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Lt. Col. Charles Gray and family

Congratulations

...to **Jeff Mangum**, Project Manager, Birch Hill Dam, who was selected as the Employee of the Month for October 2013, by the NAE, WE Association.

... to **Brad Clark**, Park Ranger at Hopkinton Everett Lakes, and his wife **Heather** on the birth of their daughter **Frances May Clark**, Dec. 18.

Sympathy

... to the family of retiree **Oscar Arpin** who passed away April 1.

...to the family of Operations retiree **James Dyer** who passed away in April.

... to **Pat Devine**, Westover Resident Office, on the passing of her father-in-law, **John E. Devine, Jr.**, Nov. 14.

... to **Bill Walker**, Survey Section, on the passing of his father, **Henry Walker**, Dec. 12.

Commanding General's Holiday Message



Corps Teammates,

It's hard to believe that the year is already drawing to a close and 2014 is right around the corner. This time of year always offers us the chance to slow down and reflect upon the many blessings we share. I am especially grateful for the outstanding men and women of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers -- our Soldiers, Civilians, Families and Contractors. Every day, thanks to your dedication, we are adding to the Corps' legacy of service to the Army and the nation.

This year our Command Sergeant Major and one of our Senior Civilians joined me in filming a holiday greeting...I hope you will take the time to view it and share with others: <http://youtu.be/fSmC15koevI>

As always, I am reminded that we have teammates serving around the world who will not be home celebrating with their families, and we are grateful for their service and many sacrifices. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Renee and I wish you and yours a safe and festive holiday season, and a very happy new year!

Essayons...Building Strong...Army Strong!

Thomas P. Bostick

Lieutenant General, US Army

Commanding

Holiday lights: how to stay safe

How to deck the halls without sparking trouble:

- Buy LED holiday bulbs. They won't burn your hands, and they're shock-proof and shatterproof.
- Hang them safely. All outdoor cords, plugs, and sockets should be weather-proof. Keep electrical wires off the ground and clear of drainpipes and railings.
- Check your light sets. Look for frayed wiring, damaged sockets, or cracked insulation before you decorate.
- Know what lights go where. Make sure you buy the kind of light sets you need—indoor sets for indoors and outdoor sets for outdoors.

(First Draft Magazine)



Commander's Corner:

Happy New Year ~ 2014 ~ Selflessly serving the Nation, the Region, and the People!

By Col. Charles P. Samaris
District Commander



"The general [or any civil servant] who advances without coveting fame and retreats without fearing disgrace, whose only thought is to protect his country and do good service for his sovereign, is the jewel of the kingdom."

- Sun Tzu

Team,
Happy New Year, Merry

Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Holidays...and/or Best Wishes for whatever it is you celebrate this time of year! During the holiday season we invest lots of time and energy in thinking about and doing things for others. We shop, wrap, cook, and some of us analog folks still get hand cramps writing cards. Bottom line: we serve others before self. So, I can think of no better time of the year to highlight the great service you render to the people of the nation and New England.

Every day, members of the New England District team are on the front line of public service for New England and the nation. This dedicated and selfless service takes many forms - renovating a Veteran's hospital, interpreting nature for young people, procuring property for our local Armed Forces, and protecting life-property-environment in many, many ways. Although an incomplete list, these high-impact examples emphasize the scope, scale, and importance of what we do, that is: **SELFLESS SERVICE** to the **NATION**, the **REGION**

and the **PEOPLE**.

Selfless Service - it's all about the words and what they mean...clarity, specificity and understanding the true definition. **SELFLESS** is an action word. Selfless is something we should **BE** ourselves or **SEE** in others, rather than say we are or hear another's claim. It's having little or no concern for oneself and being devoted to others' welfare, not one's own. Selfless is not easy. **SERVICE**, or to **SERVE**, are two very meaningful words. Service is pretty clear: contribution to the welfare of others. Serve is even clearer: to be of use and worthy of reliance or trust. To serve successfully, we must do so selflessly, as stated in the Army Values: **SELFLESS SERVICE - Put the welfare of the nation, the Army, and subordinates before your own.**

So, THANK YOU for your SELFLESS SERVICE! You'll

find some great stories of service on the pages of this month's edition of Yankee Engineer. From continued Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts, to the retirements of outstanding public servants, to recognition of an Army officer's professional service. These are not only highlights, but also - and more importantly - examples of what you, the proud public servants of the New

Colin Powell's Rules

1. It ain't as bad as you think. It will look better in the morning.
2. Get mad, then get over it.
3. Avoid having your ego so close to your position that when your position falls, your ego goes with it.
4. It can be done!
5. Be careful what you choose. You may get it.
6. Don't let adverse facts stand in the way of a good decision.
7. You can't make someone else's choices. You shouldn't let someone else make yours.
8. Check small things.
9. Share credit.
10. Remain calm. Be kind.
11. Have a vision. Be demanding.
12. Don't take counsel of your fears or naysayers.
13. Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier.

England District do every single day!

And as you serve, please allow me to offer you something that has helped me through 25 years of Army service...See General Colin Powell's Rules.

Essayons! Serving New England since 1775!

"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you...ask what you can do for your country."

~ John F. Kennedy's Inaugural speech as 35th President of the United States (1961)



Work being performed on the Newburyport South Jetty in Newburyport, Mass.

Photo provided by Navigation Division

New England District awards \$2.5 million contract for Newburyport south jetty Phase II repair in Newburyport

**By Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs**

The Newburyport Harbor south jetty Phase II repair project in Newburyport, Mass. will be completed under the terms of a \$2,588,414 contract issued recently by the New England District.

Work will be accomplished by Classic Site Solutions, Inc. of Springfield, Mass. The contractor mobilized to the site on Dec. 19. Stone placement will start in January 2014. Work will take about three months to complete. "The work consists of repairing portions of the 1,400-foot-long jetty that was damaged during Tropical Storm Irene and Hurricane Sandy," said Project Manager Jack Karalius, Programs/Project Management Division. "Approximately 12,000 tons of 6- to 12-ton armor stone

will be placed for the project. Repairs were begun on the first 600 feet of the jetty during the winter of 2012-2013 and will need to be finished under this contract."

The work includes replacing displaced core and armor stone to fill in existing gaps in the jetty. Repairs will require substantial moving and rehandling of existing stones to obtain the required interlocking placement.

Equipment and stone delivery and access to the jetty may be performed from land, water or a combination. About 5,200 feet of sand fencing will be installed along the access/haul route after construction. The project will be managed by the Corps and all work will be accomplished under the supervision of a Corps' Quality Assurance Repre-

sentative to assure compliance with contract requirements.

For more information about the Newburyport Harbor federal navigation project visit the website at:

<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Navigation/Massachusetts/NewburyportHarbor.aspx>. A map is available at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/Navigation/MA/NEB/NEBmap.pdf>.

For more information about Corps' New England District contract solicitations for work or contract awards visit the website at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/BusinessWithUs/Contracting.aspx>. For general information about District projects and activities visit the website at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/>.

Brig. Gen. Savre visits District, hosts award ceremony

Brig. Gen. Kent Savre, North Atlantic Division Commander, hosted an awards ceremony to honor District Team members who have gone above and beyond the call, Oct. 28.

The awards ceremony was held in the Concord Park theater. Alan Anacheka-Nasemann, Regulatory, was first to be honored by the general, receiving a NAD Commander's Coin for completing the South Coast Rail Environmental Impact Statement.

Bob Webb, Logistics, received the Work Environment Association's (WEA) Employee of the Month Award for the month of April. He received the honor for outstanding performance with property accountability for the district.

Angela Frisino, Engineering/Planning, received the WEA Employee of the Month Award for the Month of August in recognition for her work

in the area of energy sustainability and was given a Certificate of Achievement for obtaining her LEED AP certification.

Mark Walsh, Construction, received a certificate of appreciation for his work during the 2012 Hurricane Sandy Recovery Mission.

George Claffin and Silas Sanderson, Engineering/Planning, both received certificates of appreciation from the Omaha District for outstanding efforts in support of emergency repairs to dams, levees and other Corps Infrastructure damaged during the 2011 Missouri River Flood.

Tim Maynard, Logistics, and Steve Dunbar, Programs/Project Management, both received North Atlantic Division certificates of appreciation for

their dedicated service and selfless sacrifices in support of the Hurricane Sandy Response. Dunbar also received a Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement for the successful completion of the North Atlantic Division Fiscal Year 2012 Executive Leadership Development Program.

Matt Tessier, Engineering/Planning, received a certificate of appreciation for his extremely prompt response to an inquiry from Headquarters US-



Photo by Brian Murphy

Brig. Gen. Kent Savre, North Atlantic Division Commander, addresses the New England District Team during the awards ceremony.

ACE for the Chief's report for the Boston Harbor Deepening project.

Jeff Teller, Real Estate, received a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Non-Article 5 NATO Medal for his outstanding service with the organization in relation to the ISAF Operation during April 22, 2012 to April 27, 2013. The award was signed by Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen.

Ed O'Leary, Engineering/Planning, received a Department of the Army commendation. As part of the Coastal FIR Project Delivery Team's recognition as the Team of the Month for February 2013 and its extraordinary performance in completing project implementation reports addressing the damage sustained by Hurricanes Debby and Sandy.

Peter Hugh, Engineering/Planning, received a Department of the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for serving as a key and essential leader for the execution of work at the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site, GE Housatonic Superfund Site and Devens Base Realignment and Closure Site from Jan. 7, 2012 to June 20, 2013.

Kathleen Pendergast, Office of Counsel, received a Department of the Army Achievement Medal for providing key and essential expertise that has contributed significantly to the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site in her role as legal counsel from Oct. 10, 2012 to June 17, 2013.

Elisa Carey, Cape Cod Canal, received the Hiram M. Chittenden Award for Interpretive Excellence in recognition of her outstanding achievement using interpretation to enhance public understanding of the USACE, promoting positive experiences and attitudes and encouraging voluntary steward-

ship of natural, cultural and created resources. The certificate was signed by Lt. Gen. Thomas Bostick, Commanding General.

Gregory Lantz, ACE-IT, received the Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Award for his exceptional performance as a Supervisory Information Technology Specialist from October 2007 to January 2013 while assigned to the Network Enterprise Center at Fort Campbell, Ky.

In addition to recognizing team members for jobs well done, Brig. Gen. Savre also got a briefing on the Campaign Plan, had lunch with the Leadership Development Program Class and went on a site visit to the Muddy River Project in Boston, Mass.



Chase and Noah Gray change their father's shoulder boards during the promotion ceremony.



Photos by Brian Murphy

Col. Charles Samaris (left) administers the Oath of Office to Lt. Col. Charles Gray upon his promotion.

Ceremony promotes Deputy Commander to Lieutenant Colonel

New England District Team Members joined Maj. Charles Gray, Deputy District Commander, and his family in the Concord Park Theater to participate in a ceremony that promoted Gray to Lieutenant Colonel.

Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander, presided over the ceremony. He welcomed everyone and introduced Lt. Col. Gray's family. The colonel also stressed what a major high point this promotion was to Lt. Col. Gray. "Selection for Lieutenant Colonel is a significant milestone in the career of an Army officer is an extremely tough cut," he said. "While he entered active federal service with 450 engineer lieutenants, he is now one of fewer than 80 engineer lieutenant colonels remaining."

To emphasize his point, Col. Samaris shared a chart with the audience that explained the attrition rate as an officer gets promoted. "Selection for Lieutenant Colonel recognizes his superior performance with over 16 years of service, and – more importantly – indicates Army Senior Leadership recognition of his potential to serve as an Army Senior Leader and Command in the toughest, most demanding positions."

The New England District Commander made a point to recognize Lt. Col. Gray's family and how they have steadfastly stood by him during his career, the most difficult likely being his deployment overseas to Afghanistan. "For the spouse and the parents, the year he was deployed was a long year," he said. "No one can get to this point without that family support. A family can make or break an officer's career during deployment. The family makes it successful and fun along the way."

The ceremony then transitioned into the brief, but critical, portion of the ceremony as everyone rose following Col. Samaris' command to publish orders.

After the orders were published, Lt. Col. Gray's wife, Olivia, and father, Charles, Sr., replaced the shoulder boards on the new Lieutenant Colonel's jacket.

Sons Chase and Noah had their turn to help by replacing the boards on their father's dress shirt. Lt. Col. Gray's mother, Susan, affixed the new pin onto his beret as his daughter Kate, looked on the entire event with toddler fascination.

Lt. Col. Gray addressed the audience after his official promotion. "I am

deeply humbled today for the words and for everything," he said. "I would like to say thank you to God first for the breath in my chest."

Next Lt. Col. Gray thanked his wife for standing by him during deployments, even shifting their wedding plans to accommodate one of his assignments. "We have been through four deployments together and she's made things happen at home," he said. "Thank you for being a great wife."

Lt. Col. Gray thanked his three young children for their sacrifices, noting that it was very hard to explain to them about his deployment.

The Deputy Commander expressed great appreciation to his parents for attending his promotion ceremony and for their constant support. "Many times growing up, you've given wise counsel and patience over the years."

He concluded by thanking Col. Samaris for choosing him as deputy and the New England District Team who have helped him understand the inner workings of the Corps in New England.

After the official ceremony, the Gray family hosted a breakfast reception, where team members got to offer congratulations and meet the family.



Ross Huntington holds up one of his gifts.



Ross Huntington and Victor Ranfos at Huntington's retirement dinner.



Alister Shanks, Operations Manager, Merrimack River Basin, presents Ross Huntington with his retirement certificate.

Photos provided by the Merrimack River Basin

Dinner held to honor Ross Huntington's career

Some people retire with large celebrations and others slip quietly away without notice. Ross Huntington, Basin Engineer for the Merrimack River Basin (MRB), had something in between – a quiet informal dinner with 34 family members, friends and co-workers. The dinner took place at the Country Spirit Restaurant in Henniker, N.H., Oct. 25. Huntington retired with 28 years of federal service.

There were no formal presentations and no Master of Ceremonies, but many members of the Merrimack River Basin and Upper Connecticut River Basin team members casually shared stories and experiences they had working with Huntington from their seats. Many of those who shared stories also gave Huntington fun, gag gifts. He also

received a gift certificate to a local golf course and an album with pictures of his time spent at the MRB from attendees.

Alister Shanks, Operations Manager for the MRB, presented Huntington with his retirement certificate and pin.

Huntington served his entire 28 years with the New England District. Prior to joining Operations Division where he spent the last eight years of his career, Huntington worked in Construction Division for 20 years.

Huntington's wife, Pat, his children and their partners accompanied Huntington to the dinner.

Now that he has a little extra time, Huntington plans to while away the hours playing bridge, golfing, traveling, running marathons and spending time with family.



Contractor's dredge working in Norwalk Harbor. Above: Lt. Col. Charles Gray at the press conference.

Photos provided by Navigation Division

Press Conference celebrates near completion of Norwalk Harbor Dredging project

Lt. Col. Charles Gray, New England District Deputy Commander, joined Norwalk, Connecticut officials at a press conference hosted by the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission, celebrating the long awaited dredging project that would be completed in the next few months. Maintenance dredging last took place at the Harbor in 1981. Maintenance dredging is also being performed in New Haven Harbor.

Lt. Col. Gray credited teamwork for not only making the project possible, but also for its successful completion. "That team work effort was not about just stacking bricks, it wasn't about building a wall. It was about building a cathedral," he said.

New England District contractor, Cashman Dredging and Marine Contracting Company, LCC of Quincy, Mass., is performing the dredging. "Work consists of maintenance dredging of about 810,000 cubic yards of sediment from the 35-foot channel and 35-foot turning basin in New Haven Harbor, and about 150,000 cubic yards

of sediment from the 12-foot channel in Norwalk Harbor," said Project Manager Jack Karalius, project manager.

According to Karalius, the dredged material will be removed using a mechanical dredge and scows. Disposal will be at the Central Long Island Sound Disposal Site about six miles south from New Haven Harbor and about 35 miles from east from Norwalk Harbor. "However, at least 110,000 cubic yards of New Haven sediment will be reserved for capping of the Norwalk sediment at the site," said Karalius.

Norwalk Harbor is located at the mouth of the Norwalk River, about eight miles east of Stamford. It forms a boundary between the East and South Norwalk sections of the city.

The District's work on Norwalk Harbor began in 1872. Features of the existing project, completed in 1950, are:

- A 4.7-mile-long channel extending from the outer harbor to the head of the harbor in Norwalk. The channel is 12 feet deep and 200 feet wide from the outer harbor to Gregory

Point in East Norwalk, where it narrows to 150 feet wide up to the wharves at South Norwalk. The channel then widens to 250 feet along the wharves to the Washington Street Bridge. For its final 1.5 miles, the channel is 10 feet deep and between 100-200 feet wide until it terminates at the head of the harbor in Norwalk.

- An anchorage area 10 feet deep and 17 acres in area on the east side of the channel in the vicinity of Fitch Point in East Norwalk.

- A 0.6-mile-long, six-foot-deep channel, 125-150 feet wide, extending northeast from the 10-foot anchorage opposite Fitch Point to the head of the harbor at East Norwalk.

- A six-foot-deep anchorage area that lies adjacent to the head of the harbor at East Norwalk.

The project is being managed by the District and all work is being accomplished under the supervisor of a Corps' Quality Assurance representative to assure compliance with contract requirements.

Corps of Engineers awards contract for repair to Sakonnet Harbor breakwater in Little Compton

By Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs Office

The Sakonnet Harbor Breakwater in Little Compton, R.I., will be repaired under the terms of a \$594,500 contract issued recently by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District.

Work will be accomplished by Kovilic Construction Company, Inc., of Franklin Park, Ill. Construction is scheduled to start on or about Feb. 15, 2014 and take about three months to complete.

The contract was awarded on Dec. 10. The work for this project consists of repairing the breakwater, located on the west side of the Sakonnet Harbor in Little Compton.

Repairs involve mobilization and demobilization, and the furnishment, delivery and placement of new stone to replace stones displaced during Hurricane Sandy in October 2012 and to fill in existing gaps and low points along the breakwater.

“The repairs will be performed to restore the damaged sections of the breakwater to the original profiles and cross-sections,” said Project Manager Mike Walsh, Programs/Project Management Division. “Repairs will require substantial moving and manipulation of existing stones to obtain the required interlocking placement.”

The Sakonnet Harbor breakwater is an 800-foot-long stone structure with a crest height of 8.0 feet above mean

low water, and a crest width of 15 feet. Mobilization of equipment and rehabilitation of the breakwater may require a combination of marine construction methods and resources.

The project will be managed by the Corps and all work will be accomplished under the supervision of a Corps’ Quality Assurance Representative to assure compliance with contract requirements. For more information about the Sakonnet Harbor federal navigation project visit the website at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Navigation/RhodeIsland/SakonnetHarbor.aspx>.

A map is available at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/Navigation/RI/SAH/SAHmap.pdf>.

Contract awarded for maintenance dredging of Scarborough River in Maine

By Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs

Maintenance dredging of the Scarborough River in Scarborough, Maine, will be completed under the terms of a \$1,698,134 contract recently awarded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District.

Work will be accomplished by North America Landscaping, Construction and Dredge Company, Inc., of Ellicott City, Md. Dredging is scheduled to start on or about Jan. 6, 2014 and take about three months to complete. The contract was awarded on Dec. 2.

The Scarborough River in

Scarborough empties into Pine Point Harbor at Saco Bay, between the Pine Point and Prouts Neck sections of the town, situated about 8 miles south of Portland.

This contracted project consists of maintenance dredging on an 8-foot deep mean lower low water (MLLW) entrance channel, a 6-foot deep MLLW channel, and a 6-foot deep MLLW anchorage. “The work consists of dredging about 114,300 cubic yards of sediment, including one foot of allowable over depth,” said Project Manager Michael Walsh, Programs/Project Management Division. “The dredged material will be removed using a hydraulic dredge and pipeline. Disposal will be

on the adjacent Western Beach as beneficial use material.”

The dredging project will be managed by the Corps and all work will be accomplished under the supervision of a Corps’ Quality Assurance Representative to assure compliance with contract requirements.

For details on the Scarborough River federal navigation project visit the Corps website at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Navigation/Maine/ScarboroughRiver.aspx>. A map is available at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/Navigation/ME/SCA/SCAmap.pdf>.

Retired engineer takes up clock making as hobby

William Kavanaugh, Sr., retired from the New England District in 1998 as a civil engineering technician in Engineering/Planning Division. Since then, Kavanaugh has taken up a unique and interesting hobby – clock making.

Kavanaugh hand cuts the clocks himself, with the sizes ranging from 16-36 inches. He began his hobby in earnest this past January when he made his first clock. At the time of this article, he was working on clock number 14.

The inspiration for clock making came from his wife. “It had never entered my mind about making clocks,” said Kavanaugh. “Then one day Bev came to me with a country magazine and showed me a picture of a clock. It looked like an old railroad station time of departure clock. She asked if I could make one similar to the picture and the rest is history.”

Quality materials are key to making a good clock. Kavanaugh uses either ship lap or pine lumber to handcraft his clocks. He uses battery operated clock works he purchases from a California distributor to make the devices functional.

“Each clock is made with three or four sections of wood and held together with two battens on the back side for strength and rigidity,” he said.

According to Kavanaugh, he uses various stains, paints, colored markers and pens to decorate his distinctive creations. He engraves the Roman numerals, letters and other decorations on the clock with woodworking knives or awls. After he’s completed a clock, Kavanaugh signs, dates and numbers each one and then attaches a wire for hanging.

The inspiration for the clock faces come not only from Kavanaugh’s imagination, but from the people for whom he makes them. When Distinguished Civilian Gallery member Fran Donovan presented Kavanaugh with a picture of the Cape Cod Canal bridges at sunset, it inspired him to create a Cape Cod Canal clock. His latest piece is a 28-inch clock of Ireland.

The amount of time it takes Kavanaugh to make one of his clocks varies with size, face detail, colors and the occasional mistake. “Some have taken me 25 to 70 hours,”

he said. “The Cape Cod Canal Clock took me about 70 hours, but all in all they average about 40 hours to make.”

The clocks, especially the ones that take longer to make, can be laborious, but Kavanaugh says he enjoys every moment. “The nice thing about making each clock is it becomes an adventure for me,” he said.

Most of Kavanaugh’s clocks have been gifted to friends, to the town of Milford, Mass., and to the local television station

for an Autism fundraiser. But now with the experience of 14 clocks under his belt, Kavanaugh is getting ready to take his hobby to the next level. He has plans for six more clocks, which he hopes to show and sell in several art shows this coming spring.

In his spare time Kavanaugh is involved in “The Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail,” as an active member and consultant.

Kavanaugh is also a licensed master plumber in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Kavanaugh looks back at his career with the Corps in New England with great fondness. Prior to his retirement after 31 years of service, Kavanaugh served as Civil Engineering’s first design project leader for the Defense Environmental Restoration Account (DERA)/Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP). He prepared plans and specifications for removing hazardous materials at former defense sites throughout New England. “During my career with DERA/DERP, I had the opportunity to visit and inspect virtually every former defense site in New England,” he said. “It was a great job.”

During his career, he found himself doing work for Information Management’s Graphic Arts Section and many times as the Emergency Operations Center’s liaison for the Corps at the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Headquarters in Framingham, Mass. He also deployed to Florida during the Corps’ Hurricane Andrew recovery mission doing damage assessments. “Having worked for the Corps of Engineers was an honor and a privilege,” he said. “I truly enjoyed working for the Corps and with all the people. It was a great experience.”



William Kavanaugh, Sr., works on a clock in his workshop.

Photo provided by William Kavanaugh, Sr.



Brenda Faragi with the Resource Management Team at her retirement breakfast.

Photos by Brian Murphy

Brenda Faragi retires with over 40 years of service

A retirement breakfast was held to celebrate the career and retirement of Brenda Faragi, Budget Analyst for Resource Management, Oct. 29.

Faragi retired with 41 years of federal service. More than 100 people crowded the Concord Park cafeteria to wish Faragi well and to enjoy multiple trays of various breakfast foods, juices and coffee.

Robert Henderson served as Master of Ceremonies. He welcomed the audience and presented Faragi with a bouquet of flowers.

Friends and coworkers who stood up to make presentations were Joe Faloretti, Dave Schafer, Kevin McKelvey, Scott Acone and Zina Casulo-Henderson. The District's newest retiree received many gifts from members of the audience to include a minuteman statue, a picture of the Cape Cod Canal Railroad Bridge at sunset, a collage of pictures of the Murphy Federal Center in Waltham, Mass., and the present headquarters in Concord, Mass., as well as a gift certificate.

Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander, did the official honors of presenting Faragi with her retirement certificate and pin. The colonel also presented Faragi with a

Commander's coin.

Faragi spent her entire federal career with the Corps in New England, starting in Contracting Division. From there she moved to Human Resources until the office moved to CRREL. Faragi made her final move to Resource Management in 2004 and stayed there until

her retirement.

Distinguished Civilian Gallery members Ralph Mallardo, Jim Wong and Fran Donovan attended the breakfast.

Other retirees who wished Faragi well during the event were Bob Hanacek, Rick Casano, Nick Forbes and Farrell McMillan.



Col. Charles Samaris presents Brenda Faragi with her retirement certificate.

Dredging up the past



Photo by Brian Murphy

Janet Brayden, Logistics, and Jerry Nunziato, Security, collect toy donations for the U.S. Marine Toys for Tots program in this Dec. 15, 2005 photo. Nunziato and Brayden, who ran the toy drive on behalf of the Work Environment Committee collected 141 toys for the Marines who distributed them to those in need.

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