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# Yankee Voices



Col. Samaris with SAME representatives and students from Pierce Middle School. Photo by Katherine Touafek

## District Commander visits school to get kids excited about Engineering

### Watch for Motorcyclists

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than two-thirds of car-motorcycle crashes are caused by drivers, not motorcyclists. It urges drivers to exert extra caution when driving near motorcycles and to follow these safety tips:

- Don't share a lane (side to side) with a motorcycle. Regard it as a full-sized vehicle entitled to its own lane.

- Follow the two-second rule when traveling behind a motorcycle. Pick a stationary object, say a road sign, and watch the motorcycle pass it, while counting 1001 and 1002. If your vehicle has also passed that sign before you're finished counting, slow down.

- Wet leaves and other trash that may pose little hazard to a car or truck can be dangerous to a motorcyclist. Scan the road ahead for debris and give the motorcyclist extra room to swerve around it.

*(Ideas Unlimited)*

Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander, traveled to the Pierce Middle School in Milton, Mass., to get students there excited about the engineering field, May 30.



Photo by Kathleen Samaris

Col. Charles Samaris takes questions from students at the Pierce Middle School.

Col. Samaris joined two repre-

sentatives from the Society of American Military Engineers for the event that was sponsored by the School to Careers Partnership from Canton, Mass. About 75 students listened to Col. Samaris talk about his days as a young man doing architect work in his father's office. The New England District Commander asked the children if they liked to build things and to name all the different types of engineers they knew. He told the children that if they wanted to be engineers, hard work and dedication pays off. "You don't have to be a straight A student to be an engineer," he said. "Just work hard."

The colonel spoke to the children and answered questions for about 15 minutes. He said it was important to reach out to children and get them excited about engineering. "We don't have enough young people going into the hard sciences," he said. "I support the STEM program. It's important because 50 years from now we won't be able to compete with other countries if we don't."

Col. Samaris said if he could give children any advice, he would say, "Be your own person. Figure out what you want to do, do it and find a good mentor. That's what our nation needs. We need strong people who think for themselves."

In the past, Col. Samaris has participated in events that focus on leadership and engineering for young people. These include Boy Scout Awards ceremonies, Reading with a Hero, SAME Robotics demonstrations and New England District's own introduction to Science and Engineering Program, "Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day."



# Commander's Corner:

## Professionals - Called to Serve the People of New England and the Nation!

by Col. Charles P. Samaris  
District Commander



*"Your profession is not what brings home your weekly paycheck, your profession is what you're put here on earth to do, with such passion and such intensity that it becomes spiritual in calling."*

— Vincent van Gogh

New England Team,

Up front, please allow me to say: **THANK YOU ALL FOR**

**YOUR COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO OUR GREAT NATION!** The contributions you make – daily – have a positive, significant impact on the citizens and communities of New England, the Nation...and in some cases, the World.

As such, the US Army Corps of Engineers (and the New England District) is known for its professional expertise across a broad spectrum of disciplines. Dam and levee safety, groundwater modeling, hydraulic steel structure design – these are just a few of the many USACE key functions for which our professionals provide regional and nation expertise.

A very key term in the previous paragraph is PROFESSIONAL. Being a professional (or a profession) is a big deal, and a huge responsibility that falls upon the shoulders of the profession/discipline at-large, the professional organization, and – most importantly – the individual – the professional. According to Webster's, a profession is: a calling requiring specialized knowledge and often long and intensive preparation including instruction in skills and methods as well as the scientific, historical, or scholarly principles underlying such skills and methods, maintaining by force of organization

or concerted opinion high standards of achievement and conduct, and committing its members to continued study and to a kind of work which has for its prime purpose the rendering of a public service.

Simplified further, the six primary attributes of a profession are: expertise, education, ethics, standards, autonomy, and service. Fulfilling these attributes is a pretty tall order. To do so with any degree of success requires lots of work, effort, passion, and teamwork. Professionals build cohesive individual and team relationships to effectively grow, learn, improve, adapt, adhere to and enforce high standards, and self-police. And, they do all this with a single purist motive – service above self. No, it's not easy...but it's certainly a worthy cause.

So, as we navigate the fourth quarter surge and close-out, sequestration, project challenges, and unanticipated obstacles, limitations, and constraints...take a moment to step back, pull out of the trench, and remember that our professional service to New England and the Nation is a worthy cause. A very worthy cause!

In this issue of YANKEE ENGINEER, you'll read about some great, great people – professionals all. Their total positive impact is quite likely immeasurable, and simply serves to highlight the incredible impact that the entire team – all of you – make every...single...day. Thank you!

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*"Professionalism: It's NOT the job you DO, It's HOW you DO the job."*

- Anonymous

*"Pros are people who do jobs well even when they don't feel like it."*

- Anonymous

## District employees establish private furlough support fund

The New England District Team has the amazing reputation of coming to the aid of people when needed. Now, when some of the New England District team are facing financial hardship, their team members are banding together to try to help.

A financial corporation has been established by some members of the New England District Team to help provide some monetary relief to employees who are facing the burden of the furlough. The New England District Family Fund, formed in July, is a non-profit, volunteer-run corpo-

ration that will collect donations from District volunteers and distribute those funds to those who have applied for assistance. The Army-wide furlough began July 8 and is expected to run through Sept. 30. According to the New England District Family Fund information, the average loss of salary will be about \$4,000 per employee.

"This corporation came about in response to the challenge of the furlough," said Steve Dunbar, Chair of the Family Fund. "All New England District employees, and

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# PATHWAYS

FOR STUDENTS & RECENT GRADUATES FOR FEDERAL CAREERS

## *Making My Path*

by **Jess Levenson**

**Public Affairs Intern**

I have a passion to make a difference, and recent events such as Hurricane Sandy and the Boston Marathon bombing confirm the unexpected, that catastrophe can strike at any moment. As a result, my spirit to make a difference has evolved into something tangible, focused and career oriented; to communicate how we as a nation provide opportunity and assistance to those who desire it, and, for me, to be part of an organization that engages honestly in open and fair processes to find solutions.

For me, the first steps on my path begin with a simple question; will I be a careerist or a professional? A careerist does what is required of him. A professional has a passion for the work, and their job is a personal investment they want to grow. My experiences this past year were the beginning of my becoming a professional.

Upon graduating high school, I was aimless and my goals were unfocused. Although my high school guidance counselor consistently gave well-intentioned advice, the consequences of my decisions were, and are, mine and mine alone. While my preference was a university academic environment, my family was focused on my attendance at the regimented Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA), pursuing studies in Emergency Management and Maritime Sciences. I did not speak up, though. I let everyone entertain the idea of MMA for so long that before I knew it I was actually there, and, for better or worse, I was a first-year cadet.

It was time to move on after one semester at MMA: time to embrace my goals, my passions and my choices. I weighed the pros and cons and concluded that the University of Massachusetts Amherst was the best fit for me. I took responsibility for my future.

Today I am a freshman at UMass majoring in communication. And today, after a few years as a student part-time employee, I am a Pathways Communication and Public Affairs Intern with the Army Corps of Engineers in New England working with a group of professionals.

Individual growth is necessary for my transition from academia to industry. My experience in the Army Corps

prior to Pathways delivered general background for professionalism and daily work habits. Pathways is a learning process, helping to acquire the skills and know-how I need to succeed, and the comprehension required to know when and how to use those tools. Pathways is also a structured process. I have learned how to prepare my work, create goals and finish checkpoints. I can also go to my mentor and co-workers for advice and co-operative help.

The goals of Pathways are to offer clear paths to federal internships for students and to careers for recent graduates, and provide meaningful training and career development opportunities for people at the beginning of their Federal service.

Pathways is an immersive program: a real, practical, hands-on experience in a professional environment. I witness and experience how meetings are conducted, how messages are created for audiences, how messages are relayed between departments, how presentations are made, and how the hierarchy in an organization works. I am establishing my labor as a part of my identity. Just the name Pathways encourages me to be responsible, hard-working, curious, and to keep on the right path.

I participate in a formalized training program involving planned work experience and related study as a Pathways communication intern. I assist experienced Public Affairs personnel in core communication and public relations tasks by completing functional assignments and participation in web-based and social media metrics research and information collection. I engage in processes that lead to my understanding of the methods, procedures and techniques of public affairs and the impact of communication on the public's understanding of government programs.

Pathways Internships are open to current students in an accredited high school, college (including 4-year colleges/universities, community colleges, and junior colleges); professional, technical, vocational, and trade school; advanced degree programs; or other qualifying educational institution pursuing a qualifying degree or certificate. The Internship must be related to the Intern's academic career goals or field of study. More information on Pathways is available at USAJOBS ([www.usajobs.gov/studentsandgrads](http://www.usajobs.gov/studentsandgrads)).



## Real Estate team successfully leases facility for National Guard

The New England District recently completed the terms of a lease for the Connecticut National Guard's Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group (TASMG) at the Groton-New London Airport.

The leased facility provides the TASMG with some much needed space to keep up with the surge of customers requiring helicopter maintenance.

The lease was made a high priority by the District's Real Estate Division because TASMG converted to a new aviation classification, growing to an authorized strength of 417 personnel. The new facility was needed as soon as possible to accommodate the additional personnel and aircraft.

The Guard's requirements had to be captured in the Solicitation for Offers, according to Davi. After the Solicitation for Offers was issued,

the team reached an agreement with Richard Polidori, owner and CEO of Lanmar Aviation, Inc., on the square footage and dollar amount of the lease. "Lanmar's attorney coordinated with the state of Connecticut for permission for



Lanmar to enter into the lease with the government," said Davi.

The newly-leased facility consists of 14,455 gross square feet of mixed use space that includes hangar space and bench space. There is also space for a tool room, parts room, office,

reception and administrative space.

Joe Redlinger, Maureen Davi, Molly McCabe and Jeff Teller of New England District's Real Estate Division and Julie D 'Esposito, Office of Counsel, teamed up with Maj. Dawn Works-Dennis of the TASMG to negotiate with the Connecticut Airport Authority and Polidori for a lease with four yearly options to renew.

The TASMG moved into their new facility on June 1.

"This is part of a larger program for the National Guard and putting this one action together would affect the Guard's mission nationwide," said Davi. "The facility on the Groton-New London Airport is one of only four such facilities in the National Guard and will support the total Army Aviation Community as well as other DoD components."

## Furlough support fund established

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those Department of the Army employees who support the District and are located at Concord Park, such as ACE-IT and Human Resources, may be considered for assistance."

Donations by District Team members are completely voluntary. There are several ways donations can be collected from those who wish to participate: cash or check deposit to Hanscom Federal Credit Union (HFCU); account transfer through HFCU; bi-weekly allotment setup through MyPay and credit card payment through PayPal.

The fund concedes in its Charter that the impact of the furlough to those affected cannot be completely mitigated. However, with the help of the District Team, the fund will try

to ease some of the financial impact.

Eligible employees affected by the furlough may receive assistance by submitting a one-page application. Approximately five days after receipt of the application, the fund's board of directors will send a status e-mail to the employee.

According to Dunbar, the fund hopes to distribute funds the last week of each month, with the first going out at the end of July. Information on the New England District Family Fund, business rules for collection and distribution of donations, and an application for assistance are available on the table outside the Credit Union or in the café in Concord Park.

Additional questions may be emailed to [cenaefamilyfund@gmail.com](mailto:cenaefamilyfund@gmail.com).

"When the furlough first became a reality, many employees were in favor of a District-wide furlough to share the financial burden. The New England District Family Fund is just another way for all of us to share that burden and to show that we stand together," said Dunbar. "Losing 11 full days of pay can be a significant impact on a family budget. Those who have been furloughed and need the support should not hesitate to fill out the application, and those who have not been furloughed should consider donating what they can. All donations are appreciated."

The New England District Family Fund Board of Directors are: Stephen Dunbar (Chair), Christine Johnson-Battista, Peter Hugh, Sheila Harvey and Janet Harrington.



Hungry employees gather in the courtyard for a barbecue lunch.



Ruth Ladd prepares to paint a child's face during the picnic.

Photos by Dialo Ferguson



Bean bag toss was one of many games available to play.



Volleyball has always been a District favorite.



The Concord Fire Department were special guests.

## *Picnic, games highlight District's Founder's Day celebration*

New England District team members took a break from their projects for one day to celebrate the founding of the Corps of Engineers – and each other – during the annual Founder's Day picnic, June 21 at Concord Park.

After the official ceremony that highlighted accomplishments and service, the New England District Team enjoyed an afternoon of great food, drink and company.

Regulatory Division and the Work Environment Committee teamed up to sponsor this year's Founder's Day picnic and activities. They kicked the day off by offering free breakfast in the morning. After the awards ceremony, family-friendly flicks played all day for movie buffs and for those who wanted a dark, cool oasis from the searing heat.

For a small fee, about 210 Founder's Day celebrants enjoyed a catered

southern barbecue lunch. The offerings included beef brisket, chicken, baked beans, candied yams, grilled veggies, mac and cheese, collard greens and coleslaw. Cake and watermelon made a sweet ending to a delicious meal.

For those who wanted to wash their meal down with a nice cold beverage, Lt. Col. Steven Howell, Deputy Commander, had collectable labeled bottles on sale (the special beverage inside was free) to help subsidize future District events. The WE Committee and Regulatory held events, such as morning coffee and bagels, throughout the year to help defray some of the costs of Founder's Day.

There were an abundance of activities to keep participants busy throughout the afternoon. For the kiddies, the Founder's Day Committee held an egg hunt for little ones and a scavenger

hunt for older children. Other activities included a balloon bust, "My Aunt Came Back," interactive song activity, sponge toss, bubbles, water toys and coloring books. Squeals of joy could be heard emanating from the bouncy house, and long lines formed for cool, yummy treats at the ice cream truck. The Concord Fire Department joined in the festivities, much to the delight of young and old.

The adults had their own organized amusements that included frisbee, golf/ladder toss, corn hole, badminton, and the annual horseshoe tournament. Music from the courtyard had many a head bobbing throughout the day.

Some of the retirees seen out and about the picnic were Eileen Hughes, Bob Hanacek, Greg Buteau, Joe Bocchino, Susan Mehigan, Bill Mullen, Amal Gurguis and Mike Curran.



## Paul Marinelli named member of the Distinguished Civilian Gallery

The New England District Team added one more "legend" to its Gallery of Distinguished Civilians during the official Founder's Day Awards Ceremony, June 21 at Concord Park.

Paul Marinelli, retired Chief of Reservoir Control, received this year's honor. Bill Scully, Deputy District Engineer for Program and Project Management, oversaw the induction and the unveiling of Marinelli's picture, which will hang in the Building 100 hallway.

Marinelli, who was accompanied to the ceremony with wife, Kathy, daughter, Colleen, and new grandson, Jagger, thanked his co-workers for nominating him. "I humbly accept this honored induction and will always cherish working alongside each and every one of you," he said.

The latest gallery member's nomination passed through a special committee that had a stringent review process before he was accepted for the honor.

According to the nomination, Marinelli accepted the position of Chief, Reservoir Control Center – now the Reservoir Regulation Section – in 1991. In this position he was responsible for



Kathy and Paul Marinelli with their daughter, Colleen and grandson, Jagger.

coordinating the regulation of 31 reservoirs in New England District's five river basins. "He supervised four Hydraulic Engineers and led the execution of all functions of the section, including overseeing real-time hydrologic data collection, river modeling and producing detailed manuals to guide the operation of reservoirs and hurricane barriers," said Scully as he read the citation.

During his distinguished 33 year career, some of his extraordinary accomplishments included the District's real-time data management, use of web-based information, and progressive implementation of water control technologies became the model for all water management across the Corps of Engineers. "Mr. Marinelli is considered a technical expert on dam operations and flow management, and well respected in the Corps," said Scully.

Marinelli is a registered Professional Engineer. His numerous honors throughout his prestigious career include performance awards, letters of commendation and the Superior Civilian Service Award. He retired from the New England District in September 2011.

"This is quite an honor and is not a sole reflection on me and my career, but on every employee in the District," said Marinelli. "A career with the New England District is and always will be a team and District effort and I proudly consider my induction as a tribute to all of you."



Photos by Diallo Ferguson

Steve Simmer (from left), Greg Hanlon, Paul Marinelli, Stephen Kissock and Jack Keenan.

## District honors team during Founder's Day Official Ceremony

Marking 238 years of service to the nation is cause for celebration – and that's exactly what New England District Team members did June 21 at the Concord Park Headquarters.

The Team, both headquarters and field personnel, joined together with retirees and family members in the Concord Park cafeteria to kick off a day that celebrated team and individual accomplishments and milestones with an awards ceremony. "Two hundred and thirty eight years ago no one thought the battle that would take place at Bunker Hill would within days inspire a new nation to accomplish great and wonderful things," said Larry Rosenberg, Chief, Public Affairs Office and Master of Ceremonies for the awards portion of the day. "Today, we serve as a part of a much larger public service organization that's 35,000 strong and we perform as a team to assure that the nation continues to receive the highest level of service that has always been

the hallmark of the Corps of Engineers."

The New England District takes great pride in the fact that the Corps of Engineers was founded in Massachusetts when Gen. George Washington named Col. Richard Gridley the first Chief of Engineers during the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 16, 1775. As is tradition, a brief history of that day is recited during the awards ceremony. Rosenberg concluded his remarks by doing so, and as is a secondary tradition, he put his own version of the ending which included adding the Deputy District Engineer for Program/Project Management Bill Scully to the story.

Lt. Col. Steven Howell, Deputy District Commander, followed Rosenberg with some funny dog stories and a touching story of meeting a fellow former 101<sup>st</sup> Soldier. He concluded by thanking the New England District Team for their service. "God Bless you, your family and your friends," he said.

Federal Women's Program Man-

ager Denise Kammerer-Cody followed Lt. Col. Howell and named Townsend Barker as the 2013 New England District Supervisor of the Year. (See story below.)

Kim Kaminski-Donaher and Santos Lara, Human Resources, distributed the length of service awards to team members who have served 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years.

Concluding the awards presentations and saving the best for last, Bill Scully named Paul Marinelli as the Distinguished Civilian Gallery inductee for 2013. (See story on page 7.)

Bob DeSista, Regulatory and co-chair with Greg Penta of this year's Founder's Day Committee, ended the awards portion of the Founder's Day celebration by kicking off the picnic and activities part by going over the day's events. Regulatory and the Work Environment Committee sponsored the picnic and activities for Founder's Day 2013.

## Townsend Barker named 2013 Supervisor of the Year

Townsend Barker, Chief, Water Management Section of Engineering/Planning Division, is the 2013 Supervisor of the Year at the New England District. Denise Kammerer-Cody, Federal Women's Program Manager, made the announcement and presented Barker with a certificate during the Founder's Day Awards Ceremonies held in the Concord Park Cafeteria, June 21.

"During the period of June 2012 to present, Mr. Barker has continued to support and develop his staff by his demonstrated commitment to providing opportunities for professional development and growth," said Kammerer-Cody reading from the citation. "Townsend has consistently advocated the use of the flexi-place work program in order to make it less demanding for his staff to successfully balance personal and professional

responsibilities."

Barker was also praised in his nomination for understanding the technical strengths of his team and, according to the citation, is especially good at giving assignments that are challenging without being overwhelming. "He pushes his staff to do new things and holds them to high standards," read Kammerer-Cody. "Townsend is a subject matter expert on all things related to hydrology and hydraulic engineering. He

has created a mentoring atmosphere through his willingness to share his knowledge, always answer questions or give advice on how to approach a task. He supports the training goals of his staff and strives to provide everyone with a variety of projects."

The Federal Women's Program Supervisor of the Year Award is an annual, non-monetary honor. Barker's leadership method met a stringent set of requirements that made him eligible for the award. Some of those requirements include hiring and assisting to professionally develop qualified women, minorities or individuals with disabilities; encourage and support developmental assignment and educational opportunities for the before mentioned groups and endorse programs and/or work alternatives for employees to manage careers and personal priorities.



Photos by Diallo Ferguson

Denise Kammerer-Cody presents Townsend Barker with the 2013 Supervisor of the Year certificate.



## District observes Asian American/Pacific Islander Month

Mr. Ashish Cowlagi, worldwide offering leader for IBM's software division and Vice President for the India Society of Worcester (IWS), visited the New England District to serve as the keynote speaker for the District's Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Program. The event took place in the Concord Park Theatre, May 23.

According to the U.S. Army's website, this year's theme, "Building Leadership: Embracing Cultural Values and Inclusion," acknowledges all that the U.S. Army has gained from the Asian and Pacific Americans and communities and how the nation has been strengthened and enriched by embracing their cultural diversity.

Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander, welcomed the audience and talked about Asian American/Pacific Islander Month and gave some history of how the celebration came about. "The month of May is designated as a time to recognize, appreciate and celebrate all the contributions of our Asian and Pacific Islander Americans," he said. "Please take the opportunity this month to celebrate and learn more about the culture and history of Asian American and Pacific Islanders who have helped fulfill the promise of the American dream."



Col. Charles Samaris presents Ashish Cowlagi with the New England District Bunker Hill plaque.

Photo by Brian Murphy

During his presentation, Cowlagi told stories and experiences from several perspectives -- as a first generation Indian immigrant to the United States, as an executive with IBM and as a community organizer with IWS. Cowlagi discussed how diversity can drive innovation and client success. "Including and embracing diversity is not only a moral imperative, it is a mission imperative," he said.

At the end of his talk, Col. Samaris, assisted by Program Manager Kathleen Atwood, presented Cowlagi with a Bunker Hill plaque. The week of May 4, 1979 was designed as Asian/Pacific

American Heritage week. The celebration was extended for the entire month of May in 1990. IWS is a volunteer-run, non-sectarian, non-political, non-profit, organization that serves the Central Massachusetts Communities through a range of activities. Those include a parent-run cultural school teaching 150 students four different languages; an elder support group, a crisis intervention group to provide emergency and family assistance; and, in partnership with the Indian Medical Association of New England, a weekly free health clinic that provides much needed health care to the under served and uninsured.



### A Fine Day for Fishing

Recreation season is in full swing at New England District projects. Fishermen take in the beautiful views and sea breezes while they wait for a nibble on their rods. Fishing is only one of many recreational activities available to the public at the Cape Cod Canal in Bourne, Mass.

Photo by Kevin Burke

## New England District remembers Regulatory's Paul Howard

The New England District Team was saddened to learn that Paul Howard, a valued member of Regulatory Division, passed away May 1.

"In all the years Paul worked in Regulatory, he consistently demonstrated his intelligence, amiability, competence and honesty," wrote Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander, announcing Paul's passing to the New England District Team. "He lived a simple disciplined life, devoting himself to his God, family and his profession."

Paul joined the District team in 1992, entering Regulatory as a Civil Engineer and remaining there for his entire career. He handled many permit and compliance actions during his career, to include inspecting permits associated with high profile projects such as the Third Harbor Tunnel, also known locally as the "Big Dig."

Regulatory Division is a close-knit group; Paul's loss is felt significantly amongst them. Ruth Ladd remembered a training trip with Paul that had one very special moment. "I can remember back in 1992 when he, Mike Sheehan, Marty Abair, myself, and two other Regulatory staff went to a PROSPECT course on wetland delineation in Mobile, Alabama," she said. "Needless to say, much of the course was outside, it was JULY, the temperature hovered in the 90s and the humidity was very high. At the end of every field exercise, the group would gather to de-brief while feeling pretty miserable after digging holes and tromping through wetlands. Paul's birthday fell on one of those days so a couple of us snuck out the evening before and bought a giant chocolate chip cookie which we smuggled into the van. On Paul's birthday, the instructor called on Paul to explain something which got him up in front of everyone - and the whole group burst into, 'Happy



Paul Howard (from left), with Brian Valiton, Richard Roach and Charles Farris, at a recent District holiday party.

Photos by CJ Allen

Birthday to You!' Paul remembered that as one of his favorite birthday 'parties' of all time."

Paul held degrees in Mathematics and Philosophy from Boston College as well as a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering and a Masters in Environmental Engineering, both from Tufts University. He enjoyed sharing his vast knowledge of engineering, especially with children. During his career with the New Eng-

land District he was an enthusiastic participant in several "ZOOM into Engineering" events, serving as one of the District's representatives helping children with engineering activities at the Boston Museum of Science. He also represented the District during several Engineer Career Days in Boston, Mass., encouraging students to pursue a career in the field.

He was a member of many organizations over the years to include being a Diplomat of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers; American Society of Civil Engineers; Boston Society of Civil Engineers; the Water Environment Federation, New England Water Pollution Control Association; American Water Works Association; New England Water Works Association; American Public Health Association and the Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineering. "The New England District lost a strong teammate and close friend with Paul's passing," said Col. Samaris.

Paul is survived by his wife, Tais, son, John and his wife Mariana and grandchildren Julia and Luke Howard and brothers Rev. John Howard, Maj. Gen. Robert Howard and William Howard.



Paul Howard helping youngsters during a Zoom Into Engineering event at the Museum of Science in 2004.





Jane Heckler (second from left) with her friends Claudette LaBonte and Paul Sincero and her sister, Ann.

## Jane Heckler retires from the Cape Cod Canal

More than 80 family members, friends and co-workers made their way to the Brookside Club in Bourne, Mass., June 5, to celebrate the career of Cape Cod Canal Team member Jane Heckler, who made the decision to retire after 37 years of service.

Larry Davis, Cape Cod Canal Manager, served as Master of Ceremonies and made all the presentations. Heckler received many gifts from audience members to include a

fishing rod and reel, a Brookside Golf Club gift certificate, a stained glass picture of the Canal, a vintage ashtray and two framed photos – a canal bridge at sunset and an aerial picture of the Cape Cod Canal. Davis also presented Heckler with her retirement certificate and pin.

Jane Heckler began her career at the Cape Cod Canal in January 1978, after working for the Department of the Air Force. Prior to that, she served her country faithfully in the U.S. Air National Guard. During her distinguished career with the Corps of Engineers, Heckler received numerous performance and on-the-spot awards of excellence.

Heckler's sister, Ann, and brother-in-law Bob, as well as Heckler's best friends, John and Susan Ruth accompanied her to the lunch. Distinguished Civilian Gallery members Maurice Beaudoin, Frank Ciccone and Fran Donovan attended the event. Other retirees that came to wish Heckler well were Leon Cremonini, Fred Danhauser, Bob Roman, Bob Russeau, Frank Vilkas, Carl Boutilier, Greg Buteau, Bob Hanacek and Mike Curran.

Heckler plans on devoting much of her retirement pursuing her interests in fishing, quahogging, swimming and playing golf.



Jane Heckler receives her retirement certificate from Canal Manager Larry Davis.



# Dredging up the past



The late Gerry Rumbos (left), Ed O'Donnell and Paul O'Brien at the Founder's Day Awards ceremony in the theatre at the Murphy Federal Center in this circa 1984 photo. At the time the three men worked in the Survey Branch. Today, O'Brien is Chief of one of the District's Hydro crews. O'Donnell is the current Chief of the District's Navigation Section.

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