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Survey Technician retires after nearly three decades

Tim Casey, Survey Technician, has joined the New England District's retirement community after 29 years of service.

An intimate celebration of his career, attended by 21 people, took place Aug. 31 at Concord Park. Jeff Preston, Survey Section Chief, hosted the official ceremony. Maj. Sonny Avichal, Deputy District Commander, presented Casey with a Commander's Award for Civilian Service for the many years he served his country and worked for the Corps. Maj. Avichal also presented Casey with his retirement certificate. In addition to his many years with the Corps of Engineers, Casey also served his country faithfully in the U.S. Navy.

Gifts that Casey received during his retirement celebration included a Corps mug, two Corps T-Shirts and a cash gift. Casey's wife Shirley and stepdaughter Jackie Simonis accompanied him to the event. Retirees Maureen Murray and Robert MacGovern joined Casey to welcome him into the retirement community.

New England District's Maine Project Office moves to new location in Augusta

by Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs

On Sept. 25, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Maine Project Office relocated to new office space located at 442 Civic Center Drive, Suite 350, in Augusta, Maine. The project office was previously located in Manchester.

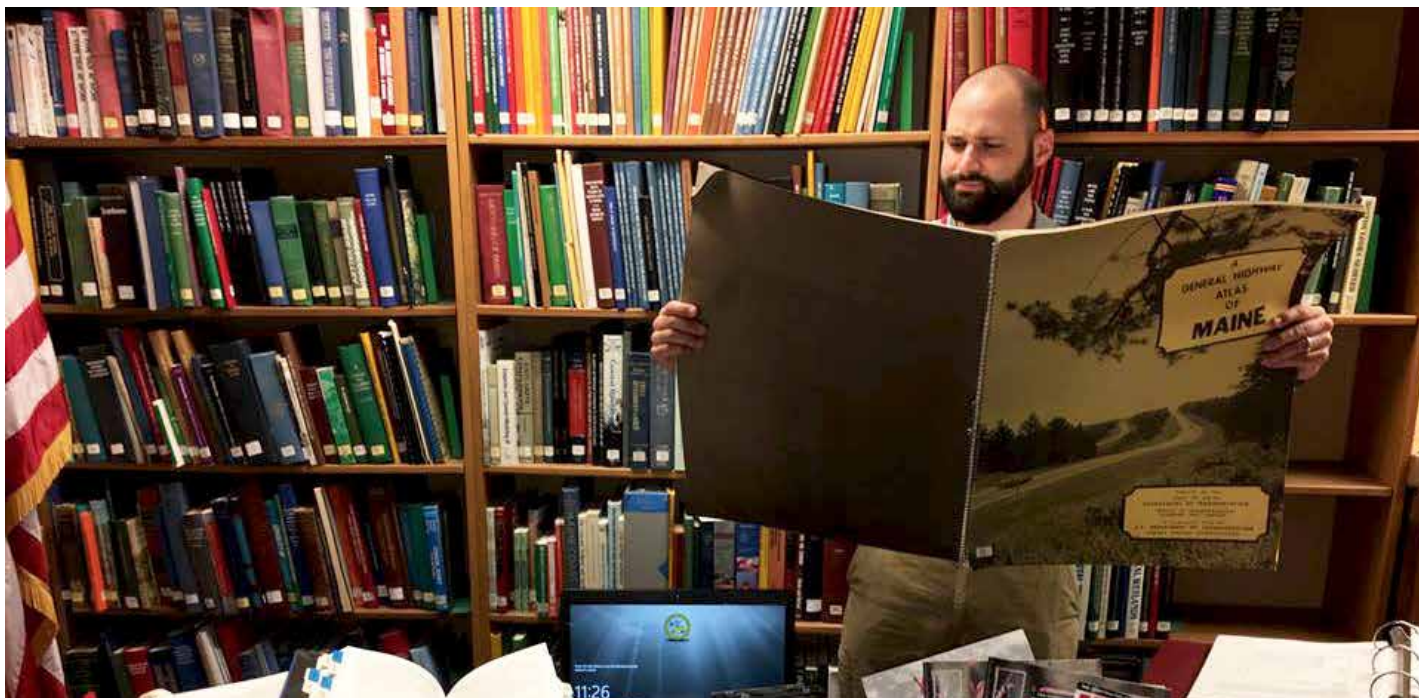
The Maine Project Office's primary mission is to administer the Corps of Engineers regulatory or permit program in the state of Maine. The Project Office routinely also acts as an initial point of contact for a variety of other Corps missions in Maine. The phone number remains unchanged (telephone: 207-623-8367).

The Maine Project Office handles applications for a federal permit filed with the Corps of Engineers in Maine in compliance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, which provides for federal regulation of any work in, or affecting navigable waters of the U.S.; Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which regulates the discharge or fill of material in U.S. waters, including wetlands; and Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act, which regulates the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposal in the ocean.

The New England District Regulatory Division has maintained a Project Office in Maine since 1984, but relocated to the new space at the direction of its higher headquarters North Atlantic Division.

The new location keeps the New England District Maine Regulatory team in close proximity to many of the lead state and federal resource agencies that it must coordinate within Augusta. The move was supported by a hard working district team from Real Estate, Logistics, Information Technology, Contracting and Regulatory.





Will Burgess pours over the massive amount of information he has been tasked to organize as the Knowledge Management Officer.

Knowledge Management: For Your Information

**Story and Photo by Jess Levenson
Public Affairs**

Will Burgess has the formidable task of guiding the New England District's information and business practices into the 21st Century.

As the District's Knowledge Management Officer, Burgess is responsible for streamlining the District's entire universe of information and developing workable policies and practices, otherwise known as Knowledge Management Initiatives (KMI's). "I help achieve solutions through a happy medium of people, technology and processes," he summarized. "The end result is information gets to the right people, at the right time, in the right way."

Dave Margolis, Engineering Branch Chief, collaborates with Burgess as a member of the KMI development working group. He believes the organization can improve its management of information. "People spend an inordinate amount of time tracking things down," Margolis assessed. "It's incredibly inefficient."

The oft-used shared drive system is the KMI development group's number one priority, as well as their toughest task. "The shared drive has issues with file-naming, file folders, file structures, and the interface, among other things," Margolis elaborated.

Other issues on the horizon include managing data from

many systems used by the District, such as CEFMS and P2, as well as administrative files like conference requests, overtime forms and timekeeper files. Big picture concerns include freeing up organizational stovepipes and absorbing experiential knowledge from the retiring workforce.

The project's timeline is to be determined, according to Burgess. In the interim, he is working to establish roles and responsibilities for the Knowledge Management process, as well as develop a training plan. "This project requires patience and cooperation," he acknowledged. "It all sounds good on paper, but its success boils down to personal discipline and habit-building."

Knowledge Management initiatives have succeeded for other Corps programs. "St. Louis District had a 'Clean-up Day' where they gave employees four hours to destroy all of their obsolete physical documents," said Burgess. "They literally threw away tons of paper."

Margolis added, "In FUDS [Formerly Used Defense Sites], we hired a contractor to digitize all our files and put our documents into a national file structure. It became easier to find things and deal with version control."

"Knowledge Management is not a solution," Burgess cautioned. "There's no end-all, be-all solution to risk and mistakes. Knowledge Management evolves over time and grows from both ends of the organization."



Boys work together to place mulch on the playground at West Hill Dam.

Photo by Ron Woodall



Students from Keene High School help pull out the invasive Purple Loosestrife at Surry Mountain.

Photo by Alicia Lacrosse

New England District project sites celebrate National Public Lands Day

Three New England District recreation areas held events to celebrate environmental stewardship and volunteerism. Buffumville Lake/Hodges Village Dam, West Hill Dam and Surry Mountain Lake all held events in honor of National Public Lands Day.

The West Hill Dam team in Massachusetts had over 150 volunteers, many of them Scouts and Junior Rangers, come out to get their hands dirty in the name of improving the environment.

Work included clearing and improving miles of trails, resurfacing the park playground, cleaning and sealing the beach gliders and picnic pads, improving the access ramp and platform, adding a pollinator garden and painting all the bridge railings.

Buffumville Lake/Hodges Village Dam in Massachusetts hosted an event on Sept. 30. About 95 volunteers and five Park Rangers performed work that included 30 pounds of trash cleanup, improving five 4'x4' pollinator gardens, and improving two disc golf tee baskets. Volunteers also removed 500 pounds of invasive plants, reinstalled a mini nine-hole disc golf course, cleared Purple

Loosestrife and woody vegetation from Cranberry Bog Island, cut park understory and plant pine saplings, replaced railroad ties and fixed tier stairs; painted 75 park grills, fixed and added split rail fence in the park; painted water sealer on exit guardrail and improved the pollinator garden at the main stair garden. This year marks the projects' 26th year participating in National Public Lands Day.

Also on Sept. 30, Alicia Lacrosse, Park Ranger at Surry Mountain Lake in New Hampshire, and eight volunteers

braved torrential downpours and slippery conditions for about an hour to pull 15 trash bags full of the invasive Purple Loosestrife from a wetland at the project. Among the volunteers were two students from Keene High School who also earned credits for their AP science class.

The efforts of the volunteers this year saved the government thousands of dollars in labor costs and helped keep the recreational areas in good conditions for everyone to enjoy year-round.



Buffumville volunteers improve the main stair pollinator garden.

Photo by Jamie Kordack



Park Ranger Nicole Giles and Entomologist Chris Helie discuss butterflies during the pollinator event.

Photos by Ann Marie R. Harvie



A male butterfly lingers on vegetation for pictures.

Buffumville Lake hosts pollinator event

The Buffumville Lake team hosted a program focused on pollinators, specifically bees and butterflies, Sept. 9 at the Buffumville Lake Boat Ramp in Charlton, Massachusetts.

Girl Scout Troop 30304 of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts attended the one-hour presentation, "Victory Garden for Bees!"

"The girls became interested in the plight of honeybees when a famous cereal cartoon character disappeared from the box of its popular cereal," said one of the Girl Scout Leaders. "The girls decided to dedicate their Silver Award Project to help the declining population by installing a pollinator garden of their own. When they saw Buffumville Lake was holding an event about pollinators and their gardens, they felt it was a perfect fit and decided to attend."

Buffumville Lake Park Ranger Nicole Giles and Entomologist Christine Helie hosted the presentation. Giles discussed the importance of pollinator to foods, such as fruits, vegetables and herbs. "These and other foods need pollinators to continue to make seeds," she said.

Giles and Helie led the group to one of the pollinator gardens at Buffumville installed by a Boy Scout for his Eagle Award project. The pair talked about

the different types of flowers and plants that were in the garden. Giles and Helie explained that although there are hundreds of thousands of pollinator species, many of them are declining in large numbers. Helie said there were several main reasons why pollinator populations were declining to include pesticides, predators such as spiders and birds, invasive plants and habitat loss.

"People are building, but not mitigating," she said. "Also, plants like milkweed are thought to be weeds, but they are great for pollinators, especially for Monarch Butterflies. They lay their eggs underneath the leaves and then it is a great food source for the larvae."

The Girl Scouts came armed with a list of questions, the first being what kind of plants are best for their pollinator garden. "Milkweed, Queen Ann's Lace, Black-eyed Susan, raspberry and blueberry bushes are just a few great plants for a pollinator garden," said Helie.

Giles provided them lists of native plants, bushes and trees the girls could get for their garden. The next part of the event took the participants on a short walk across the street to one of Buffumville's parking lots. Once there, Helie talked about the life cycle of the

Monarch Butterfly that lives about nine months. "Summer butterflies will migrate to Mexico," she said.

As a special surprise, Giles pulled out cages with butterfly chrysalises in them as well as newly emerged butterflies. Helie explained that they would document, tag and release the butterflies that afternoon as part of the research. Helie and Giles showed the girls how to place tags on the wings of the butterflies and the girls documented their release on their cell phones. To the girls' delight, some of the butterflies landed on some nearby plants and stayed long enough for video and pictures. "For some reason, the males always stick around," said Helie.

The final part of the pollinator event was a continuation of the nature walk to a new wildflower garden planted by Giles.

She and Helie answered the many remaining questions the girls asked to include the ideal place for their garden and the type of equipment they would need to install their garden.

Buffumville Lake and Hodges Village Dam host many interpretive events throughout the year. For more information, please visit their website: www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Buffumville-Lake/.



Photos by Joe Zanca

A team made up of employees from several New England District offices carefully inspect the Woonsocket Falls Dam in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

New England District Team inspects Woonsocket Dam

Consistent maintenance of the New England District's flood damage reduction projects are critical to keeping them operating smoothly. A special team of New England District employees from Engineering, Safety and Operations performed a detailed Hydraulic Steel Structures (HSS) inspection of the four tainter gates at the Woonsocket Falls Dam in Rhode Island. "The primary purpose of HSS inspections is to evaluate the structural adequacy of these flood control features on a regular basis," said Jason Paolino, Chief, Structural Engineering Section. "This includes hands-on assessment of critical structural members and connections prone to failure in tension."

According to Joe Zanca, Project Manager, the tainter gate system allows the dam to keep the river elevation above the dam at a constant level at any river flow. "By adjusting the four gates up and down, the river flow can pass over and under the gates," he said.

Paolino said the HSS inspection is physically demanding while working at heights, requiring climbing access to all parts of those large structures. "Coordinating set-up access and fall

protection measure are critical," he said.

Inspecting a project of this size is a long and detailed process. "Park Rangers Mark Larson and Drew McNerny gathered and brought all the fall protection equipment and prepared the area by placing ladders of all kinds onto areas for the inspection team to access," said Zanca.

Zanca manipulated the gates to keep the inspectors dry by opening and closing them, allowing water to pass around the inspection work area. According to Zanca, lowering the pool during low flows is a long process as they lower the elevation of the river to allow full control of the water flow, allowing the inspection. "Each year, during low flow periods when stakeholders are not using the flows, we lower the river, approximately 10 feet, for about 30 days, to perform inspections of the dam and channel," he said.

Jim Hachigan, Basin ECO, and Basin Manager Adam Durando provided assistance and general safety and logistical oversight. Structural engineers John Kedzierski and Adam

Stewart did the actual climbing inspection, with support from George Clafin, periodic inspection coordinator, and Kane Turmelle, Safety Office. Paolino was impressed with the skillful work of Kedzierski and Stewart, and pleased with the inspection process. "This effort went smoothly, efficiently and safely due to the close coordination of the entire team," he said. "It will serve as a model for future inspections."

"During the post inspection meeting, Operations was notified the gates are structurally sound," said Zanca. "We will continue with normal operations."

Zanca said the Woonsocket Dam is a "water use" dam, constructed in 1959 and operated to keep a small elevation pool above the dam for water use. Used in the 1950's for rubber and textile mills, the dam is used solely for hydropower. The New England District took over operation and maintenance of the Woonsocket Flood Damage Reduction project in January 2009. The project was transferred from the city of Woonsocket to the District. Woonsocket is managed by the West Hill Dam Project Office Staff.

District awards contract to dredge North Cove Federal Navigation Project in Old Saybrook

by **Timothy Dugan**
Public Affairs Office

Maintenance dredging of the North Cove Federal Navigation Project in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, will be completed under the terms of a \$4,283,562.50 contract recently awarded by the New England District. Work will be accomplished by DonJon Marine Company, Inc. of Hillside, New Jersey.

Dredging is scheduled to start in the fall of 2017 and take about 3-4 months to complete. The contract was awarded on Sept. 20.

“Approximately 286,000 cubic yards of predominantly silty sediment will be removed by mechanical dredge from the 11-foot deep entrance channel, 11-foot deep anchorage and 6-foot deep anchorage,” said Project Manager Craig Martin, Programs and Project Management Division.

“With the extensive number of

shallow draft projects nationwide competing for limited Federal funding, this maintenance event would not have been possible without the financial support of the state of Connecticut and commitment of its Port Authority to make it happen,” Martin said.

The state of Connecticut bonded \$7,500,000 in 2015 for the permitting, design and construction of the maintenance dredging project.

Silty shoal material removed from the cove will be placed in dump scows and hauled approximately 35 miles southwest by water route to the Central Long Island Sound Disposal Site and placed at predesignated coordinates. All dredging operations in the entrance channel and 11-foot anchorage will occur between Oct. 1, 2017 and Jan. 31, 2018 to minimize impact to natural resources in the area.

All dredging operations in the 6-foot

anchorage will occur between Oct. 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018 to minimize impact to natural resources in the area.

The last time the channel was maintained was in 2008 when approximately 175,000 cubic yards of sediment were removed.

The project will be managed by the Corps under supervision of a Quality Assurance Representative to assure compliance with contract requirements.

For details on the North Cove Federal Navigation Project visit the Connecticut River site at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Navigation/Connecticut/Connecticut-River/>. A map is available at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/Navigation/CT/CRB/CRBMap.pdf>.

For contract information visit: www.nae.usace.army.mil/BusinessWithUs/Contracting.aspx.

District awards contract for Slack Brook riverbank erosion protection project in Leominster

Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs Office

The Slack Brook Section 14 Emergency Riverbank Erosion Protection project in Leominster, Massachusetts, will be completed under the terms of a \$419,360 contract recently awarded by the New England District.

Work will be accomplished by SumCo Eco-Contracting, LLC, of Salem, Massachusetts. Construction is scheduled to start in mid-November and the majority of the work will be completed by mid-January 2018.

The contractor will demobilize and return at the end of April 2018 to complete plantings and reseeding. The contract was awarded on July 24.

The project is to prevent further erosion and potential road washout along Exchange Street in Leominster. The work consists of the construction of emergency riverbank erosion protection along the right (south) bank of Slack Brook, adjacent to Exchange Street.

The riverbank erosion protection consists of a stone revetment on the lower bank and a geocell structure with topsoil and seed infill on the upper bank.

The project involves the placement of a stone revetment base along 300 linear feet of the Slack Brook lower bank to stabilize the slope and protect it from scouring during high flows.

The upper portion of the bank will include a vegetated exterior utilizing a

geocell cellular confinement system. Existing stones and boulders at the base of the slope that are moved for construction will be placed back within the channel of the stream.

Specific work tasks include clearing and grubbing, excavation, placing and compacting fill and gravel materials, placing stone protection, placing and anchoring a geocell system, placing topsoil and seed, planting of trees and vines, and herbicide treatment for invasive plant control.

The project will be managed by the District under the supervision of a Corps' Quality Assurance Representative to assure compliance with contract requirements.

Retirement celebration held for Robert Russo

Robert Russo, Project Manager in Planning Division, decided to retire after 37 years of service. Approximately 30 family members, friends, teammates and retirees celebrated Russo's distinguished career at Chang An's restaurant, Sept. 28.

John Kennelly, Chief of Planning, hosted the celebration. Other speakers were brother-in-law and Logistics team member Bob Webb, Planning's Dave Larsen and retiree Joe Bocchino. Among his gifts, Russo received a special lamp decorated with Commander's coins from all over the North Atlantic Division, his years of service pins and various medals and decorations he received during his career.

An East Boston native that grew up in Winchester, Massachusetts, Russo graduated from Northeastern University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He briefly worked for Modern Continental, a construction company in Cambridge before joining the New York District's Regulatory Programs Branch and Planning before returning home to Massachusetts.

Russo's career with the Corps paused for a short time when he worked for the VA hospital in Bedford, Massachusetts. He resumed his career with the Corps when he joined the New England Division in 1987. During his career, Russo traveled everywhere for work. He deployed to Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo in 2005, where he assisted the base DPW manager. Russo went TDY to Wiesbaden, Germany to serve as project manager. He also worked in Boston to serve as project manager for EPA Region I and assisted Hanscom Air Force Base's construction resident office.

Russo has worked on many projects over his career.



Robert Russo shows off his special gift during his retirement lunch.

Photo by Michael Riccio

Some of the high-profile ones include Ten Mile River Fish Passage in Rhode Island; Broad Meadows Restoration in Quincy, Massachusetts; Nashawannuk Pond Restoration in East Hampton, Massachusetts; Point Judith Pond in Rhode Island; and the Naugatuck River Restoration Project in Torrington, Connecticut.

Russo and his wife, Irene, are the parents of five grown children. One of his sons is following his father's example and now works at the Corps' Sacramento District.

Mrs. Russo and Webb accompanied him to the lunch. Retirees Joe Bocchino and Dick Heidebrecht also attended the celebration. Russo intends to do work around his house and spend time with his family in retirement.



Photo by Brian Murphy

New England District's Federal Occupational Health Nurse retires

New England District's Federal Occupational Health Nurse Linda Lindell retired from service Sept. 29. A recognition ceremony was held in her honor Sept. 28 in the New Hampshire/Maine Conference Room. Dozens of people stopped by on their break time to sign retirement cards and to thank her for the more than 14 years of care she gave to the New England District team.



Participants gather outside the Stone Cow Brewery in Barre, Massachusetts for a group photo during Ralph Gendron's retirement celebration.

Photos by Brian Murphy

Barre Falls Park Manager retires with over 40 years of service

Ralph Gendron, a staple at Barre Falls Dam for decades, has retired after more than 40 years of federal service. Seventy of his family, friends, co-workers and retirees met the Park Manager at the Stone Cow Brewery in Barre, Massachusetts for a celebration to honor his distinguished service.

Operations Manager Steven Lehmann hosted the awards presentations. He made a few remarks and introduced Scott Acone, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management. Acone presented Gendron with a Commanders Award for Civilian Service for his many dedicated years to the Corps of Engineers. Acone also presented Gendron with his retirement certificate.

After official accolades were presented, Lehmann gave Gendron several gifts from attendees to include a gift certificate to a sporting goods store and a gift certificate towards a weekend get-away in Vermont.

All of Gendron's federal service was with the New England District. He started as a teenager working as a summer laborer at Tully Lake, and then moved to Barre Falls where he spent the rest of his career. Through positions of increasing responsibility, Gendron retired as Barre Falls' Park Manager.

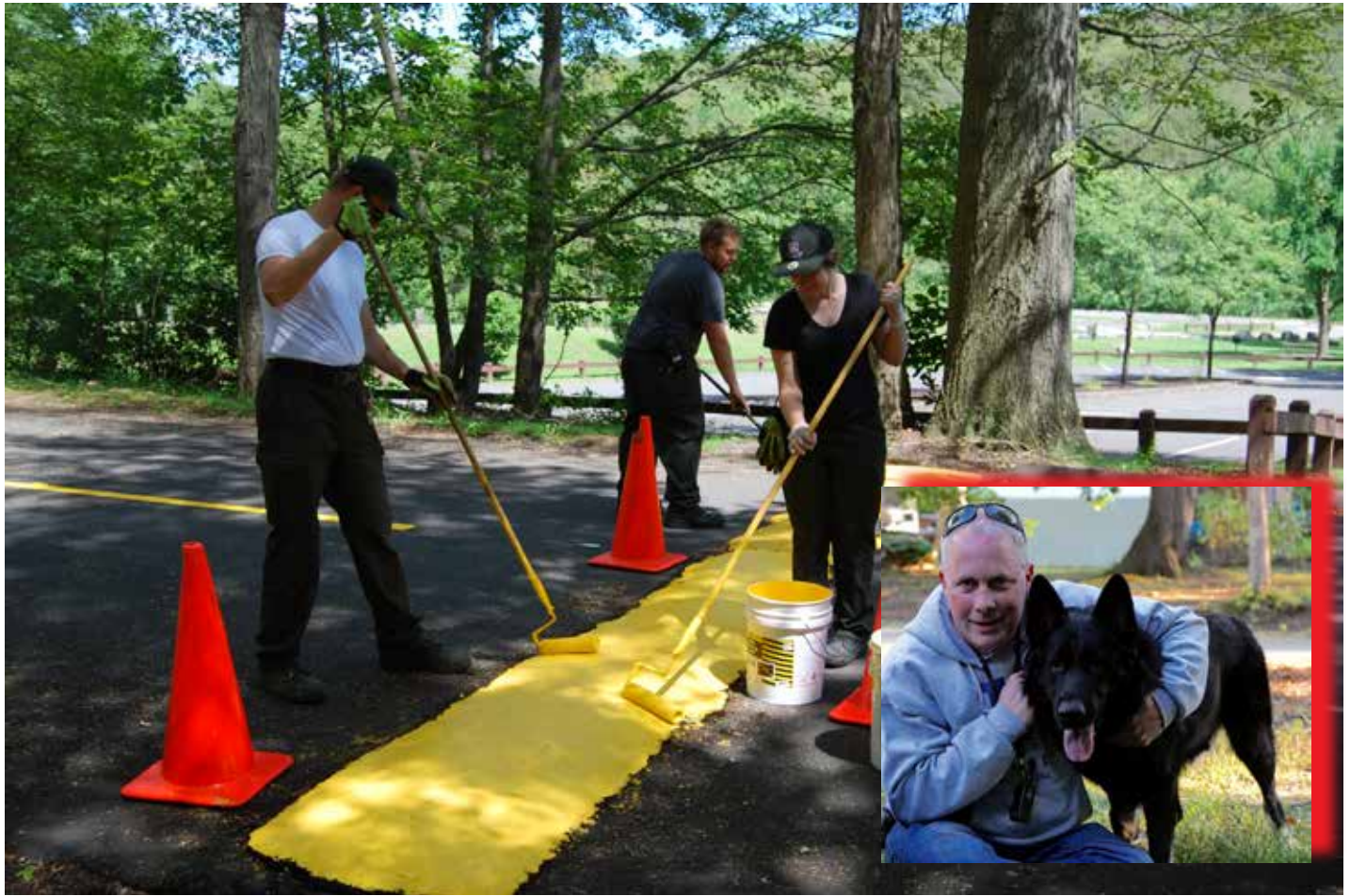
Gendron's wife, Maryann, her mother Angie, his son, Eric and daughter-in-law Sabrina accompanied him to the retirement celebration. Also in attendance were his other daughter-in-law and his new granddaughter. Retirees who

came out to celebrate Gendron's career and to welcome him to the New England District's retirement community were Thomas Ayau, Merl Bassett, Mike Curran, Joe Faloretti, Bob Hanacek, Jim Lewis, Chet Lubelczyk, Jim Morocco, Delia Vogel and Jan Swed.

Now that he has retired, Gendron plans to hunt, play in his classic rock band, spend time with his family and work on his properties.



Scott Acone presents Ralph Gendron a Commander's Award for Civilian Service.



Volunteers help with a variety of work around the projects. Steve Chase with his relief dog.

Photos by S.P. Chase

'Testing the Limits' on the Journey to the Corps of Engineers, New England District

Commentary by S.P.Chase

Starting the journey with only a camper, a faithful dog, and an older truck that had been nestled in Maine for a couple of years, was not the easiest thing I have ever done in my life. But, something inside my brain kept telling me that I had to do something, had to share in something, had to build something and see the world again even if it meant testing the very limits of my disability. It began with an email and then a phone call from an area in Connecticut that needed a couple of volunteers to complete their summer staff.

I had heard of the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) from years of Red

Cross service that brought me all over the United States. But what they did remained a mystery and added to the excitement of working with them to find out. A brief time later, I accepted the offer to be a work camper for one of their locations and found myself pulling my camper in behind a house marked by a sign that read "Naugatuck River Area Office."

I noticed another camper parked in the backyard but saw no roadways built to get me back to its location. Thankfully, two summer rangers, Dan Capone and William O'Donnell, were outside and showed me the space where a stone path had been created. Without being able to turn around anywhere, the

rangers guided me backwards fitting the camper almost perfectly on its new pad. Had it not been for the two gentlemen, I might still be parked in the roadway. I also then discovered that the summer rangers were seasonal employees of the ACOE and are brought in to supplement staff during peak seasons.

We were then joined by Christopher Way, Operations Manager and a 26-year veteran for the area office, who assisted me in getting the proper electrical hookup for my camper. Now I was ready to work.

With my service dog by my side, we ventured over to the Hop Brook/Hancock/Stamford Project Office (thankfully only Hop Brook was on the

sign in front or they would have needed a billboard) and I was introduced to Marci Montrose, Park Ranger, who was my main contact while I was being considered for the job. Marci had been on this project for 15 years and was very familiar with the area, the people, and the needs of the project which made my acclimation to my new surroundings seamless and effortless. Two very important factors when you are still in the process of recovering from a brain injury.

Next came the meeting with the Project Manager. Diana Errico-Topolski, a 20-year veteran with the project, made me feel welcomed, important to their needs, and part of a team she had worked hard to form. I knew working for her was going to be a gratifying experience and she did not let me down.

Two additional Park Rangers, Chris Cogley and Brian Hornbecker, were always hard at work taking on one project or another and stayed intently focused on completing their missions, whatever they were.

Now it was time to get introduced to the park. Its entrance booth, where I would be spending time on every weekend, was the first structure I saw as we drove in. It was then I started to notice the well-manicured lawns, the pavilions set up to be used by people celebrating anything from birthday parties to weddings to baptisms. Picnic tables and grills were placed in various locations throughout the park and were available to anyone that wanted to enjoy the outdoors.

Finally, the road ended at a lake and a beach that was well cared for and obviously very well maintained.

Matt Joseph and Brigid Burke, two additional summer rangers, showed me various spots along the shoreline and talked to me about what they did and how I could be useful. Then it was time to join Bill Augustine, a summer maintenance worker, and tour the Hop Brook Dam itself. Afterwards, a tour of the trails surrounding the park in an RTV



A summer ranger works on a roof at Hop Brook Lake while another holds the ladder.

completed the days adventures.

During the next couple of months, I patrolled the park during the busy times, inspected the dam and other areas under the project's jurisdiction, picked up trash, met an amazing number of people while in the entrance booth and enjoyed being the first contact they have ever had with the Army Corps of Engineers. There is a lot to be said for greeting people in such a way that they will remember you, by name, a month later. As the season winds down, I will fondly remember my first year here.

Most of you reading this already know how valuable our lands are in our country. Moreover, you are entrusted to care for systems that provide safety and security to cities and towns across the United States.

Most of us volunteers come from backgrounds that prove very useful. We had the same background check that federal employees get when you sought employment with the ACOE. Working for the ACOE is an opportunity to teach and to learn. We do not do it for a paycheck or reward but we do it for personal satisfaction and a shot at helping others. We may even do it for

an opportunity to drive a tractor or a boat from time to time. We do not ask for much, just to be part of the team.

To my fellow host campers, the Army Corps of Engineers needs your help. They post several open positions on Volunteer.gov and it usually just takes a few minutes to sign up online. Take the time to review them and pick one if it sounds like something you would enjoy. It surprised me how much gratification one can get simply painting a gate the right color or making sure all the fire extinguishers were up-to-date.

Finally, doing this type of work has made me evaluate how far I have come after having a major hemorrhagic stroke to now, as I sit in my camper, typing out this story feeling immense pride. Proud to share my experiences, proud of the people I have gotten to know, and proud of the accomplishments I have achieved. I still have a long way to go but every day there is a new challenge, actually, for me its multiple challenges, but I am looking forward to facing them side by side with the employees and volunteers of the Army Corp of Engineers. I am very proud to wear the ACOE emblem on my uniform shirt.

Dredging up the past



Bob Hanacek, Thames River Basin Manager, gathers a Boy Scout Troop from Dudley, Massachusetts around the beach at Buffumville Lake to give them instructions during the Sept. 27, 2003 National Public Lands Day event.

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