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Coming next month: St. Paul District Headquarters move

Leonard Wabasha, an elder of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux community, delivered the invocation at the change of command ceremony.

photo by Tammy Wick



By Col. Michael J. Price
St. Paul District Commander



Teammates,

Thanks to everyone who made my reception to the St. Paul District a rewarding experience. I am deeply humbled to join a great team of professionals and to command this historic national asset. The district, for 144 years, has helped shape and manage the Upper Mississippi River and has provided critical flood control, which, in the end, gave thousands of Americans peace of mind. The district has a great reputation throughout the Corps of Engineers as a team that delivers. As I have visited with many of you, I am confident that Teresa and I have joined the right team.

Our Chief of Engineers, Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, has laid out a comprehensive campaign plan for the Corps that guides each of us to "Greatness." I have met many of you that have already pushed the district to greatness, but we still have work to do. Our district, along with the others that make up the Mississippi

Valley Division, will increase our interdependence with each other. We will share resources across the division to accomplish regional workloads.

These processes are under way, and the division's leadership is developing the "how to" to achieve this. Many of you have been doing this and have developed a great reputation throughout the valley. Maj. Gen. Michael Walsh has tasked me and the other district commanders to ensure the irreversible momentum to regionalization is maintained. I ask each of you to think about your daily business and how we are incorporating other district's resources or how we are doing work for other districts.

I recently walked along and flew over the levees and closure structures that are part of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System that our engineers designed. That system

is part of the Corps' number one national priority, and we have made a commitment to the people in New Orleans that by June 2011 the system will be complete. Our team is making a big difference, and I am proud to have become part of it.

Lastly, as the summer comes to a close over the next month or so, be safe! Enjoy our parks and natural resources and spend quality time with your families. I look forward to getting to know each of you as I learn the district's business and the district does our nation's work.

Col. Michael Price

**ESSAYONS!
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photos by Emily Chavolla and Tammy Wick

Col. Michael J. Price assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, at a change of command ceremony in St. Paul, Minn., July 2. In the photos, Maj. Gen. Michael Walsh, Mississippi Valley Division commander, received the unit flag from Col. Jon Christensen and then presented the flag to the district's new commander. Judy DesHarnais, as a representative of the St. Paul District then received the flag from Price.

New district engineer assumes command

By Shannon Bauer and Mark Davidson

Col. Michael J. Price assumed command of the St. Paul District at a change of command ceremony in St. Paul, Minn., July 2, replacing Col. Jon Christensen, who had served in this position since July 2007.

Upon receipt of the district's flag from Maj. Gen. Michael Walsh, Mississippi Valley Division commander, Price became the district's sixty-third commander and district engineer. Prior to assuming this command, Price was assigned to the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, in Carlisle, Pa.

"I've heard great things about the culture here," said Price during the ceremony. "I look forward to being a part of your team."

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photo by Stefania Padalino

Col. Michael Price assumed command of the St. Paul District July 2.



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Price was commissioned into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers following graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1989. In 1993, he was awarded a Master of Science degree in systems engineering from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. In 1998, he was awarded a Master of Engineering degree in construction management from the

University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich. His previous assignments include: platoon leader and executive officer, Company C, and adjutant, 54th Engineer Battalion (Combat), Wildflecken, Germany; assistant operations officer and maintenance officer, 326th Engineer Battalion, and company commander, 887th Engineer Company (Light Equipment), at Fort Campbell, Ky.; project engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers, Kansas City District in Kansas City, Mo.; division plans officer, 10th Mountain Division, executive officer, 41st Engineer Battalion, and commander, Division Special Troops Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.; joint engineer staff officer and special assistant to the commander, U.S. Northern Command and North American

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A color guard made up of St. Paul District park rangers and lock operators post the colors during the change of command ceremony.

photo by Emily Chavolla





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Pictured above left, Lt. Col. Kevin Brown, deputy engineer, emceed the change of command ceremony. Above right, Col. Price and his wife met the employees of the St. Paul District during the reception after the change of command ceremony. Pictured from left to right, Jeff Olson, regulatory; Maria Valencia, regulatory; Mark Nelson, real estate; Price, district engineer; and Teresa Price.

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Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Price's military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advance Courses, Fort Belvoir, Va. Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; and the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

His awards and decorations include: Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Southwest Asia Service Medal. He has also earned the Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and the Sapper Tab. ■

For more photos from the change of command ceremony, visit our Flickr page: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usace-stpaul/sets/72157624452214324/>

From left to right, Col. Michael Price, district engineer, Maj. Gen. Michael Walsh, division commander, and Col. Jon Christensen, former district engineer stand at attention during the change of command ceremony.

photo by Emily Chavolla



Summer awards ceremony celebrated

By Shannon Bauer

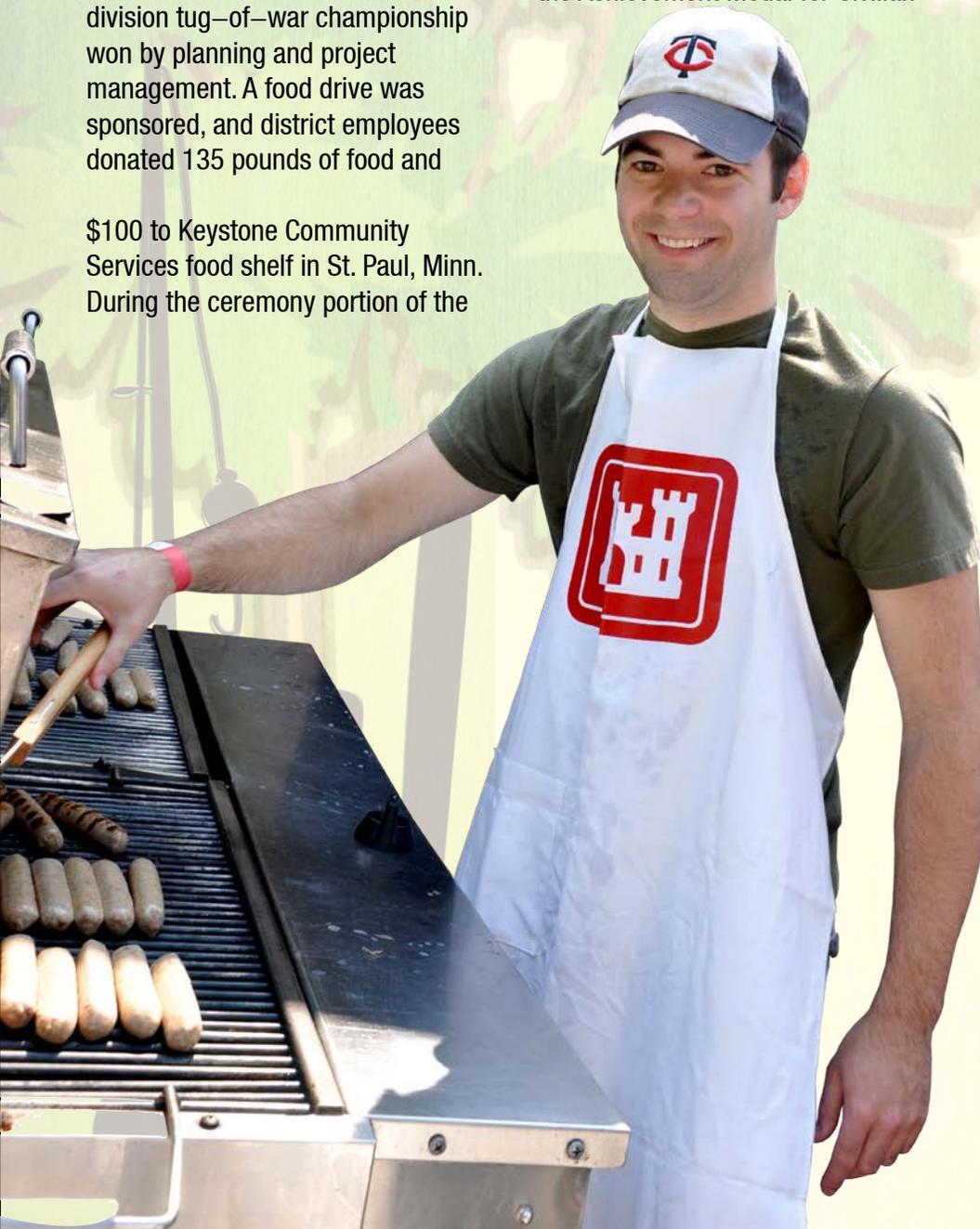
Approximately 350 employees, family members and retirees attended the district's annual Summer Awards Ceremony and Picnic at the St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park in Hastings, Minn., June 24.

Activities included softball, volleyball, fishing, golf and bingo, as well as a division tug-of-war championship won by planning and project management. A food drive was sponsored, and district employees donated 135 pounds of food and

\$100 to Keystone Community Services food shelf in St. Paul, Minn. During the ceremony portion of the

event, Rodney Peterson, contracting, retired from the U.S. Army Reserve as a colonel.

John Murphy, engineering, received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, and Kris Fairbanks and Eric Wittine, both engineering, received the Achievement Medal for Civilian



Service for their efforts during the spring 2010 flood fight.

The following received length of service awards:

35 Years

Mike Grossell, Lock and Dam 5A
Mary Muraski, project management

30 Years

Dale Brintnall, operations
Tom Crump, division planning
Joel Face, engineering
Roland Hamborg,
project management
Terry Jorgenson, engineering
Rick Magee, operations
Mark Nelson, real estate
Anthony Zacheretti, operations

25 Years

Kevin Baumgard, operations
Rick Femrite, engineering
Connie Gholson, civilian personnel
David Hill, physical support
Mike Knoff, engineering
Kenton Spading, engineering
Georgia Stanonik, office of counsel

20 Years

Pat Berczyk, personnel
Fred Bischoff, engineering
Steve Mottl, engineering
Brian Sipos, Lock and Dam 9
Murele Ware, physical support

15 Years

Ray Marinan, natural resources
Bill Meier, channels and harbors
Tammy Wick, division planning

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photo by Shannon Bauer

Ryan Price, engineering, prepares food for the attendees of the summer awards picnic.

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10 Years

Shannon Bauer, public affairs
Jim Noren, engineering
Elliot Stefanik, environmental
Miray Welle, engineering
Eric Wittine, engineering

Serving as the planners for this year's event were co—chairs Elizabeth Killian, Tom Schmit and Eduardo Torrens, all engineering.

John Murphy, Alex Nelson, Ryan Price, Andrew Sander, Greta Schmalle and Tom Schmit, all engineering, prepared and cooked the food, and Charles Boyd, engineering, was in charge of the snow cones.

Brett Palmberg and Jason Foss, both engineering, assisted in the set up, and Andrew Sander, engineering, was in charge of the cleanup.

Alex Nelson, engineering, obtained the door prizes, and John Murphy, engineering, was in charge of the ticket sales.

Chanel Kass, engineering; Katie Young, planning; and Lisa Buchli, engineering, coordinated and ran the

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photo by Shannon Bauer

Marcus Patterson, operations,
pitches in the summer picnic.

Pictured from left to right, Jeff McGrath, economist; Tom Crump, division planning; Keith LeClaire, GIS; Katie Young, planning; Chris Erickson, project management; Troy Maggied, planner; Jack Westman, GIS; Elliot Stefanik, environmental; and Lance Awsumb, economist show off their trophy won from the tug-of-war competition.

photo by Shannon Bauer





photos by Shannon Bauer

Pictured above left, Aaron Mikonowicz, engineering, and son have lunch with Carl Gray, retired annuitant, and his wife. Pictured above right, Andrea Sterling, planning participates in the tug-of-war tournament at the picnic.



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children's games. Mike Dahlquist, engineering, coordinated the Liar's Catch and Release fishing contest, and Ferris Chamberlin, water control, arranged for the golf.

BJ Siljeborg, engineering; Abby Hansen, personnel; Janet Golubski, engineering; Sera Shane, engineering; Karen Cassidy, engineering; and Andrey Kravets, engineering, staffed the information booth.

In addition, Pat Berczyk, personnel, and Eric Wittine, engineering, prepared the awards; Mark Davidson,

public affairs, ran a food collection; Jon Lyman and Stefania Padalino, visual information, took care of the publicity and advertising; Kevin Bluhm, project management, ran the sound system; Angie Peterson, executive office, assisted with the coordination; and Shannon Bauer, public affairs; Jon Lyman, visual information; Stefania Padalino, visual information; and Tammy Wick, regional planning; took photos or video footage. ■

photo by Tammy Wick

Eduardo Torrens, engineering, enjoys time with his son at the summer awards picnic.



Youngsters learn about the river



By Kevin Bokay

Under clear skies and moderate temperatures, the Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge in Trempealeau, Wis., hosted more than 1,000 local fifth graders for two days of River Education Days, May 18–19.

Organized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this was the seventh annual event. The fifth graders enjoyed several round-robin presentations, to include: Birds of Prey; Fish of the Mississippi; Why do Turtles Cross the Road?; Water Safety; Maintaining the Nine-Foot Channel; Show Off your Mussels; Invasive Species; What's in the

Water/Who Am I?; and other fun crafts and exercises. There was also a presentation by the educator/entertainer naturalist David Stokes, formerly of the Schlitz Audubon Center in Milwaukee, who kept the kids hopping with his talk about frogs and other Mississippi River animals, as well as the maintenance of their habitat.

All the speakers kept the children actively engaged. This year's theme was "Making the Connection by Bringing Children and Nature Together." The event brought bus after bus, transporting the fifth graders from districts of the surrounding areas from Pepin, Wis., to

La Crosse, Wis., to Houston, Minn., to Black River Falls, Wis.

The Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge is an isolated backwater that provides resting and feeding area for several species of wildlife. It consists of 6,200 acres of rolling prairies, wetlands, and forests. The refuge lies in the Mississippi River flyway and supports a wide variety of waterfowl and other wetland wildlife. ■

For more photos from River Education Days, visit our Flickr page:

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Pictured below, Kurt Brownell, natural resources, demonstrated the lengths of prairie grass roots at the 2010 River Education Days at the Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge in Trempealeau, Wis., hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Pictured at right, a student participated in the "Frog Chorus" presented at the River Education Days at the Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge in Trempealeau, Wis.

photos by Kevin Bokay



Pool 8 is getting a facelift this summer

By Don Powell



The district awarded a \$3.4 million contract to J.F. Brennan Company, Inc. of La Crosse, Wis., in June to complete the final stage of construction this summer for phase III of the Pool 8 Islands habitat restoration project on the Mississippi River.

This contract continues the habitat restoration that began in lower pool 8 about 20 years ago as part of the Environmental Management Program, or EMP. The EMP was authorized and funded by Congress in 1986 to ensure the coordinated development and enhancement of the Upper Mississippi River system with primary emphasis on habitat restoration projects and resource monitoring. To date, more than 45 habitat projects on the Upper Mississippi River, from the Twin Cities to Cairo, Illinois, have been completed under the EMP.

The Pool 8 Islands project was planned and designed as a cooperative effort between the Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin. It has also been coordinated with non-governmental organizations and the public. This latest contract includes the construction of 3 large islands located in an area between the

main navigation channel and Raft Channel at River mile 684.

The overall intent of the project is to restore lost and diminished fish and wildlife habitat in Pool 8 by restoring islands that have eroded and completely disappeared since the 9-foot navigation project was constructed. Island loss allows more wave action in the backwaters, which can uproot plants and keep sediment suspended. Suspended sediment increases turbidity levels in the water, which reduces the amount of sunlight that penetrates the water for aquatic plant growth.

Phases I and II of the Pool 8 Islands habitat restoration project included building Horseshoe and Boomerang islands near Brownsville, Minn., and an island complex near Stoddard, Wis. Phase I construction was completed in 1993, and phase II in 1999. The first stage of phase III was completed in 2006 in the Coon Creek delta area near Stoddard. Stage 2 was completed in the fall 2009 and involved the construction

of 12 islands in the Raft Channel area below Brownsville.

The final Stage 3 began in 2009 with a contract to construct five large and three smaller islands in the Raft Channel area near Stage 2. The islands currently under construction are being built with material dredged from the vicinity of the islands, the main navigation channel, Schnicks Bay, or the Stoddard area. All construction is scheduled to be completed in 2011, concluding all island restoration activities in pool 8.

When phase III is complete, a total of 27 large islands and 13 smaller seed islands will have been built in lower pool 8 at a cost of about \$20 million. Thirteen miles or more than 300 acres of islands will be restored or protected, and 4,500 acres of aquatic habitat protected.

Two more phases of island construction in lower pool 8 have been proposed, but are not being considered for implementation at this time because of habitat projects being planned at other locations under the EMP.

Restoration of many of the islands has allowed aquatic vegetation to return to thousands of acres of the pool, as well as the fish and waterfowl that depend on the vegetation for survival. Today, the area is considered one of the best fisheries in Wisconsin and the completion of these additional islands is expected to add many more acres of prime habitat for fish and wildlife. ■



photo by Jon Lyman

Work is underway for Pool 8 Island restoration.

Lake Ashtabula rangers offer water safety program for Migrant School

By Scott Tichy

District park rangers Scott Tichy and Chris Botz travelled to Grafton, N.D., July 13 to present their “Kids Don’t Float” water safety program to 60 students from the Grafton Migrant School.

The Migrant School is a special summer school program for the children of migrant farm workers who travel to North Dakota from Texas and Mexico each year to work in the sugar beet fields. Virtually all the children are Hispanic.

“This makes their [the students] whole summer,”

-teacher discussing safety program

This is the first time that the Migrant School has attended a water safety program. Along with the rangers from the Corps of Engineers, there were volunteers from the North Dakota Highway Patrol, the Walsh County Health Department, and the Walsh County Highway Department, as well as the North Dakota Safe Kids program.

The day’s program consisted of an interactive water safety talk that included information on life jackets, water rescue, and swimming and



boating safety. The talk was followed by some hands on activities, including a hypothermia demonstration, alcohol awareness, rescue techniques and the big carrot, which is a chance to operate small electric power boats in the pool.

About the program, one teacher said, “this makes their (the students) whole summer.”

This was the first time that rangers from Lake Ashtabula have been able to present a water safety message directly to the Hispanic community in North Dakota. Hispanics and all minorities nationwide account for a disproportionately large number of water related fatalities.

After the program, bilingual Corps of Engineers’ water safety materials were handed out to all the students. ■

photos by Scott Tichy

Pictured at top, students participated in the water safety program which included learning about proper use of life jackets.

Pictured in the middle, Chris Botz, park ranger, taught the students about safe water practices.

Pictured at the bottom, students have fun in the water while learning about safety.

Lock and Dam 1's peregrin falcons examined

By Kevin Bokay

Three young peregrine falcons, residents of Lock and Dam 1 in Minneapolis, celebrated their impending adulthood by being examined and banded by local naturalists at the lock and dam June 7.

Though not really 'little' by bird standards, the 3 month-old chicks – one male and two females – were named David, Emily, and Suny (pronounced Sunny) and given a quick physical exam by Dr. Michelle Willette with her two colleagues, naturalists Jackie Fallon and Michelle Anderson. Fallon is the local coordinator of The Raptor Center, an organization that tracks peregrine falcon migration and nesting habits across North America. Anderson is with the Minnesota Falconer's Association and often lends a hand at these banding events.

Once the team took a blood sample, metal bands were attached to the chick's legs. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service band is attached to one leg, and a colored and numbered band to the other leg. These bands help provide identification of individual birds in the field. Male and female peregrine falcon chicks have different size feet and legs; therefore, two different sizes of bands must be used. Female chicks get the larger sized bands.

In the wild, peregrine falcons nest in natural sites, usually cliffs along rivers and lakes. Since Lock and Dam 1 has a man-made concrete 'cliff'

perfect for nesting, a special nesting box was constructed seven years ago and attached to the upper portion of that wall in the mid-1990s. The box is usually occupied, but the occupants do not always produce offspring. This is the first brood produced by the two adult birds that have taken up residency there in the last three years. Peregrine falcons are very territorial, and the current male and female had to fight off the previous owner of the nest, a large female who may have lost her mate in a dispute, too.

The pesticide DDT put the peregrine on the endangered species list in addition to several other bird species. The poison caused eggshell thinning and other reproductive failures. After DDT was banned in 1973, naturalists and bird researchers initiated a captive breeding program for the species. The falcon was removed from the endangered species list in 1999; and in 2007, there were more than 200 pairs in the Midwestern United States.

For more photos, see www.flickr.com/photos/usace-stpaul/sets/72157624610609476/. ■

Naturalist Michelle Anderson from The Raptor Center in St. Paul, Minn., banded and gave a physical to three young peregrine falcons, who make their home at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lock and Dam 1 in Minneapolis.

photo by Kevin Bokay





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August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month

By Tom Alich, *Anti-Terrorism Officer
Security and Law Enforcement Office*

Antiterrorism is the defensive element in our fight against terrorists. The senior leadership of the Army recently approved August 2010 as Army Antiterrorism Awareness Month. We all recognize that terrorists can target Army elements at any time in any location.

The intent of AT Awareness Month is to develop a heightened awareness and vigilance to protect the Army community and critical resources from acts of terrorism. To further this effort, commanders and managers are encouraged to enhance the current level of antiterrorism awareness through active training and education. The next step is to reach out to our stakeholders to establish or strengthen terrorist threat and incident response plans.

During Antiterrorism Awareness Month, the Army, to include the Corps of Engineers, is launching “iWATCH

ARMY,” a nationwide, modern version of the Neighborhood Watch program to encourage and enable members of the community to identify and report suspicious behavior that may be associated with terrorist activities. The elements of the iWATCH

program include individual situational awareness (passive) and taking reporting suspicious behavior to law enforcement for investigation (active).

Examples of suspicious activity include:

- People drawing or measuring important buildings;
- Strangers asking questions about security procedures;
- Briefcases, suitcases, backpacks or packages left unattended;
- Vehicles left in no parking zones in front of important buildings;
- Unfamiliar people in secure areas;
- Persons wearing clothes that are noticeably too big or too hot for the weather;
- Chemical smells or fumes that seem out of the ordinary for the specific location;
- People who do not have a need to know asking questions about sensitive information, such as building blueprints, security plans or employee work schedules;
- And; people purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without proper credentials.



How to report suspicious activity:

Safely obtain as much information as possible (who, what, where, when and how) and report it in one of the following manners:

- USACE iWATCH Hotline: (866) 413-7970
- Local Law Enforcement: 911
- MVP Security and Law Enforcement: (651) 290-5698

More information on iWATCH, can be found on the Security and Law Enforcement Intranet (internal) site at <https://kme.usace.army.mil/MVD/MVP/Security/default.aspx>.

NEWS & NOTES

Newcomers

Michael Andrie, Lock and Dam 1

Steven Anthony, student, operations

Jasmine Austin, engineering and construction

Travis Brantner, Lock and Dam 4

Jodie Bray, Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam

Eric Christensen, natural resources student, Crosslake, Minn.

Megan Christianson, natural resources student, Valley City, N.D.

Drew Courtney, natural resources student, Valley City, N.D.

Tony Delgado, project management executive administrator

Jessie Diaz, regulatory

Randall Eigenberger, engineering and construction, Fountain City, Wis.

Allison Fairbanks, contracting

Daniel Fasching, student, engineering and construction

Theresa Gant-Gaines, student, engineering and construction

Vanessa Hamer, student, cultural resources

Michael Hanks, Lock and Dam 3

Steven Heidbrider, Lock and Dam 3

Antonia Huber, natural resources, Grand Rapids, Minn.

Elliot Jensen, natural resources student, Spring Valley, Wis.

35th Annual

Hall of Fame Ceremony

Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010 • 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Past or present Corps employees along with spouses and guests of employees are invited to the City View/Lost Spur Banquet & Conference Center for the 35th annual retirees luncheon.

For more details contact public affairs at 651-290-5201.

Craig Johnson, engineering and construction, Grand Forks, N.D.

Susan Jones, regulatory

Zachary Kimmel, channel maintenance student, Fountain City, Wis.

Ross Kolsrud, Lock and Dam 8

Jacob Kresel, natural resources student, Spring Valley, Wis.

Blake Lara, physical support, Fountain City, Wis.

Thomas Lytle, engineering and construction

Troy Maggied, planning

Joseph Minnis, student, Lock and Dam 2

Gary Morin, natural resources, McGregor, Minn.

Christine Moss, engineering and construction

Tyler Pagel, surveying student, Fountain City, Wis.

John Perkins, engineering and construction

Jonathan Peters, student, Lock and Dam 6

Robyrta Peterson, real estate

Jonathan Phelps, natural resources student, Federal Dam, Minn.

Nickolaus Phillips, student, natural resources, Crosslake, Minn.

Scott Raines, natural resources student, Brainerd, Minn.

Megan Roberts, natural resources, McGregor, Minn.

Thomas Rohrer, Lock and Dam 5A

Tricia Rymal, operations, Fountain City, Wis.

Mason Scharfe, natural resources student, De Soto, Wis.

Adam Scheidecker, natural resources, Fergus Falls, Minn.

Michelle Schneider (again), engineering and construction

Levi Sheff, natural resources, Fargo, N.D.

Kathryn Smith, regulatory

Faith St. John, Dredge Goetz

Acalud Vue, Lock and Dam 8

Steven Ward, Lock and Dam 2

Thomas Wasut, student, Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam

Claire Whitmore, regulatory

Bun Xiong, Lock and Dam 7

Joel Zietz, natural resources student, Valley City, N.D.

Announcements

The following were selected to participate in the St. Paul District's 2011 Leadership Development Program: **Ann Banitt**, engineering; **Adèle Braun**, engineering; **Brett Coleman**, project management; **Dan Cottrell**, channels and harbors; **Mike Gunderson**, physical support; **Knute Knutson**, physical support; **Rob Maroney**, regulatory; **Rebecca Seal-Soileau**, engineering; and **Brian Turner**, natural resources.

Aaron Snyder, planning, was selected as the chief of project management-B.

Retirements

James Auer, Lock and Dam 4, with more than 27 years federal service

Mark Edlund, operations, with more than 33 years federal service

Ted Engeliem, Lock and Dam 8, with more than 41 years federal service

Greg Frankosky, physical support, with more than 33 years federal service

Melissa Gulan, engineering and construction, with more than 33 years federal service

Neal Knutson, Lock and Dam 3, with more than 18 years federal service

Michael Myhre, Lock and Dam 7, with more than 31 years federal service

Mark Nelson, real estate, with more than 30 years federal service

Charles Schultz, Dredge Goetz, with more than 40 years federal service

Doris Sullivan, engineering and construction, with more than 21 years federal service

Weddings

Emily Blanton, information, married Hugo Chavolla, June 19, on a riverboat on the Mississippi River near La Crosse, Wis. Her new last name is Chavolla.

Troy Maggied, planning, and Ela Kakde were married June 4 in the Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus, Ohio.

Andrew Sander, engineering, and Leslie DellAngelo were married May 29 in Marquette, Mich.

Smith recognized at national level

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters awarded Tim Smith, regulatory, its 2010 Don Lawyer Regulator of the Year award in Seattle at its annual Senior Leader Conference, Aug. 2.

The Don Lawyer Award recognizes an outstanding Corps of Engineers regulatory officer who is reasonable, decisive and timely, as well as projects a positive and professional image of the Corps. This biennial award is the highest regulatory recognition a Corps' employee can

receive and recognizes individuals for their superiority in the field of regulatory operations and his or her contribution to maintaining the integrity of the regulatory program.

Smith has been the district's enforcement and compliance coordinator since 2004 and a Corps' employee since 1997, when he started as a biologist in the Corps' Los Angeles District.

Smith received this award for his effort in developing the first administrative penalty for permit non-compliance in the district, addressing challenging jurisdictional issues and serving as the project manager for one of six national watershed mitigation pilots. Smith's efforts have also been recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice for his role in making the district's enforcement program one of the strongest in the country.



Note: Send your announcements (births, weddings, graduations, etc.) to: cemvp-pa@usace.army.mil.

photo by Tammy Wick

Members of the 34th Infantry Minnesota National Guard Red Bull band played at the district change of command on July 2.



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