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New England District digs for Native American artifacts at Superfund site

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has teamed with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) to search for Native American artifacts at the New Bedford Harbor Superfund project in New Bedford, Mass. The Corps is also working with the Assonet Band of Wampanoags, the local tribal group, which is based in the New Bedford area.

Although the EPA and the Corps'

primary mission is to clean up the site, they also want to work with the tribe in preserving any artifacts that could be of historical, religious and cultural significance.

Work at the 18-acre site, that began in early November, will be guided by a Memorandum of Understanding between the two federal agencies and the tribe.

"The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is committed to respecting Tribal

views and concerns as to the management and preservation of tribally important sites or locations in New Bedford while completing the environmental remediation of the Acushnet River and environs," said William Scully, Deputy District Engineer for Project Management. "The Corps looks forward to continuing to work closely with the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) throughout the remainder

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Honoring Veterans

Maj. Brian Green, Deputy District Engineer, Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, and other citizens line up with American flags ready to be retired during the Veterans' Day celebration at Sleepy Hollow cemetery in Concord, Mass.

Col. Koning and Maj. Green represented the Corps of Engineers by marching in Concord's Veterans Day parade. Col. Koning also represented the District later in the day at an afternoon candlelight service that honored veterans at the Cushing Memorial Chapel in Framingham, Mass.

Photos by C.J. Allen

Yankee Voices



Paul Sneeringer
Regulatory

District Inclement Weather Program ready for new season

For up-to-date information on closings or delays, you may dial the hotline number at **978-318-8346**.

Please dial this number exclusively to obtain inclement weather information.

In addition to the hotline number, you may obtain inclement weather information by listening to one of the following stations:

- WRKO (680 AM)- Boston, Mass.;
- WEIM (1280 AM)- Fitchburg, Mass.;
- WOKQ (97.5 FM) - Dover, N.H.; and
- WGIR (101 FM)- Manchester, N.H.

You may also watch Channel 7's morning news in Boston. In cases of inclement weather, announcements for all media will begin at 5:45 a.m.

Letter of Appreciation from U.S. Navy

(Editor's note: U.S. Navy Captain Claude B. Shaw, Commander of the Office of Naval Weapon Station EARLE, sent the following letter of appreciation to Richard Roach, Regulatory. Richard also received a District coin in appreciation for his work on this project)

I wish to acknowledge your outstanding professional performance while assisting Navy Region Northeast in the establishment of a permanent restricted zone at Coddington Cove, located at Naval Station Newport, R.I. Throughout the course of extensive preparation, you provided invaluable assistance by meeting with various federal, state, and local agencies in the establishment of a restricted zone in accordance with Title 33 CFR Part 334. In addition, by working closely with my staff, you expertly managed the cumbersome and lengthy administrative process that was required to achieve the implementation of the new restricted zone in the shortest possible time.

Your tireless efforts directly enabled Navy Region Northeast to provide improved security for Naval vessels, pier facilities, and personnel during a time of greatly heightened security. Throughout this important process you were able to promptly and expertly complete whatever was required of you. I take pleasure in commending you for a job well done.

U.S. Army honors Real Estate employee

Donna Russell, Real Estate, recently received a certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Army New England Recruiting Battalion. According to the certificate, signed by Lt. Col. Robert J. Cejka, Jr., and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph E. LaPlante, Donna was cited for exceptional devotion and support to the recruiting battalion. "Through her dedication, professionalism, and invaluable service, she has significantly contributed to the battalion's mission by providing housing for its soldiers. During the past three months, Ms. Russell has processed nine family lease housing applications. This is a significant achievement given the short time to accomplish getting all the inspections and market surveys done to complete these applications prior to the end of Fiscal Year 2002. Her cheerful manner and 'can do' attitude resulted in eight completed applications. Her actions reflect great credit upon herself, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District and the U.S. Army."

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Commander's Corner:

And you thought you had troubles balancing *your* checkbook...

by Col. Thomas L. Koning
District Engineer



Around the same time every year – usually at the end of September – we have an annual event called "Year-End closing" where we close out the books from the old Fiscal Year and prepare for the new Fiscal Year. With great support from all across the District we closed our books on Fiscal Year 2002 without problems. With lots of help from other offices, Resource Management started the closing programs the night of Sept. 30. After Resource Management re-signed the database, our Budget Office was able to start loading Fiscal Year 2003 funding based on Funding Authorization Documents (FADS) or the Fiscal Year 2003 Operating budget.

A lot of emphasis is made on our Year-End activities, but we are not just fiscally aware just once a year. Balancing our District budget is something that takes place all year round, and it is always a challenging task to balance our mission requirements and needs against our available funding.

There are many areas where the District watches its wallet. Let's start with our Civil Works Program. Every year in the November-December timeframe, study and project managers interact with Programs/Project Management and put together a basic obligation and expenditure schedule indicating how much money they think they will need to run a project each year. Programs/Project Management then enters the schedule in to a computer program called PRISM. In fiscal year 2002, the New England District scheduled expenditures for Civil Works projects was \$78,175,000.

As the year continues on, project monies are monitored monthly and adjustments are made to project funding as needed. Project and study managers do their best to spend the money they requested for each project, but sometimes the unforeseen happens – schedule delays, etc., and money is either redistributed to another project in the District or it is given back to North Atlantic Division to help out one of our sister Districts. In fiscal year 2002 under our Civil Works Program, we actually spent \$77,900,000 of the \$78,175,000 we scheduled.

The money that we get to perform our Superfund mission is given to us by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We report to them how much money we think we will need in the Fiscal Year to run the projects and they provide it to us. Although we report to North Atlantic Division on a

quarterly schedule, in-house we still keep track of the money we spend on a monthly basis. The Project Managers of our Superfund program do a great job in budgeting the money. Last Fiscal Year, the District spent \$70,730,000 of the \$75,755,000 scheduled in the Superfund Program.

Most of our military projects are funded by one-year money that requires a 100 percent obligation rate. Which means that at Fiscal Year-End no funds can be unobligated. Among other things, this means that every labor code must be zeroed out and any remaining funds given back prior to the end of the year. The money we receive for our Military Program comes from a combination of Work Allowances from Headquarters and Military Interdepartmental Purchase Requests from our customers such as Hanscom Air Force Base and Natick Labs. As with all of our other projects, these funds are checked monthly.

Although our projects are a large portion of our budget, funds must be expended elsewhere. Like any properly run household, we keep a close eye on our in-house expenditures.

There are two main types of accounts that make up our District Revolving Fund. They are Shop and Facility accounts and Overhead (Departmental and General & Administrative). Shop and facility accounts, such as the Motor Pool, LAN, Visual Information, Survey, etc., have operating budgets that are established prior to the beginning of each new Fiscal Year. Rates that are charged during each Fiscal Year are based on their total operating costs divided by units of measures used. For example, LAN rates are based on the number of users during that Fiscal Year.

Overhead accounts also have operating budgets, and their costs are recouped by applying an overhead rate. That rate is applied to the labor, which is charged to our projects. For upward reporting purposes only, all of the shop and facility accounts and all of the departmental overhead accounts are grouped together for the purpose of upward evaluation. I'm please to report that the New England District was over 98 percent accurate in our Revolving Account expenditures, putting us in the "green."

Lastly, our Regulatory program is funded by a separate appropriation. Customers do not pay for services like they do in the rest of the District. Their budget is just as complex as any other program, but smaller. So you see we have in place a very detailed, well-run financial system that has served us well in the past and will continue to do so in the future. But a system is only as good as the people who use it, and we are fortunate to have professionals who excel in this area. It is just another testament to the wonderful work that you do not only at Year-End, but every single day. Essayons.



Photo by Ann Marie Harvie

Carol Charette



Photo by Brian Murphy

Jo-Ann Dawber



Photo by Brian Murphy

Peter Hugh

District Costume contest brings smiles, prizes

Ghosts, goblins, and some pretty strange-looking characters walked the halls of Concord Park, Oct. 31, to celebrate Halloween and to compete in the WE Committee's Halloween costume contest. This is the second year that the WE Committee has hosted the costume contest.

About 50 District employees gathered in the theatre for the noontime contest to vote for their favorite costume. Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer and Grand Wizard, hosted this year's event. "The WE Commit-

tee always does a great job with organizing these enjoyable events for the New England District," he said.

As the audience munched on their lunches and donated goodies, Col. Koning introduced each contestant and described their costume.

The Grand Wizard then escorted them around the room so that attendees could get a good look at each creation before judging. "Everyone worked very hard on their costumes," he said of the contestants. "They all deserve a round of applause."

After the audience made their choices for best costume, Col. Koning, assisted by Gladys Leone, Ella Minincleri and Laura Lally, tallied up the votes, verified the totals and announced the final decision.

Drew Clemens as "Carmen Miranda" took first place in the contest. His reward for his creative costume was \$10 in WE bucks to the WE Committee store. The gift certificate was only part of his reward. According to Drew, "Sounds of serious people laughing for a change," was an extra bonus.



Photo by Ann Marie Harvie

Mary Christopher



Photo by Ann Marie Harvie

Drew Clemens



Photo by Brian Murphy

Beverly Lawrence



Photo by Ann Marie Harvie
Michelle Clemens

How did Drew come up with such an imaginative costume? “It was the most off the wall option at the costume shop, and completely unexpected,” he said.

Second prize, an “Army of One” key chain, went to Carol Charette as the lion. Her unique costume required a lot of creativity. “I had bought the tan sweats and found the lions slippers,” she said of her costume. “I then bought some fur material to make the lions hood. I bought a child’s lion costume and I had a seamstress remove the lion’s hood and add the fur I had bought to make a larger overall mane to the lions hood. I also had bought a black tail which I had recovered in tan material,



Photo by Ann Marie Harvie
Pam Bradstreet

and added a piece of fur to the end. Then I just had to paint my face.”

Pam Bradstreet won third place as the bumblebee. She received a free round of disc golf at Buffumville Lake as well as a free disc marker. Pam was not only a bumblebee, but a savvy costume bargain hunter. “The night before Halloween I saw the costume (for children) at JoAnn Fabrics and it was 75-percent off!” she said. “I bought two of them for a total of \$7.96 and improvised for an adult! I copied the face paint from the photo – it was inexpensive and easy!”

Fourth place went to Mary Christopher as the cat. Mary won a pair of



Photo by Brian Murphy
Col. Thomas Koning

sunglasses. According to Mary, she made up her costume from an old fur suit she wore at a high school “Dress Up” day in the 1970s.

Jo-ann Dawber received a U.S. Army recruiting pen as her fifth place prize for her medieval woman costume.

Peter Hugh, the Civil War Yankee Engineer, received a miniature three-sided architect-engineer scale for sixth place. Peter borrowed his costume from a friend.

“I have a friend that gets into both Civil and Revolutionary War re-enactments, so I borrowed his ‘authentic’ Union soldier uniform, minus the musket rifle, and showed up as a ‘Yankee Engineer.’”

Employees who also entered the contest and deserve honorable mentions were Michelle Clemens as the astronaut and Beverly Lawrence as the cheesy tourist.

Beverly said that her inspiration for the “cheesy tourist” costume came from a warmer climate. “It was an easy costume,” she said. “I got the idea when I went to a costume party on a cruise several years back.”

Carol Charette (also known as the lion) organized the event for the WE Committee.

Volunteers who donated snacks included Carol, Ella, and Nick Forbes.



Photo by Brian Murphy
Laura Lally, Gladys Leone, Ella Mininleri, and Col. Thomas Koning count up the votes to determine the winners of the costume contest.



Participants in the ceremony cut a ribbon dedicating the project.



Maj. Brian Green speaks on behalf of the District.

Photos by Robert Russo

District dedicates Hoosic River erosion control project in Williamstown

The citizens of Williamstown, Mass., received some much needed erosion control along the Hoosic River thanks to a recently completed project by the New England District and its partners, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management and the town of Williamstown.

A project dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony took place along the banks of the Hoosic River, Oct. 31. Maj. Brian Green, Deputy District Engineer, Al Lemire, Lead Technical Designer, and Robert Russo, Project Manager, represented the District at the dedication of the project. Approximately 30 people attended the event.

The \$460,000 project involved placing a stone slope revetment along the left bank of the Hoosic River to protect the two sewer interceptor lines. About \$299,000 of the total project cost was federally funded. "I'm grateful that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers could be a part of this highly

successful Section 14 Emergency River Bank Protection project that was completed earlier this year," said Maj. Green.

The work consisted of clearing and grubbing approximately 350 linear feet of riverbank and placing a graded system of stone slope protection. District contractor Clayton Davenport Trucking, Inc., of Greenfield, Mass., performed the construction during the winter of 2002. The project took three months to complete.

"Through our successful partnership, we were able to bring this project to completion on time and within budget," said Maj. Green. "It will serve to help reduce erosion on the Hoosic River and reduce the threat to two main sewer interceptor lines that are located adjacent to the river in the town of Williamstown."

During the ceremony, Maj. Green accepted a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Corps from Nancy Thornton, DEM Waterways Director. Other speakers included Williamstown Town Manager Peter Fohlin, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management Commissioner Peter C. Webber, State Representative Daniel E. Bosley, and State Senator Anthony Nuciforo.

For over 60 years, Congress has authorized and appropriated funds to the Corps Continuing Authorities Program so that they may administer projects in the federal interest such as flood control, small harbor dredging, ecosystem restoration, beach renourishment and emergency streambank/shoreline protection to name a few. In order to qualify as a Section 14 project, a streambank/shoreline protection project must prevent damage to a important public infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, roads, and yes sewer lines. These projects are relatively small in scope (less than \$5 million) so that an individual congressional authorization is not needed.



Maj. Green is presented with a certificate of appreciation during the dedication ceremony.



Photo by Marc Paiva

View of intertidal area north of Woods Street at the New Bedford Harbor site looking due north.

Native American artifacts

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of this project and in future endeavors.”

John Milner Associates (JMA) of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., will be performing the excavation work. “This excavation consists of auger testing of the wet, intertidal areas and traditional square shovel test pits (50x50cm) of upland locations away from the water,” said Project Archaeologist Marc Paiva. “An auger is a long, cylindrical metal tube about several inches in diameter that is pushed into the ground. When extracted, it reveals a continuous profile of the soil’s stratigraphy and any artifacts present at that particular location.”

According to Marc, traditional square shovel test pits are usually excavated by natural soil strata or in artificial strata at increments of 10cm. All soil excavated is screened through ¼-inch mesh screens to locate artifacts such as pottery, charcoal, and stone tools.

Native American artifacts were discovered during a previous archeological study at another 30-acre intertidal portion of the New Bedford Superfund site. “A total of four new prehistoric archaeological sites have been identified within the intertidal

portions of Acushnet and Fairhaven, Mass.,” said Marc. “Within these sites, we have found fragments and flakes of various types of stone tools, projectile points (arrowheads), pottery, coal, shell, a shell/trash midden (which contains remains of stone tools and shellfish together with historic material such as glass bottles, ceramics, and other household items), and a kaolinite pipe bowl fragment from a colonial period smoking pipe.”

If any artifacts are found at the current site, they will be cleaned, cataloged and fully analyzed.

The Corps has also relocated the previously recorded Lawson site, a large prehistoric site that is about anywhere from 3,000 to 8,000 years old and that extends about 100 meters along the Acushnet River. Another previously recorded prehistoric site, the Acushnet Slough site, was relocated and additional testing indicates that it extends indefinitely within an area of where a potential access road for site remediation may be located.

About \$1 million has been spent to date on archaeological, historical, architectural, and underwater archaeological surveys and reports. The current excavation is expected to be completed by the end of fall 2002.

Corps establishes restricted area near Naval Station Newport

by Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has granted a request by the U.S. Navy’s Northeast Region to establish a restricted area in Narragansett Bay, East Passage, Coddington Cove, adjacent to the Naval Station Newport in Newport, R.I.

The restricted area includes essentially all of the navigable waters of Coddington Cove east of a line connecting Coddington Point to the outer end of the Coddington Cove breakwater on the north side of the cove.

A notice of the final Rule (33 CFR Sec. 334.25) has also been posted in the Federal Register, dated Oct. 24, 2002.

“Vessels, with the exception of law enforcement and military or station vessels, are prohibited from entering the area, except with the written permission of Naval Station Newport’s Commanding Officer,” said Project Manager Richard Roach.

The restriction is made under the authority of Section 7 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1917 and Chapter XIX of the Army Appropriation Act of 1919.

“The purpose of the regulation is to create an area of separation between general navigation on the East Passage, and military ships berthed at the station,” Mr. Roach said. “The area will be marked off with a series of danger area marker buoys and float lines.”

The original public notice on the proposed restriction was published on May 21, 2002 with a comment period through June 21, 2002.

WE Committee sponsors trip to Cape Cod Canal Visitor's Center

Story and photos by Bob Meader
Engineering/Planning



On a bright and somewhat windy day, 10 New England District employees were treated to a private tour of the new Cape Cod Canal Visitor's Center, Oct. 8., courtesy of the WE Committee.

Park Rangers Samantha Mirabella and Christina Zahniser met the group at the Cape Cod Canal Visitor's Center. After a short welcome, the Park Rangers began the tour by showing a movie entitled, "The Cape Cod Canal Story."

Following the movie, Samantha and Christina gave the tour group a thorough briefing on the Marine Traffic Control Center display before breaking for lunch at the local restaurant, Seafood Sam's.

As an added bonus for the tour group, the Park Rangers escorted the group to the field office for a beautiful patrol boat ride.

The trip, which was about 30-45 minutes, went to the west end of the canal, past the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, and out into Buzzards Bay. While out on the boat, the tour group got the opportunity to watch a Corps contractor, Great Lakes Dredge

and Dock's Dredge 54, work in the Hog Island Channel using a 12-cubic yard clamshell bucket.

The dredge was at the canal working on a \$2.3 million contract to remove 136,000 cubic yards of material from the 32-foot Cape Cod Canal channel.

The tour concluded with a visit to the field office to view the canal model and the actual Marine Traffic Control Center.

The Cape Cod Canal tour, organized by Bob Meader for the WE Committee, was the second bus trip this year. The first bus trip, organized by Bonnie Ortiz, went to Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.

District employees who participated in the WE Bus Trip to the Cape Cod Canal were Bonnie Ortiz, Annie Chin, Laura Lally, Gladys Leone, Bill Saner, Susan Rodkey, Ann Peine, Tanya Williams, Don Hassett, and Bob Meader.



Top: The tour group poses for a photo outside the Cape Cod Canal Visitor's Center. Above: The tour group take a boat ride which included a visit to a dredge.

Agencies to discuss remediation alternatives on study portion of Camp Edwards Former H Range

by Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District is conducting a public review of the draft final engineering study addressing potential ordnance and explosives remediation alternatives on a portion of the Camp Edwards Former H Range in Sandwich, Mass.

The public meeting was recently held to discuss the remediation alternatives and allow the public and agencies to provide comments for inclusion in the final report. The public review comment period continued through Nov. 6.

The Draft Final Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) addresses potential ordnance and explosives remediation alternatives of a portion of

the Camp Edwards Former H Range, located on privately-owned land known locally as Camp Good News.

The site is adjacent to the southeast corner of the ranges in the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR) in Sandwich. This portion of the Former Camp Edwards H Range, located in the northwest undeveloped corner of the Camp Good News property, was used as a mortar firing point and as a small unit maneuver area from the 1940s through the early 1960s.

A public meeting to discuss the draft final report was held on Oct. 23 in the Sandwich Public Library in Sandwich, Mass. Officials described the EE/CA process and discussed the Draft Final Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis report and sought public comments for consideration and incorporation in the Final EE/CA. This EE/CA

report addresses 45 acres of the 55-acre Former H Range.

A separate ordnance and explosives removal effort has already been completed on the 10-acre firing fan portion of the Former H-Range in May 2002.

The work is being done in coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The EE/CA documents are available for review at the U.S. Coast Guard Station Library in the Massachusetts Military Reservation and at the Sandwich Public Library. The documents, including a fact sheet and an executive summary, also can be reviewed online at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/>. Click on "projects" and select the Camp Edwards Former H Range heading.

Corps, EPA release new draft guidelines on sediment testing, reporting requirements

By Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New England District and the Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, New England, have released a draft Regional Implementation Manual which presents regional sediment testing guidelines and reporting requirements for applicants who wish to obtain a Department of Army permit from the Corps' New England District for proposed dredging and the open water disposal of dredged material projects.

The draft Regional Implemen-

tation Manual (RIM) also applies to federal navigation projects. This manual implements the national testing guidelines under Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and as described in the testing manuals, "Evaluation of Dredged Material Proposed for Ocean Disposal Testing Manual (Green Book)" and "Evaluation of Dredged Material Proposed for Discharge in Waters of the U.S. – Testing Manual (Inland Testing Manual)."

Public comments on the draft Regional Implementation Manual can be made through Dec. 18, 2002. The RIM is available for review at the Corps website www.nae.usace.army.mil or

by contacting Gail French. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period, that a public hearing be held.

The RIM is intended to be used in conjunction with the Green Book and Inland Testing Manual to provide regional supplementary guidance on: permit application requirements; data and reporting requirements; contaminants of concern; species for biological testing; and specific procedural requirements agreed upon by state and federal agencies. It is intended to replace the previous regional manual entitled, "Guidance for Permitting Tests on Dredged Material to be Disposed of in Open Waters."

District, state agencies hold hearings on Route 93 improvement application

The New England District co-hosted two public hearings in November to hear comments from New Hampshire citizens about a draft environmental assessment (DEIS) and an application for a permit to improve an interstate route.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is seeking a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to fill in approximately 83 acres of wetlands and waters in five watersheds in the Merrimack River Basin to improve the Interstate Route 93 corridor between Salem and Manchester, N.H.

Col. Thomas L. Koning, District Engineer, served as the hearing officer for the Nov. 12 hearing, which was held at the Salem High School Gymnasium. Maj. Brian Green, Deputy District Engineer, served as hearing officer for the Nov. 14 hearing, which was held at the Henry J. McLaughlin School cafeteria in Manchester.

“This hearing not only serves as the required hearing under the National Environmental Protection Act on the draft environmental assessment, but jointly as my hearing on the permit application,” said Col. Koning. “Therefore, of particular interest to the Corps, are your views on the project, its impact on waters of the United States, alternatives, mitigation and other public interest factors.”

Col. Koning explained that in order for this project to receive a Corps of Engineers permit, the project must comply with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. “These standards mandate that the project must be the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative, must not violate state environmental requirements, must not cause or contribute to significant degradation of waters of the United States, and must include all appropriate and practicable mitigation,” he said.

“In determining practicability, the Corps considers such factors as cost, safety, and community impacts,” said Maj. Green. “If these types of effects are severe, the Corps may rule out alternatives, even if they are less environmentally damaging. However, once all the practicable alternative are determined, the Corps is required to permit only the least environmentally damaging on waters and wetlands.”

The project involves a combination of highway and related infrastructure improvements for the 19.8-mile study corridor. The main element of the improvement involves widening I-93 from the existing limited access two-lane highway in each direction to a limited access four-lane highway in each direction. The project begins in Salem, near the New Hampshire, Massachusetts border, and extends northerly through Salem, Windham, Derry, Londonderry and

'These standards mandate that the project must be the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative, must not violate state environmental requirements, must not cause or contribute to significant degradation of waters of the United States, and must include all appropriate and practicable mitigation.'

- Col. Thomas Koning on Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

into Manchester, ending at the I-93/I-293 interchange.

Based on the initial review, Col. Koning has determined that the proposed work would affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Information about the location of these properties and potential effects on them for various alternatives, is contained in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. “Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has commenced, and potential effects will be taken into account in the permit decision,” he said.

The project will impact a yet undetermined amount of essential fish habitat for the Atlantic Salmon. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding Essential Fish Habitat conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to a final Corps permit decision. Comments on the DEIS, which was prepared by the NHDOT were accepted through Nov. 25. Copies of the document are available at the public libraries in the city and town offices of Manchester, Londonderry, Derry, Windham, and Salem.

Congratulations

...to **Mike Vadnais**, Survey Section, and his wife, **Dawn**, on the birth of their daughter, **Olivia Jo**, Oct. 2. Olivia is the couple's first child.

...to **Adam Burnett**, Engineering/Planning, and his wife, **Karen**, on the birth of their son, **Alexander**, Oct. 17. He joins his brother, **Nicholas**, in the family circle.

...to **Angela Wright**, Information Management, on the birth of her daughter, **Hanna Marie Wright**, Oct. 23. Hanna is Angela's first child. **Rachel Fisher**, EOC, is her grandmother, and **Jackie DiDomenico**, EEO, is her aunt.

...to **Ed Greenough** who has been selected by the WE Committee as its Employee of the Month for October 2002. Ed is recognized for his assistance to the Regulatory Division's Environmental Resource Section.

...to the Interpretive Services and Outreach Program Team that has been selected as the WE Committee's Team of the Month for October 2002.

Sympathy

...to the family of New England District retiree, **Joseph Roman**, who passed away Sept. 18.

Mr. Roman began his career with the Corps in New England in 1938 and retired in 1970.

Mr. Roman was also a World War II veteran, serving in the Navy Seabees.

Welcome

Raushanah M. Muhammad, PPMD

The team members are **Tim Russell, Jamie Kordack, Pat Tetreault, Rebecca Tibets, Delia Vogel, Tom Wisnauckas, James West, Rick Magee, Matt Odman, Steve Dermody, Jim Holbrook, Jason Tremblay, Diana Errico-Topolski, Roger Hagen, and Roxanne Barbeau, Will Rogers, Mary Christopher and Mark McInerney.**

The team received the award for coordinating of all of the activities and logistics for the Corps' information booth at the BIG E.

... to **Rick Magee, Will Rogers, Jamie Kordack, Tim Russell, and Mark Rosenthal (formerly of the Upper Conn. River Basin and now with the National Park Service in Utah/Colorado)** as the WE Committee's Team of the Month for November 2002.

The team was selected for the many hours of their own time spent on preparing for the Interpretative Training Institute.

...to **Patrick Tetreault**, West Hill Dam, on the passing of this mother, **Althea Tetreault**, Oct. 17.

... to **Barbara Duffin**, Real Estate, on the passing of her husband, **Ron**, Nov. 6. **Helen Duffin**, Logistics, is Barbara's and Ron's daughter.

Jerry Stalder, Construction/Operations

Words worth repeating

"Determine never to be idle. No person will have occasion to complain of the want of time who never loses any. It is wonderful how much can be done if we are always doing."

- **Thomas Jefferson**

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking your complex, overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one."

- **Mark Twain**

Send holiday messages to troops online

Navy News Service reports that the Navy's LIFELines Services Network and nationally-syndicated advice columnist Dear Abby have geared up to handle the online version of the Operation Dear Abby holiday letter-writing campaign for all U.S. service members stationed overseas.

The site, at <http://www.lifelines2000.org>, was developed in November 2001 as an alternative after the 18-year old tradition, led by Dear Abby, of sending cards and letters to troops during the holidays was suspended following the anthrax mail attacks.

To date, more than 500,000 messages have been received for members of all the service branches.

Troops can read any of the messages online, and then sort them by branch of military service and by the state from which they were sent.

To ensure service members with limited Internet access are able to read the expressions of support and patriotism, a convenient download and printing process has been developed, allowing messages to be distributed in hard copies.

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