantage of a national partnership



*Kevin Fecteau takes the hook out of his bluegill at the Fishing Derby.*



Photos by Chris Massa

*Despite the rain, families still enjoyed fishing during the Derby.*

between the Corps and Wal-Mart stores. Wal-Mart furnished certificates to give to participants for discounted prices on life vests, and also provided fishing poles and equipment for participants to use as well as for prizes.

Summer staff members were instrumental in obtaining other items and prizes. Everything fell into place from that point on. The program was definitely a success.

After all was said and done and awards distributed, the event organizers received a well-deserved round of applause from the participants. I think they’ll all be back next year.

Categories of competition were 5-years old and under, 6 to 11, and 12 to 16 years of age. The majority of participants fell into the 6 to 11 year old list.

Although anyone could participate in the derby, prizes were given out to children age 16 and under. Prize categories were “First Golden Trout,” “First Five Fish,” “Largest Fish,” and “Heaviest Fish.” The “Golden Trout” award eluded even the most savvy of anglers – so participants settled for the “Golden Perch” award.

Even though some participants didn’t catch anything, they had fun despite the dreary weather that southern New Englanders have been so accustomed to this year. However, everyone went away with something, as a wide variety of local businesses donated prizes and certificates to the event which included fishing poles, life jackets, tackle boxes, and certificates for pizza, ice cream, free hotdogs and fries – all the stuff that makes summer what it is.

There were numerous water safety posters, handouts, and chats with visitors at the Water Safety Table – and even a place to get your picture taken. It was a good place to get the Water Safety message out to youngsters and their family members.

The Middlebury Police Department was also on site to perform children’s fingerprinting, whether the children participated in the derby or not. For children that did not catch fish or win prizes, a raffle was held for the abundant fishing and safety gear and other miscellaneous prizes.

Fish or no fish, it was a good time. You know that old adage about a bad day of fishing...

# Dredging up the past . . .

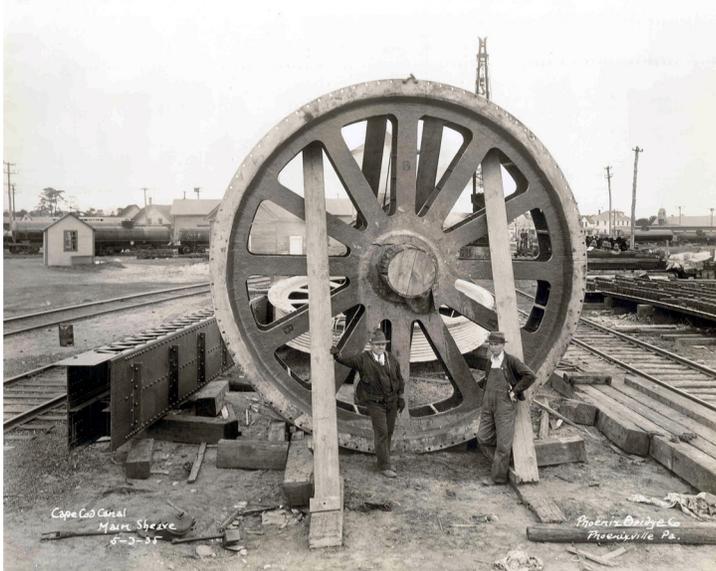


Photo provided by the Cape Cod Canal.



Photo by Robert Barr

***Then and Now: One of eight sheaves at the construction of the Cape Cod Railroad Bridge in 1935 (left). Fran Donovan and Larry Davis stand next to the sheave in 2003. According to Fran, there are eight sheaves—four at the top of each tower of the Railroad Bridge. Each is 16 feet in diameter and weighs about 32 tons. In each tower there is a counterweight, and the weight of the two counterweights approximates the weight of the lift span of the bridge (2,200 tons). Each counterweight is attached to the lift span by 40 cables. The cables run from the top of the counterweights up and over the sheaves and down to the span. The sheaves are essentially large wheels/pulleys with grooved drums to accommodate the cables. The sheaves are connected to the drive motors through a system of gears.***

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