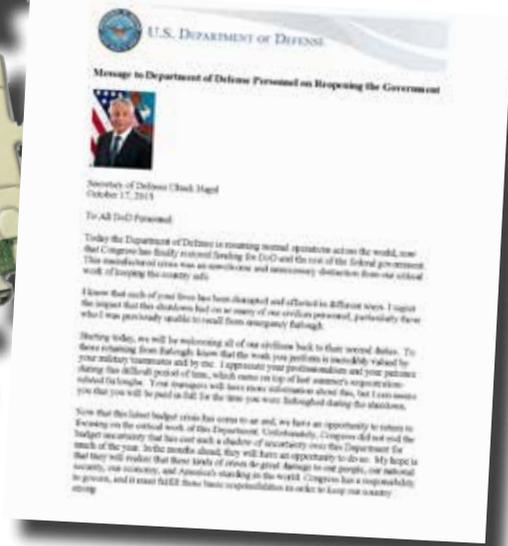




U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



YEAR IN REVIEW 2013



Fiscal Challenges: 2013 Government Shutdown

In the midst of the government shutdown, the vast majority of New England District employees were on the job doing what they do best; supporting the U.S. Army and the nation. While there was much uncertainty about what would happen, Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander, and his staff worked diligently to keep their team informed, and most importantly, on the job.

On Sept. 26, Col. Samaris issued the first of many Communications Check e-mails advising the New England District Team of a possible government shutdown and an overview of the available information.

On Sept. 30, with one day left in fiscal year 2013, Col. Samaris wrote another Communications Check and cautioned all team members to keep rumors and media reports in perspective and report to work on Oct. 1. He also directed the District's military-funded employees, CPAC (Human Resources) and the DA Interns to report to their supervisors for Army-directed closeout procedures. In accordance with Army directives, training and most travel was cancelled as was any participation in speaking and other events. Overtime was no longer authorized and limits were placed on all non-essential expenditures.

Col. Samaris' COMMO CHECK emails continued to inform a very anxious work-force and in multiple e-mails,

he explained that the District's ability to stay open is based on available Fiscal Year (FY) 13 carry-over Program/Project funds. "We continue to analyze available FY 13 carry-over to mitigate shutdown impacts on the District to the greatest extent possible," he said.

Secretary of the Defense Chuck Hagel was able to recall some DoD personnel under the permissions of the Pay Our Military Act signed by President Barack Obama on Sept. 30. Those recalled employees included New England District's CPAC Team and DA Interns. "We have tried to exempt as many DoD civilian personnel as possible from furlough," said Secretary Hagel. "We will continue to try to bring all civilian employees back to work as soon as possible."

On Oct. 15, the New England District temporarily closed its Regulatory office due to the absence of available federal funding, furloughing 40 team members. During that time the Regulatory office was unable to evaluate individual permit applications, pre-construction notifications for regional general permit authorizations, or requests for jurisdictional determinations.

Fortunately, the shutdown was short-lived and all furloughed federal employees returned to work on Oct. 17 after the Continuing Resolution passed both houses of Congress and was signed by the President.



Col. Charles Samaris (left) administers the Oath of Office to Maj. Charles Gray during Gray's promotion ceremony.

Photos by Brian Murphy

Change in Leadership: District bids farewell to Lt. Col. Howell and welcomes Maj. Gray

Maj. Charles Gray became the New England District Deputy Commander in July, immediately after his tour in Afghanistan as a member of a Security Force Assistance Team training Uniformed Police in Kandahar. Maj. Gray was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel during a ceremony held at the District, Dec. 5.

Gray replaced **Lt. Col. Steven Howell**, who departed the District for an assignment with the 3rd Army (ARCENT)

at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, S.C.

The new Deputy Commander is a graduate of the United States Military Academy of West Point and the University of Missouri at Rolla with a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Civil Engineering. In addition he completed the Engineer Basic and Advance courses, Command and General Staff College, Ranger School, Sapper School, Airborne School, Air Assault School and Jump Master School.



Executive Assistant Steve Andon (left) presents Lt. Col. Steven Howell with a parting gift during his goodbye celebration.



The Corps dredge "CURRITUCK" visited New England waters during the summer months to dredge several harbors.

USACE Photo

Project Highlights

Despite the numerous budgetary challenges facing the nation in 2013, the New England District Team had a very busy year starting new projects and completing others. The following is just a small sample of what the District Team accomplished this year:

Construction on the long awaited Phase I of the **Muddy River Restoration Project**, a flood and erosion mitigation project that aims to enhance the aquatic environment and improve the quality of the watershed began on Jan. 28. Major work during Phase I includes the installation of a 10-foot by 24-foot box culvert under the Riverway roadway, the installation of a 10-foot by 24-foot box culvert under the Brookline Avenue roadway, daylighting of the area between the Riverway and Brookline Avenue, and daylighting of the area between Brookline Avenue and Avenue Louis Pasteur. Daylighting is the

removal of a culvert and excavation of the area to return the waterway to a natural state.

The **Nacala Dam Rehabilitation**

Project in Mozambique, Africa was completed in June. Work on the \$26 million project included moving the existing National Road N12 off the



Siamac Vaghar at the Nacala Dam Construction site in Africa.

Photo by Patrick Blumeris.

embankment crest, to a new embankment downstream of the dam wall. After removing the national road from the dam crest, the crest width was narrowed by about 5.5 meters (18 feet). The dam embankment was then raised by 4 meters (13 feet) by making the slopes of the dam faces steeper (about 1:2) and minimizing the expansion in the footprint of the dam on the ground. The impervious dam core was also raised to within one meter of the crest level. The downstream face was widened by the addition of a gravel aggregate layer, and by the inclusion of a mid-slope berm. Internal sand filters were installed on the downstream side of the core, connecting to a gravel drain that will link into a surface drain running along the berm to allow for any seepage through the dam to be safely collected. A new toe drain was incorporated into the downstream face, which will connect



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

Photo provided by Navigation.

into seepage detection weirs at specified intervals so the dam's performance can be monitored.

Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander, and District

representatives attended a ribbon cutting ceremony in February to open **Hanscom Air Force Base's new Mental Health Clinic addition.** Work on the \$2.8 million project included the



Steve Umbrell (center) gives a briefing on the Muddy River Restoration project.

Photo by Robert Webb



Buildings are demolished as part of the remedial action plan for the Watertown GSA Formerly Used Defense Site.

Photo provided by Charter Environmental

design and construction of a single story 4,000-square-foot mental health clinic to an existing building. The addition will help provide quality mental health services for thousand of patients from all branches of service from a seven-state area.

John Winkelman represented the District on the **National Dive Team** that traveled more than 50,000 miles to execute six separate underwater and two survey missions as far away as Italy.

The District Team awarded a \$12,390,000 contract to paint the **Cape Cod Canal's Sagamore Bridge**. Work includes abrasive blast cleaning of the entire steel superstructure of the bridge to bare metal. The 1,408-foot-long bridge will then be repainted. Work began in March and is expected to be completed in August 2014.

Work on Phase 1 of repair and maintenance work on the south jetty of Newburyport Harbor, Mass., was com-

pleted April 15. The project included repairing approximately 600 feet of the 1,400-foot-long south jetty by placing about 12,000 tons of rock. Work on the \$2,588,414 Phase II of the project began on Dec. 19. The Phase II work consists of repairing portions of the Jetty that were damaged by **Tropical Storm Irene** and **Hurricane Sandy**. Approximately 12,000 additional tons of stone will be placed. The work also entails replacing displaced core and armor stone to fill in existing gaps in the jetty. The work requires substantial moving and rehandling of existing stones to obtain the required interlocking placement.

The Corps dredge **CURRITUCK** spent six weeks in New England waters between May and June dredging **Cuttyhunk Harbor, Green Harbor, Hyannis Harbor, Block Island Harbor of Refuge, Great Salt Pond** and the **Housatonic River** to remove the

most shoaled portions of the entrance channels.

The New England District's Real Estate Team completed the terms of a lease for the **Connecticut National Guard's Theatre Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group (TASMG)** at the Groton-New London Airport. The facility consists of 14,455 gross square feet of mixed use space that includes hangar and bench space. TASMG moved into the facility on June 1.

The New England District Team started construction for a replacement fuel hydrant system at **Westover Air Reserve Base** in Massachusetts. Work, which began in September, includes the fuel hydrant system to replace the current system which was put into place in 1990, constructing a pressurized hydrant fuel system with 14 hydrant outlets and two 210,000 gallon above ground fuel storage tanks. Work also includes modifying an existing

pumphouse and constructing truck fill stands, hydrant hose truck checkout and product recovery system; and modifying an existing transfer pipeline.

The \$24.4 million project will have all necessary pumps, valves, filters, control systems, fire protection, emergency generator and enclosure, utility and sewer connections, access pavements, fencing, security lighting, demolishing or decommissioning the existing hydrant system pumphouse underground tanks, pumping and associated facilities.

The renovation and expansion of the Community Based Outpatient Clinic at the **Veteran's Administration Hospital in New Bedford, Mass.**, began in September and will take about a year to complete.

Work on this \$3,490 project in-

cludes the construction of a contiguous 2,000-square-foot addition to the existing building and the renovation of approximately 5,400 square feet of the existing outpatient clinic. The building addition will contain additional accessible office/exam rooms, a physical therapy suite, restrooms and common areas. The renovation will include adding a vestibule to and improving the existing reception area and making site improvements to better accommodate patients and staff.

Maintenance dredging and rock removal at **Portland Harbor** in Portland, Maine, started in November and should take about three months to complete. Work on this \$9,231,250 contract consists of mechanically dredging about 700,000 cubic yards of sediment and removing fine rock pinnacles totaling

about 1,500 cubic yards by either drilling or blasting.

The **Fox Point Hurricane Barrier** Pump Station roof was repaired under a \$433,970 contract in November. Work included demolishing, removing and properly disposing of the existing built up roof and installing a new membrane roof on the Hurricane Barrier's pump station building.

A \$1,307,382 contract to rehabilitate and restore the stop gates on Pump number 3 was also awarded. Work on this project is projected to be completed in summer 2014.

Debris and tree removal at the **Westville and East Brimfield Lakes** project in Sturbridge and Southbridge, Mass., will be completed under a \$239,490 contract. The work includes clearing and removing downed, broken and bent trees, stump grinding and removing trees, broken and dead branches. The debris was the result of the June 2011 tornado that struck the area. Work began on Nov. 8 and is scheduled to be completed in late January 2014.

The New England District Team awarded a \$552,650 contract to dredge about 20,000 cubic yards of sandy material from the 6-foot and 7-foot channels in **Buttermilk Bay** in Bourne, Mass. The project was last dredged in 1984.

The **Sakonnet Harbor Breakwater** in Little Compton, R.I., is set to be repaired in early 2014. The \$594,500 contract that was awarded Dec. 10 involves 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 New England District team also awarded a \$1,698,134 contract to dredge about 114,300 cubic yards of sediment, out of the Scarborough River in Scarborough, Maine.



Facade work at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Bedford, Mass.

Photo by Jennifer Flanagan



Students from Tantasqua Regional High School install the 360 degree photo post along the Grand Trunk Trail.

Photo by Tom Chamberland



National Safe Boating Week at the Cape Cod Canal.

Photo by Kevin Burke



Junior Rangers Week

Photo by Kevin Burke

Activities in the field

New England District's Field Offices and personnel are busy year-round and 2013 was no exception. The following is just a sample of what occurred in the field during the year.

The **Stamford Hurricane Barrier** turned 50 years old. Col. Charles Samaris, New England District commander, joined New Bedford, Mass., Mayor Jonathan Mitchell, Fairhaven, Mass., Board of Selectman Chair, Dr. Brian Bowcock and others in commemorating the event that was celebrated at the Barrier in December 2012.

In an effort to make getting information on the status of the bridge work,

the Cape Cod Canal team updated the bridge alerts page. The new page can be found at www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/CapeCodCanal/BridgeAlerts.aspx.

Celebrating Earth Day, a day which inspired people around the globe to be more environmentally friendly, is a time-honored tradition at New England District projects. Events this year were held at **Thomaston Dam, East Brimfield Lake and Westville Lake**.

Work volunteers performed ranged from clearing debris, raking, clearing and spreading gravel to completing trails, installing sign posts and picking

up litter.

New England District team members and partners hosted a grand opening of the **Brimfield Section of the Grand Trunk and Mill Brook water trails** on June 1. There are now over seven miles of relatively flat rail trail open for the public to use and enjoy.

In an effort to emphasize water safety, the **Cape Cod Canal Team** held its annual water safety day at the end of May. Despite the unusually cold weather, wind and rain, about 100 people attended the event. The Canal Team partnered with the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Coast Guard



Park Ranger Viola Bramel with two participants at the West Hill Dam's Lewis and Clark Campfire presentation.

Photo by Kevin Burke

Auxiliary, the Cape Cod Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Sandwich Fire and Rescue Department and the Sea Scouts.

The **Cape Cod Canal Marine Traffic Controllers, Boat Operators and crew and Park Rangers** responded to 583 calls for assistance from boaters experiencing problems in the Canal. Rapid responses to these calls for help continue to make the Cape Cod Canal one of the safest waterways in the United States.

Cape Cod Canal team members also hosted their wildly popular Junior Rangers Week in July. Thirty children – some first year and some second year students – attended this event.

Twenty of the first year children that completed the program received Junior Ranger certificates. Ten second year students completed that program and

received nature logs.

The **East Brimfield Team**, in partnership with the environmental science class at Tantasqua Regional High School, allowed the placement of a 360-degree environmental awareness photo post along the Grand Trunk Trail in Brimfield, Mass. The post was set up to record the trail's vegetative recovery from the June 2010 tornado and to provide a learning experience to participating students.

West Hill Dam team members held a Lewis and Clark Campfire event in late August. Nearly 50 people attended the two-hour travel back in time to learn about the adventures of Capt. Meriweather Lewis and Lt. William Clark who embarked on a two-year trek across the western portion of the U.S.

Several New England District projects conducted visitors surveys in the

spring and summer months as part of a nationwide effort to provide baseline information for budgeting and planning purposes. The voluntary survey, asking participants about their length of stay and overall experience took place at **Townshend Lake and Ball Mountain Dam at Winhall Brook Campground.**

Held over the last two weekends in September, several New England District projects hosted **National Public Lands Day** events. Buffumville Lake, Hodges Village, Westville Lake, East Brimfield Lake and West Hill Dam in Massachusetts, and Black Rock Lake in Connecticut, all celebrated with various clean up assignments for volunteers to perform.

Nearly 400 volunteers came out and participated in the clean up and improvement projects, saving the government thousands of dollars in labor.

Regulatory Activities

For a short time during the Government Shutdown, the District closed its Regulatory Office due to the absence of available federal funding. The Regulatory Office was unable to evaluate individual permit applications, pre-construction notifications for regional general permit authorizations, or requests for jurisdictional determinations during that time. The office was temporarily closed on Oct. 15 and the 40 furloughed employees returned to work on Oct. 17.

The Blizzard of 2013 (Nemo) caused wind damage, flooding and coastal storm damage to residents, businesses and communities in New England last February. In its aftermath, the Regulatory team provided information and procedures for winter storm damage repairs. The District has federal jurisdiction over activities that include dredging or construction in or over navigable waters of the U.S., certain excavation activities and the placement of dredged or fill materials into U.S. waters.

The Regulatory Team released the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's South Coast Rail proposal to establish commuter passenger rail service between Boston and the cities of New Bedford and Fall River, Mass. The FEIS is intended to provide the information needed for New England District to perform a public interest review for the Section 404 permit decision.

Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander, traveled with members of the Regulatory team to join the National Audobon Society's Vice

President and Audobon Connecticut's Director of Bird Conservation at the Connecticut State House for the signing of the instrument (legal agreement) for a Connecticut in-lieu fee program. The program allows permittees to pay a fee instead of trying to mitigate themselves. It is the first of its kind in Connecticut.

Deepwater Wind Block Island, LLC

the Block Island Transmission System (BITS), a 34.5-kilovolt alternating current bi-directional submarine transmission cable from Block Island to the Rhode Island mainland.

The Regulatory team sought public comments on 25 projects which have applied for 2013 funding through Maine's In-Lieu Fee program, the Maine Natu-

ral Resources Conservation Program. The sponsor for the program is the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

The In-Lieu Fee program serves as an alternative form of compensation for impacts to aquatic resources authorized by the New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and/or the state

of Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

These projects were submitted in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued in July. The RFP includes the criteria used to evaluate projects, the information required for a proposal, and other related information.

Regulatory held an open house on Dec. 4 at the District's Concord Park headquarters to discuss the proposed New England General Permit (NE GP) that would authorize certain activities that require Department of Army permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, and Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act.

The proposed NE GP would replace the existing individual general permits in each of the six New England states. It would authorize activities in waters of the U.S. within the boundaries of and/

Regulatory Actions

Letter of Permission – 6

Regional General Permit – 2,848

Standard Permit – 82

No permit required – 143

Preapplication – 676

Permit Modification 349

Non-Compliance Action – 32

Unauthorized Activity/Alleged Violation – 116

and Deepwater Wind Block Island Transmission System, LLC are modifying their proposal in seeking a permit from the New England District to construct five wind turbine generators and do other work off the southeast coast of Block Island, R.I.

The Corps issued a public notice on Oct. 2, seeking public comment on the proposed Block Island Wind Farm and its associated cable called the Block Island Transmission System. Deepwater Wind Block Island, LLC proposes to construct and maintain the Block Island Wind Farm (BIWF), a 30-megawatt offshore wind farm located in Rhode Island waters.

The BIWF will consist of five 6-megawatt wind turbine generators (WTG), a submarine cable interconnecting the five WTGs, and a 34.5-kilovolt submarine transmission cable. Deepwater Wind Block Island Transmission System, LLC proposes to construct



Col. Charles Samaris signs the In lieu Fee Agreement for Connecticut with Sen. Richard Blumenthal as Barbara Newman of Regulatory watches.

Photo by Ruth Lack

or off the coasts of the six New England states (Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine), including activities occurring within the boundaries of Indian tribal lands that have no more than minimal adverse effects on the aquatic environment. The NE GP would be issued in accordance with Corps regulations 33 CFR 320-332.

The District sought public comments on 16 projects which have applied for funding through New Hampshire's In Lieu Fee program, the Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund. The sponsor for the program is the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. The In Lieu Fee program

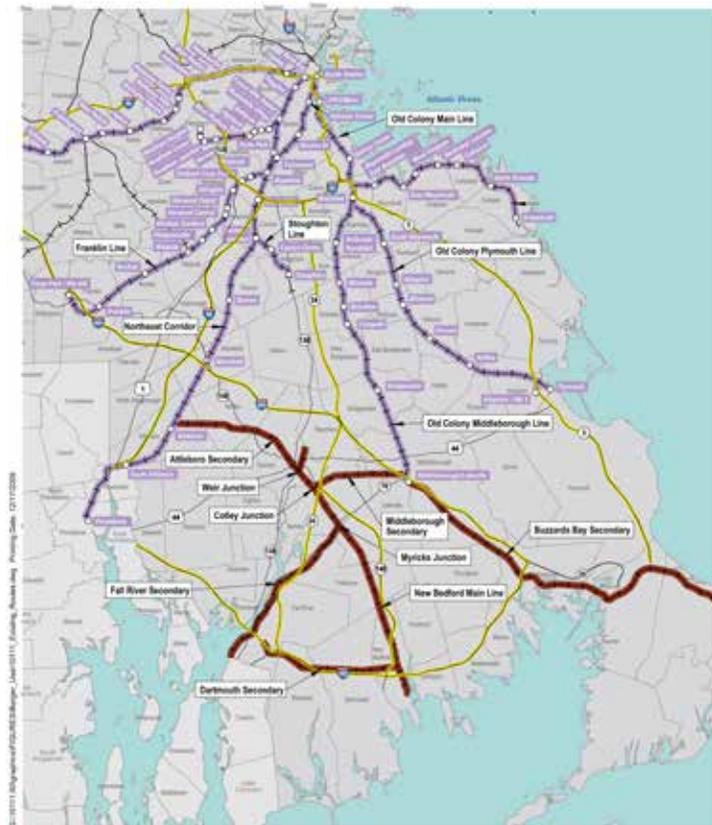


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Existing Regional Transportation System

Proposed South Coast Rail Line.

serves as an alternative form of compensation for impacts to aquatic resources authorized by the New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and/or the state of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). These projects were submitted in response to a Request for Pre-Proposals (RFPP) issued in March 2013.

The RFPP includes the criteria used to evaluate projects, the information required for a proposal, and other related information. DES and the Corps review the RFPPs and invite those meeting the criteria to submit a full application.



Photos by Brian Murphy

Jennifer Rockett explains how to dissect owl pellets during, "Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day."

Equal Employment Opportunity Special Emphasis Programs

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office (EEO) offered various e-mail links and PowerPoint presentations as well as speakers throughout the year that educated and entertained the New England District Team.

Kathy Loftus, Global Leader of Sustainable Engineering, Maintenance and Energy Management for Whole Foods Market, served as guest speaker for the **2013 Women's History Month** event. **The Federal Women's Program (FWP)** led by **Denise Kammerer-Cody**, co-hosted the celebration.

The FWP and the EEO collaborated to host the District's annual **Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work** event in various confer-

ence rooms throughout the District. Approximately 35 children ages 8-12 participated.

Mr. Ashish Cowlagi, worldwide offering leader for IBM's Software Divi-

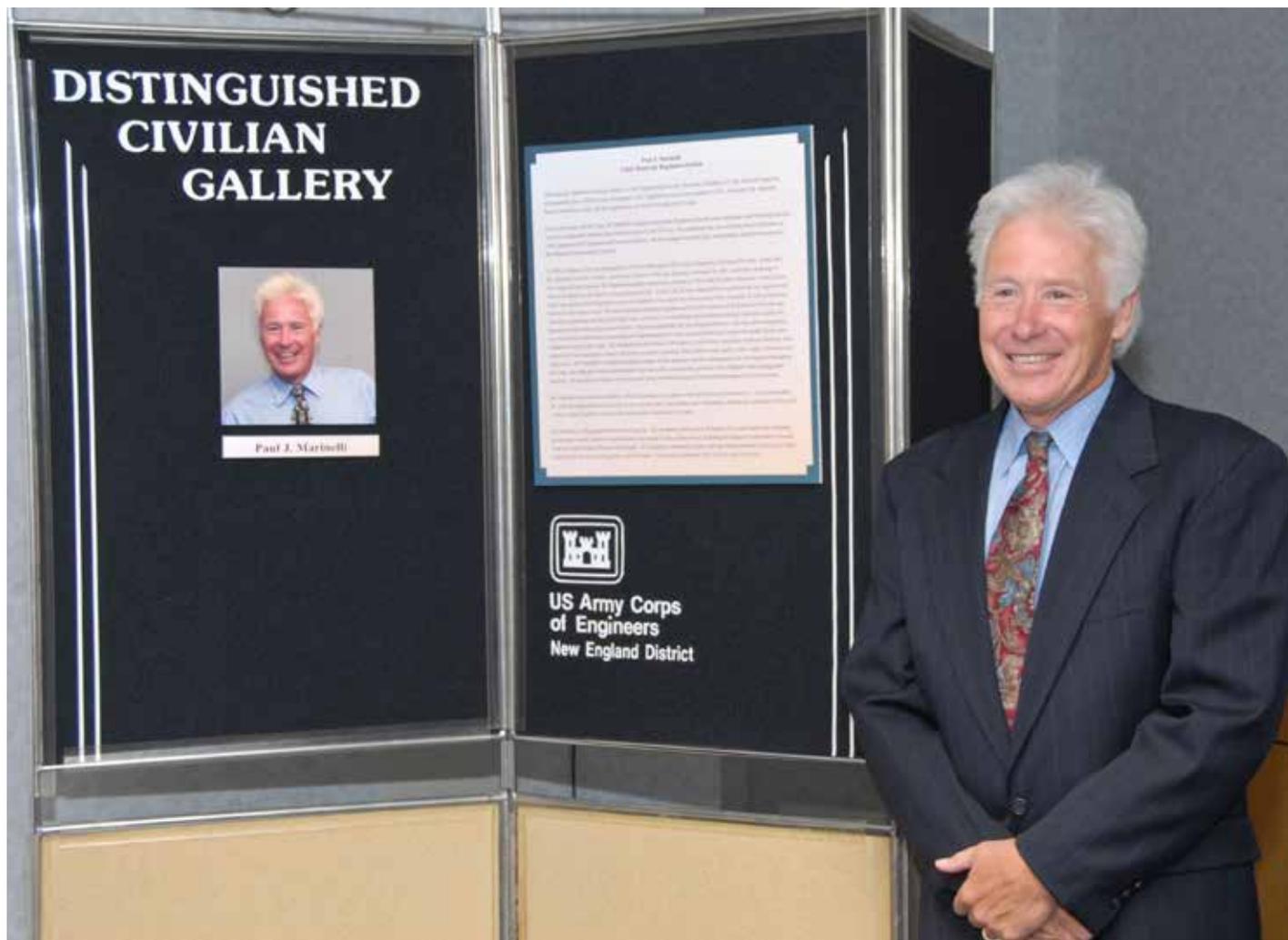
sion and Vice President for the India Society of Worcester, served as the keynote speaker for the District's **Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Program**.

Lynne McKinney Lydick, an actress from Worcester, Mass., portrayed 19th Century radical abolitionist and women's right's activist Abby Kelley Foster, in her one-woman presentation entitled, **"Yours for Humanity – Abby,"** for **Women's Equality Day**.

For the District's Celebration of **National American Indian Heritage Month**, EEO enlisted the services of Dr. James Woods to serve as keynote speaker for the event. Woods is a citizen of the Lumbee tribe of North Carolina and is director for the Institute for New England Native American Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.



Lynne McKinney Lydick portrays Abby Kelley Foster during Women's Equality Day.



Paul Marinelli was inducted into the Distinguished Civilian Gallery during the Founder's Day awards ceremony.

Photo by Brian Murphy

District Awards and Accomplishments

In 2013, many District challenges turned into successes and in some cases team and individual recognitions.

The Directors of the District's **Leadership Development Program (LDP)** held a ceremony for six graduates of its two-year program, Jan. 23. The graduates were **Casey Haskell, Karen Hoey, Andrew Jordan, Daniel Lapolla, Natalie McCormack** and **Matthew Tessier**. LDP members who completed the first of the two year program were **Michael Adams, John Almeida, Patricia Bolton, Christine Johnson-Battista, Jason Paolino, Jennifer Samela, Stephen Umbrell** and **Jeffrey Teller**. Team members who were selected to enter the first year of the program were **Wendy Gendron, Michael Bachand, William DeSamarais, Rachel Whit-**

ermore, Alan Anacheka-Naseman, Amelia Bourne, Kristine Blanchette and **Joshua Levesque**.

District teams and individuals received awards and accolades throughout the year. The District's Risk Management Cadre team members received a plaque of appreciation for helping build a national reputation of being a go-to risk cadre to support **National Dam Safety Program** activities managed by the Risk Management Center. Team members who received the plaque were **Anastasia Papadopoulou, Thomas Davidson, Silas Sanderson, Erik Matthews, Jason Paolino, Michael Boiardi, Leanna Martin** and **Casey Haskell**.

The District's Geology and Geotechnical Engineering Dam Site Char-

acterization Team received Bunker Hill plaques for its efforts in helping build a national reputation of being a foundation site characterization powerhouse, determined to be the best at what they do and bringing in new and creative ideas. The team consists of **Michael Bioardi, Thomas Davidson, Tracy Dorgan, Kristen Ridenhour, William Gray** and **P.J. Mion**.

The Groundwater Modeling Team was recognized for its exceptional work at the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR). Award recipients were **Michael Kulbresh, Kenneth Heim,** and **Christopher Kilbridge**.

Col. Charles Samaris, New England District Commander, handed out Commander's Coins to team members who deployed in support of NAD's Hurricane

Sandy clean up efforts. **Wendy Gendron, Leanna Martin, Dave Goodrich, Sheila Winston-Vincuilla, Heather Sullivan, Alex Garneau, Mike Keegan, Andrew Jordan, Christopher Caisse, Mike Sheehan, Steve Umbrell, Drew Cattano, Mark Anderson, Dara Gay, Kane Turmelle, Megan Cullen, Mark Walsh, Brett Markure, Steve Wolf, Steve Dunbar, Cora Bertrand, John Astley, William Pumyea, Andrew Stamer, James Doucakis, Erika Mark, John Murner, Terry Chase, Don Hassett, John Asseng, Grace Bowles, Randy Lecuyer and Marissa Wright** all received the coins.

Terry Negron received the Overseas Contingency Operations Award for critical legal support when she served overseas.

Jeff Teller received an Achievement Medal for Civilian Service and a Secretary of Defense Medal for exceptional meritorious service as project manager for the 3rd SBCT, 2nd Infantry Division, Task Force Arrowhead in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Teller also received a Non-Article 5 NATO Medal for his work in relation to the ISAF Operation from April 22, 2012 to April 27, 2013.

Maj. Stephen LaValle received the Army Commendation Medal for his work at the Hurricane Sandy Emergency

Operations Center in New Jersey.

Retiree **Paul Marinelli** was named New England District's **Distinguished Civilian Gallery** Inductee for 2013. The honor was announced during the Founder's Day Awards ceremony in June.

Also during the ceremony, **Townshend Barker** was named the Federal Women's Program Supervisor of the Year for 2013.

The New England District newsletter **YANKEE ENGINEER** received a silver award in the Content Marketing Awards, two APEX Awards, a Silver Magnum Opus Award and two Ragan Communications awards for journalistic excellence.

Karen Adams received the prestigious Government Civil Engineer Award from the Boston Society of Civil Engineers.

Alan Anacheka-Naseman received a NAD Commander's coin for his work in completing the South Coast Rail Environmental Impact Statement.

George Clafin and Silas Sander-son received Certificates of Appreciation from the Omaha District for their work during the 2011 Missouri River Flood.

Tim Maynard and Steve Dunbar received NAD certificates of appreciation for their work in support of the Hurricane Sandy Response.

Dunbar also received a Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement for the successful completion of the NAD fiscal year 2012 Executive Leadership Development Program.

Matt Tessier received a Certificate of Appreciation from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers headquarters for his prompt response to an inquiry on the Boston Harbor Deepening Project.

Ed O'Leary received a Department of the Army Commendation for his work as part of the FIR Project Delivery Team that worked on project implementation reports addressing damage sustained by Hurricanes Debby and Sandy.

Peter Hugh was awarded a Department of the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for his outstanding work at the New Bedford Superfund Site, GE Housatonic Superfund Site and Devens Base Realignment and Closure Site.

Kathleen Pendergast received a Department of the Army Achievement Medal for her role as legal counsel for the New Bedford Superfund Site project.

Elisa Carey received the Hiram M. Chittenden Award for Interpretive Excellence.

Gregory Lantz received the Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Award for his outstanding work while assigned to Network Enterprise in Fort Campbell, Ky.



Leadership Development Program graduates.

New Employees

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| Scott S. Bockus | Operations |
| David M. Dilks | Contracting |
| Adam Durando | Operations |
| Nicole Giles | Operations |
| Brian J. Hornbecker | Operations |
| Michelle Jackson | Engineering/Planning |
| Jessica Myers Kidd | Contracting |
| Andrew S. Labonte | Operations |
| Jeremiah D. Masey | Construction |
| Timothy Maynard | Operations |
| Alissa Miller | Engineering/Planning |
| Colin Monkiewicz | Operations |
| Thuyan Nguyen | Engineering/Planning |
| Frederick Pike | Construction |
| Stephen S. Potts | Engineering/Planning |
| Meghan C. L. Quinn | Engineering/Planning |
| Larry Sanders | Office of Counsel |
| Wendy Sylvia | Construction |
| Kirsten Traver | Real Estate |
| Elisabeth Wilson | Safety |

Employee Passing

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| Paul Howard | Regulatory |
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Retiree Passings

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| Joseph Hathaway | Dec. 15, 2012 |
| Leo Roberts | Jan. 23 |
| Roger Parker | Feb. 20 |
| David Stidham | March 24 |
| Don Shepardson | April 1 |
| Oscar Arpin | April 1 |
| James Dyer | April 1 |
| Joycee (Dignard) Boudreau | July 4 |
| Ray Francisco | Aug. 18 |
| Lt. Gen. (Ret) John W. Morris II, 44th Chief of Engineers | Aug. 21 |
| Donald Albert Warren, Sr. | Aug. 25 |
| Joanne Mercier | Sept. 3 |
| LTG Elvin R. (Vald) Heiberg III, 46th Chief of Engineers | Sept. 27 |

Deployments for 2013

Alghanistan

Megan Cullen
Susan Dunnagan
Jim Fielding*
Carl Niemitz
Karen Wolfe
Bob Zwahlen

Colorado Floods

Erika Mark

* Indicates multiple deployments

Retirements

Neil T. Beliveau
MaryEllen Crawford
Paul N. Duffy
Brenda E. Faragi
Jane Heckler
Ross Huntington
Stephen A. Johnston
Lauren M. Levesque
Raimo A. Liias
David Lubianez
Anthony T. Mackos
Robert Meader
Kenneth P. Paton
John F. Parker
Gary W. Pelton
Benjamin A. Piteo
Thomas J. Snow
Maruti Wagle
Roberta Williams



