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Army working dogs demonstrate ordnance identification

Two extraordinary Soldiers reported to the Massachusetts Military Reservation on Cape Cod the week of April 16 for a very special demonstration. The two Soldiers stand apart from other service men and women because they are of the four legged kind – they are members of the 67th Engineer Detachment (Canine).

The dogs came to New England to

see if they could sniff out subsurface explosives that need to be cleared before soil and groundwater investigations or cleanup can get underway.

The New England District's mission at the MMR is to help determine the nature and extent of groundwater contamination resulting from past activities on the installation. The explosive, RDX, along with the oxidizer,

perchlorate, are the primary contaminants found in the soil and groundwater on the northern portion of MMR.

The Army working dogs, a German Shepherd named Chan and a Belgian Malinois named Laika, both about 5 years old, spent most of the week at a designated prove-out area for the demonstration. Soil containing the ex-

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Photos by Kevin Burke

Army working dog races to find detectable material during the demonstration at the Massachusetts Military Reservation. (inset) Army working dogs and their human trainers prepare for their demonstration.

Yankee Voices



Sheila Holt and
Maryellen Iorio

Congratulations

...to **Dave Margolis** and his wife, **Kim**, on the birth of their daughter, **Aliza Paige**, May 16. Aliza joins big brothers **Carter** and **Ethan** in the family circle.

... **Dennis Long** who has been selected as the WE Committee's employee of the month for June. Long was recognized for his outstanding support and service to the District's P2 program. Long is also currently supporting our local efforts and providing noteworthy support to other districts.

...to the **New England District blood donors** who donated 49 productive pints of blood on May 30. According to the Red Cross, each pint saves one life.

Sympathy

...to the family of retiree **Claire Berglund** who recently passed away.

...to the family of former Safety Officer **Edwin Riley, Jr.**, who passed away, March 27.

Servicemembers missing from WWII now listed in electronic database

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) has announced that an electronic database listing the names of servicemembers still unaccounted for from World War II is now available for family members and researchers.

This new listing will aid researchers and analysts in WWII remains recovery operations. Prior to this three-year effort, no comprehensive list of those missing from WWII has existed.

This database, listing nearly 78,000 names, was compiled by researchers from DPMO and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. They used hard-copy sources including, "The American Graves Registration Service Rosters of Military Personnel Whose Remains were not Recovered," from the National Archives II repository in College Park, Md., and, "The World War II Rosters of the Dead."

Once transferred into electronic formats, they used computer programs to compare the two lists and determined possible discrepancies among the entries. These differences were then resolved using additional sources from the National Archives and thousands of personnel files from the Washington National Records Center.

After more than three years of research and coordination to transfer information into an electronic format, efforts to gather more data on unaccounted for WWII servicemembers continue. New names and information will be added as historical documents and personnel files are located. The names of servicemen whose remains are recovered and identified in the future will be removed as families accept the identification and inter their loved ones in cemeteries of their choice.

This WWII database, along with databases listing the missing from the Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam War and Gulf War, are available on DPMO's Web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo>. For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO Web site or call (703) 699-1169. (AFIS)

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Commander's Corner:

Col. Thalken discusses the new Chief and teamwork

by Col. Curtis L. Thalken
District Commander



In my very first Yankee Engineer article, I described our District team as a family. This month I would like to offer some insights from our recently appointed 52d Chief of Engineers, Lt. Gen. Van Antwerp. The Chief likes to use the acronym TEAM when describing our relationships, both internal and external. This month I would like to

share his thoughts on the subject with you:

TEAM

Are you a teammate? Are you working within your role to accomplish great things with the team for the success of the team? Do you take ownership and responsibility for the team's mission? If you are a "coach?" Do you make every teammate feel special? Do you understand you get more

from praising than from threatening?

T... Trust

Do you believe in the honesty and reliability of others? What builds trust? What does micromanagement do to trust? Are you transparent in your communications (letting people know the truth and their exposure to risk)? Are you frank, open, and have the best interests of others in mind? What does Trust look like between District, Division, and HQ?

E... Excellence

Are you passionate about what you are doing? Are you committed to top performance? Do you base judgments and solutions on sound science and business practices? Is quality an essential and distinguishing attribute of your service? Do you and your team plan thoroughly yet remain flexible?

A... All about People

Do you invest in people? Do you accept, understand, recognize, and appreciate others? Are you looking for the 4Cs: Character, Competency, Commitment, and Chemistry? Do you create opportunities for those you lead? Are you

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New Chief of Engineers Named:

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp is 52nd head of the Corps of Engineers

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp is the 52nd Chief of Engineers and Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He assumed this position from Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock who has retired after 36 years of military service.

Gen. Van Antwerp has taken charge of the nation's leading public engineering agency. The Corps plans, designs, builds and operates water resources projects. The Corps also designs and manages military facilities construction for the Army and Air Force at home and abroad and provides design and construction management support for other Defense and federal agencies.

In addition, the Corps cleans hazardous areas across the nation through the Formerly Used Defense Sites program and the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action



Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp

Program and conducts state-of-the-art engineering research and design at its Engineer Research and Development Center.

Gen. Van Antwerp's previous assignment was as Commanding General, U.S. Army Accessions Command and Deputy Commanding General for Initial Military Training at Fort Monroe, Va.

The Army Accessions Command consists of U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky.; U.S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Monroe, Va.; and the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Jackson, S.C. Additionally, Gen. Van Antwerp

exercised Department of the Army directed executive agent authority over the Military Entrance Processing

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Corps of Engineers photos

Tom Chamberland surveys an estimated 500 year old live oak for storm damage.

District Ranger responds to Katrina relief effort with unique arborist skills

by **Thomas Chamberland**
Westville Lake

New England District Park Ranger Thomas Chamberland is currently deployed to New Orleans Recovery Field Office (RFO) as their only staff arborist. What is an Arborist, and why is one needed in New Orleans?

“Currently our mission is to complete the final private property debris removal (PPDR) in Jefferson Parish, explained Kevin Blair, Resident Engineer of Section 3a RFO. “As our assessment teams started their PPDR assessments in mid March it became very apparent that having a person on

staff that was knowledgeable in urban trees and how they may have been structurally weakened and damaged by Katrina was needed. One of my team leaders suggested we try to find an arborist who would deploy to New Orleans, and upon determining what an arborist does I agreed and made the request to the RFO.”

“Arboriculture is the study of trees in an urban or community setting,” said Chamberland, who is a certified arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture. “Trees are genetically predisposed to be growing in a forest, when you take them out of that forest setting and place them out along streets, back yards and parks they are

not really growing in their native habitat. The beautiful spreading, heavy branches are not a tree’s normal structure. Learning about how trees grow and how to care and maintain these trees in an environment that now includes air pollution, small, disturbed planting sites, soil compaction, string trimmers, lawn mowers and other people pressure, as well as insect, pest and diseases that can effect the health and safety of trees in a community is what an arborist does.”

Chamberland, who works 11 and a half hour days, seven days a week, typically starts his day at 7 a.m., meeting with the six assessment teams of nine people each, who go out and as-

sess every house in the parish, including vacant lots and public parks. These crews are looking for trees that, meeting the guidelines as established by FEMA, are eligible for removal, if dead or damaged such that they will probably fail in another hurricane, or have broken, hanging or dangerous deadlimbs that should be pruned out of the trees. The teams are also identifying debris piles, abandoned buildings, severely leaning trees and blown over stumps that are also eligible to be removed.

Chamberland advises the crews on tree issues and answers their questions from the field. When these crews find homes that are eligible for work they leave “door tags” advising the homeowner that this assistance is available if they so choose, and to call the field office to accept or reject this assistance.

The homeowners, some still traumatized by the damage that trees caused by Katrina, call to request all their trees be removed, or call with specific questions as to which trees are eligible, and seek to have an understanding of FEMA’s criteria. Chamberland frequently meets with the homeowners and addresses those questions.

Another part of his day is spent

with the Quality Assurance (QA’s) team as they work with the 30 tree removal contractor crews as they remove/trim trees and meet with concerned homeowners at the time of actual tree work, and finally, occasionally an assessment team, or a resident will call in directly with a tree they believe to be in such a condition that it should be removed immediately.

Chamberland visits these tree sites and determines its condition, hazard level and target (what will it hit if it falls) and makes the call to the tree contractor if the tree does need immediate attention.

At the end of the day Chamberland returns to the office to complete assessment reports, return phone calls and make plans for the next days assessments.

Chamberland reflected on his deployment so far. “The first week or so was tough getting use to the routine, hours, identifying the different trees from what grows in New England, and learning not only what FEMA’s requirements are but driving the streets and seeing the vast amount of area and destruction,” he said. “To see the Superdome and remember those pictures of all those people there right after the storm, and to now be a part of

this recovery was very emotional.”

Dealing with residents is a challenging part of the job. “Some days I use more of my people skills than I do my tree skills, dealing with residents who were traumatized by the sheer destruction of Katrina and who are sometimes are very disappointed and upset with the Corps,” he said. “Talking to some residents who want to have all of their trees cut so they can get a good night’s sleep can be challenging. However, I can honestly say each day has been rewarding, knowing it’s a step closer to normalcy for these residents.”

As for the trees themselves, Chamberland estimates that the New Orleans area has lost over 60-percent of their urban forest trees from Katrina.

“Most of the work we are doing now is on trees that were badly damaged and are now starting to fail in thunderstorms and strong winds,” he concluded. “These are trees that lost significant large limbs or were split and cracked that now have a weakened structure, which under FEMA guidelines are eligible for removal.”

Chamberland plans on taking time off to visit the New Orleans area and sites before returning home to New England in June with many “tall tree” tales.



Tom Chamberland is dwarfed by a blown over tree stump in a residents back yard.



Photos by Ken Paton

Photo of early construction of the new Hanscom Air Force Base fitness center.

New U.S. Air Force Base fitness facility project will be ready at the end of summer

Members of the Armed Forces and DoD civilians who are stationed at Hanscom Air Force Base will soon enjoy a brand new fitness facility where they can workout on state-of-the-art equipment.

The new on-base fitness center, which is a build-on to the older, existing facility, will have an elevated indoor running track that encircles the new multifunctional gymnasium, three racquetball courts, a family fitness room, group exercise rooms and a cardio equipment/free weight room. The facility was designed so that natural light is abundant throughout. In addition, the New England District and Hanscom Air Force Base will coordinate so that multiple contractors will have access to the site to install bleachers, lockers, a rock climbing wall located in the lobby and sauna and steam room kits located in the locker rooms. Locker rooms will also include rest rooms, showers, and lockers.



Construction of the facility is 86 -percent complete.

Some of the challenges of building the new facility included the removal of unsuitable soil consisting of peat and sand; pumping groundwater during all

aspects of the site work; stabilizing two 66-inch concrete river culverts and relocating three communication conduits. The greatest challenge impacting the project schedule was the default by the original contractor, which made it necessary for CNA Surety, Chicago, Ill., to assume responsibility of the contract. According to District project manager Ken Paton, meeting these challenges took a combined effort between the Air Force, Army Corps of Engineers and numerous contractors.

The new facility is 86-percent complete and is scheduled to be finished late this summer.

Work on the \$9.5 million project includes the construction of the fitness center facility that will consist of 41,600 square feet of new space and 7,800 square feet of existing space. J&J Contractors of Lowell, Mass., is the current contractor on site. Maguire Group of Foxborough, Mass., designed the project.

New Chief of Engineers named

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Command.

Command assignments include the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center and Fort Leonard Wood/Commandant, U.S. Army Engineer School; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District during the Northridge Earthquake of 1994; the U.S. Army Division, South Atlantic, Atlanta, Georgia; and the 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Other assignments include Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Washington, DC; Director, Office of Competitive Sourcing, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition), Washington, DC; Executive Assistant to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, DC; Executive Office, Office of the Chief of Engineers, Washington, DC; Chief, Military Engineering and Construction Division, U.S. Army Western Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Executive Officer, 84th Engineer Battalion, 45th General Support Group, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and Instructor, Department of Mechanics, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Lt. Gen. Van Antwerp graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1972. He completed Ranger, Airborne and Air Assault training, the Engineer Officer Basic Course and the Engineer Officer Advanced Course.

He holds a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan and a Master of Business Administration Degree from Long Island University in New York. He is a Registered Professional Engineer.

(Public Affairs News Release)



Flag flies anew over Cape Cod Canal

After being damaged in severe winter weather, the flag pole on top of the Cape Cod Canal Railroad Bridge was hoisted back up and replanted, May 17. The flag pole has a new pedestal designed to facilitate lifting the pole up and down while on top of the bridge for any future repairs. Randy Mello, Ryan Jones and Richard Paterson wave from the top of the bridge as they replant the flag pole. (Photo by Kevin Burke)



Participants attend the dock-side boat tours at the Sandwich Marina during the Boating and Water Safety Day. Over 200 people attended despite the rainy weather.

Cape Cod Canal holds Boating and Safety Day

Over 200 people braved unseasonably chilly weather and rain to participate in New England District's 2nd annual Cape Cod Canal Boating and Water Safety Day, May 19.

The employees of the Cape Cod Canal partnered with the U.S. Coast Guard and its auxiliary, the Massachusetts State and Environmental police, the towns of Sandwich and Bourne, the Sandwich Fire and Rescue and the Cape Cod Sail and Power Squadron.

The rainy weather meant that a few minor changes had to be made to make sure the event went smoothly. "All of our scheduled events took place and were moved inside the Cape Cod Canal visitor's center," said Park Ranger Abigail Clark. "We did borrow the Corps tent from Buffumville Lake which provided shelter for the Mass. Environmental and State Police and the town of Sandwich Fire and Rescue Dive Team."

Programs throughout the five hour event included an open house at the

U.S. Coast Guard Station; dock-side boat tours at the Sandwich Marina; water and boating safety activities, games and prizes for kids; boating safety presentations and demonstrations; and a special performance by the New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offered a voucher for a free boat launch to participants who brought their boats for inspection and received a safety

check decal. Despite the inclement weather, organizers said that the event was a success and the partnering agencies were enthusiastic about working with the Corps.

"All of the agencies involved noted positive interaction with the public and were excited to participate again next year and to work on other water safety outreach project throughout the year," said Clark.



Photos by Kevin Burke

The New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus performs at the Cape Cod Canal visitor's center during the Boating and Water Safety Day.

Keith Beecher becomes a 'Legend'

A New England District employee was recently selected to receive a national honor for his exceptional work in the recreational field.

Keith Beecher, Park Manager at East Brimfield Lake/Westville Lake/Conant Brook Dam has been named the winner of 2007 American Recreation Coalition's 2007 Legends Award.

"Mr. Beecher's accomplishments and efforts bring positive recognition to himself and the Corps," said Maj. Gen. Don T. Riley, Director of Civil Works. "His commitment to excellence has established a distinguished standard for others to emulate."

The national award is presented annually to recognize an outstanding federal employee from each major recreation-related federal agency for his or her significant contributions to the enhancement of outdoor recreation resources, facilities and experiences on the nation's public lands. Honorees are nominated by seven federal agencies: USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Federal Highway Administration. Beecher's nomination competed against many others for the Corps of Engineers award.

The American Recreation Coalition is a Washington-based non-profit organization formed that was formed in 1979. According to its website, since its inception, ARC has sought to catalyze public/private partnerships to enhance and protect outdoor recreational opportunities and the resources upon which such experiences are based. The organization conducts research on a regular basis, organizes and conducts national conferences and meetings and disseminates information through a variety of newsletters, columns and other media regarding recreational needs and initiatives. ARC also monitors legislative and regulatory proposals that influence recreation and works with government agencies and the U.S.

Congress to study public policy issues that will shape future recreational opportunities.

Beecher has been selected to receive the honor for his exceptional work during his 22 years of service at the Cape Cod Canal, the Naugatuck, and the Thames River Basins. During his career, Beecher has had numerous successful enterprises that have benefited the Corps of Engineers and the people of New England. He has been instrumental in developing volunteer

Manager Bob Hanacek. Hanacek is Beecher's supervisor and was instrumental in putting together the winning nomination. "Mr. Beecher leads by example. He supports and empowers his team to provide outstanding recreational facilities and service to the public."

Beecher said he felt honored to receive the award. "I've always thought that if I trust and believe in the people that the Lord Jesus has surrounded me with, all will go well; these fine people,



Photo by C.J. Allen

Keith Beecher (center) with Tom Chamberland (left) and Merlon Bassett at the Grand Trunk Trail Designation in 2000.

programs and partnerships at Buffumville Lake that earned the project the honor of Project of the Year in 2000. In addition, as a park manager, Beecher has worked hard to build relationships with community leaders that has resulted in the designation of a National Recreation Trail at Westville Lake that joins recreational trails from Sturbridge and Southbridge, Mass.

"I am very pleased that he was recognized as a leader in the field of recreation with this award," said Basin

my staff, supervisor, and volunteers alike, have become more than 'personnel' they are my friends and coworkers who support me every step of the way, allowing all of us to shine," he said. "I am quite honored to receive the Legend Award, a superb thank you to me, my fine staff, and the great supervisory support that is always given to me."

Beecher officially received his honor at the Recreation Exchange Luncheon during Great Outdoors Week on June 12.

Corps emphasizes water safety at federal recreation areas through summer months

As warmer weather approaches and more people plan to recreate near or in the water through the summer months, now is the time to think water safety.

Drowning is the nation's second leading cause of accidental death for children. Yet, it is possible -- just by wearing a life jacket or taking other precautions -- to reduce drowning deaths. An estimated 70 percent of reported boating fatalities in 2004 occurred on boats where the operator had not received safety instruction. In 2005, of those victims who drowned in boating incidents, 87 percent were not wearing life jackets.

Here are some safety tips from the Corps of Engineers to help recreation seekers stay safe in water throughout the summer.

Alcohol and water activities don't mix

Approximately one-third of all boating accidents and fatalities involve alcohol. Just one beer can impair balance, vision, judgment, and reaction time. Research shows that four hours of boating -- exposure to noise, vibration, sun, glare, and wind -- produces fatigue that simulates drunkenness. Boating fatigue combined with alcohol consumption intensifies the effects of both and increases accident risks.

Boaters should know the rules

Boaters should take appropriate safety classes, be familiar with governing state laws and have proper safety equipment onboard before boating. Many states require boater education or boat operator licenses. As an added incentive, most insurance companies offer discounts to boaters who have successfully completed a boating safety course.

Wear a life jacket -- don't just carry one on board. Make sure it is U.S. Coast Guard-approved and appropriately sized. Most states require children under the age of 13 to wear life jackets. Know your state law!

Don't overload the boat (consider boat size, the number passengers, and extra equipment before loading). Check your boat for all required safety equipment. Carry a set of navigational charts. Follow manufacturer's suggested procedures before starting the engine.

Check the weather forecast. File a float plan with family

or friends who are not on the vessel.

Learn to swim

Surprisingly, two-thirds of those who drown never had the intention of being in the water. Watch your children at all times when around the water. Never dive into lakes and rivers -- the results can be tragic. Never rely on toys such as inner tubes and water wings to stay afloat. Don't take chances by overestimating your swimming skills. Reach or throw a floatation device to help someone in trouble. Don't go in the water! Swim only in designated swimming areas. Never swim alone.

Water safety must be a top priority for everyone using the nation's waterways and lakes this summer. An estimated 360 million people visit U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recreation areas nationwide annually.

Please make your visit to any recreation area a safe and enjoyable one. Taking water safety precautions saves lives -- maybe your own.

Federal Recreation Areas in New England

There are numerous opportunities to enjoy recreation at federal flood control reservoirs in New England throughout the summer. Most areas feature small lakes with facilities designed for day use such as picnicking, swimming, boating, fishing, and hunting.

There are also a few facilities for overnight camping. Most Corps-managed recreation areas are open through the middle of September.

There are beaches and boat ramps available at reservoirs and lakes in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont. For more information go to the Corps' New England District web site at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil> and click "recreation" and select your state and location on the map to find out what recreation areas are available near you or go directly to the recreation webpage at <http://www.nae.usace.mil/recreati/recreati.htm>.

More information on what is offered at each location is available from the park manager listed on the webpage of the specific reservoir or lake of interest.

(Corps of Engineers Press Release)



Photo by Kevin Burke

The Cape Cod Canal vessel MARION rescues boaters in 2006. The Corps of Engineers urges water safety for everyone visiting its facilities.

Commander's Corner

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“building the bench?” Do you have a mentor, and are you a mentor for others?

M... Motivating

Do you have a passion for what you do? Do you invite your people to a bigger story with purpose, greatness, and destiny? Do you strive to win because winning motivates? Are you building momentum that will sustain motivation? Are you motivating toward a legacy, a contribution to the next generation and beyond?

The delivery of projects to our customers is facilitated by effective team-

work, both within the internal USACE Team and among our external partners and stakeholders. We have all chosen a career of service to the nation and the best service we can provide is on time and on budget delivery of our projects. We should never lose sight of the fact that we are first and foremost public servants. So in your dealings with the public always consider asking, “How may I serve you?” just to reinforce the point.

As always, thanks for everything you do to make the district a great place to work.

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Army working dogs

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plosives used at the MMR was placed in glass jars and buried just beneath the surface of the soil.

The dogs’ trainers then directed them to run back and forth in lanes over the area. When the dogs smelled the material, they alerted their trainers by sitting at that location.

The demonstration was part of a joint effort with the Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Army Environmental Command’s Impact Area Groundwater Study Program, the Military Munitions Center of Expertise at Huntsville, and the canine unit from the Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood.

Col. Curtis Thalken, New England District Commander, suggested the use of the dogs during a February site visit attended by Col. Michael O’Keefe, USAEC Commander. Col. Thalken had prior experience working with munitions-sniffing dogs when he was stationed overseas. “I had four unexploded ordnance (UXO) dogs sent to work for me in Afghanistan in early 2002,” he said. “They were actually provided by a contractor who had been doing UXO recover work in the Balkans, not Military Working Dogs. However, because

the dogs proved to be very successful in Afghanistan the Army developed a program to field Army units capable of doing the same thing.”

Col. Thalken said that most mechanical detection methods have a hard time distinguishing between scrap metal, inert ordnance and ordnance containing explosives, but the dogs are not hindered by this. “They only alert on the explosive components,” he said. “Therefore, my hypothesis is that by using the dogs we could clean terrain of items containing explosives faster and at a reduced cost over mechanical means. This led to the trial at MMR.”

According to the Fort Leonard Wood website, The 67th Engineer (Canine) Detachment provides unique detection capability to the Force. Specialized search dogs were introduced and first used by the Army Engineers in 2003. The dogs are reliable, proven and efficient detectors of explosives and UXO.

The initial demonstration at MMR proved promising, and the Army Working Dogs will return in the future to conduct additional demonstrations on a larger scale to determine if they can find explosives under more difficult site conditions.

Contract awarded for projects in Boston, Providence harbors

by Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs

Rock removal from sections of the federal channels in Boston Harbor, in Boston, Mass., and in Providence Harbor, in Providence, Rhode Island, will be performed under the terms of a \$2.5 million contract issued recently by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District.

The rock removal maintenance project, which will be accomplished by RDA Construction Corp., of Quincy, Mass., is scheduled to begin in June 2007 in Providence Harbor. Once that work is completed the contractor will move on in August 2007 to complete the rock removal in Boston Harbor. The whole project will take about five months to complete.

The contract calls for removal of approximately 200 cubic yards of rock in Providence Harbor with disposal in the Providence River CAD (confined aquatic disposal) cells.

It also calls for removal of approximately 2,600 cubic yards of rock in Boston Harbor with disposal of 2,400 cubic yards in the Massachusetts Bay Disposal Site and the remaining 200 cubic yards in the Boston Harbor CAD cell.

The federal projects serve the commercial navigation industry and recreational boaters in the vicinities of Boston and Providence.

All work will be accomplished under the supervision of a Corps of Engineers inspector to assure compliance with contract requirements.

Dredging up the past . . .



Park Ranger Merlon Bassett goes over some safety tips during the city of Maynard's Project Kid Care in this September 2000 photo.

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