

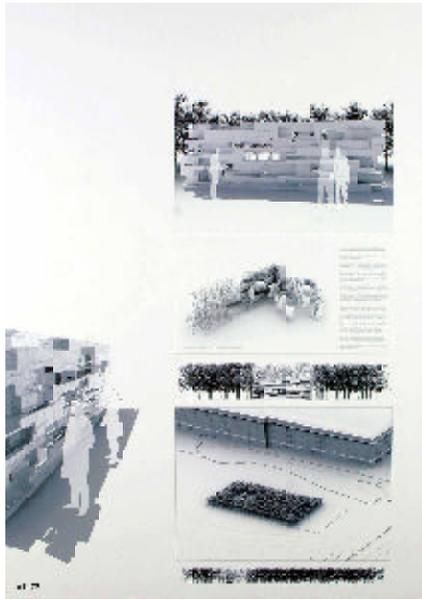


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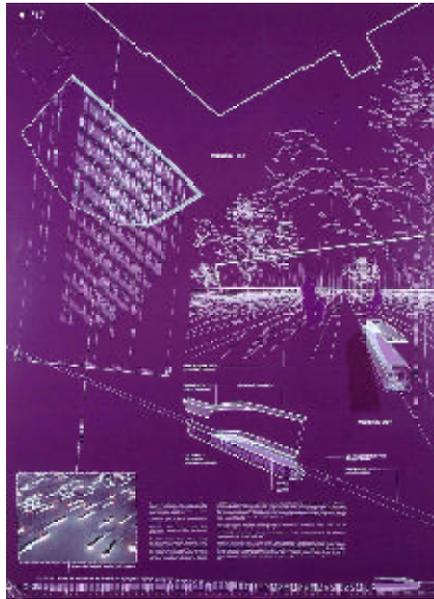
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Pentagon Memorial Competition

Six finalists selected in first judging



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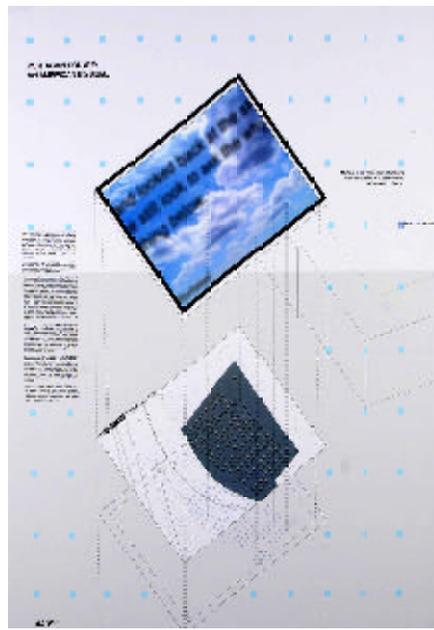
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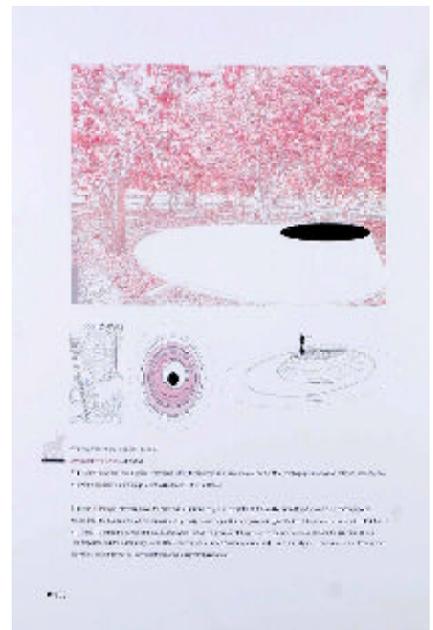
Entry #2248, Jean Koepfel, Brooklyn, N.Y., Team member: Tom Kowalski



Entry #2857, Mason Wickham, Brooklyn, N.Y., Team member: Edwin Zawadzki



Entry # 4099, Jacky Bowring, Canterbury, New Zealand, Team members: Peter England, Richard Weller and Vladimir Sitta



Entry #4163, Michael Meredith, Clifton Park, N.Y., Individual Entrant

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Commander's Comment

Have a safe holiday!

by Col. Charles J. Fiala, Jr.
Commander & District Engineer

This month many of you will gather with friends and family to celebrate the holidays. I'd like to offer some safety tips for your consideration.

First is the importance of buckling up your safety belt when you travel anywhere this holiday season, whether across several states or simply, across town.

The National Safety Council predicts that 365 people will live to enjoy the holidays because they took a few seconds to buckle their safety belts before starting out on trips to visit relatives or to shop. An estimated 35 percent of lives lost in holiday accidents could have been saved had the participants been wearing seatbelts.

The facts are overwhelming, and I can only continue to stress the importance of buckling up. There is a special emphasis on protecting teens and young adults because new data show that more than half of all teens who die in crashes are completely unrestrained.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatal Analy-

sis Reporting System, 4,216 teens, ages 16-19, died and thousands more were injured in traffic crashes in the year 2000. Fatality rates for teens are twice that of older drivers and the risk of crashes for teens is four times that of older drivers. Please stress the importance of buckling up to your teenager.

Besides wearing your seat belt, there are other things you can do to ensure a safe and happy holiday season.

Take precautions to prevent holiday accidents and be prepared for them when they do occur.

Do not drink and drive because you are not only risking your own life, but the lives of your family, friends and everyone who shares the road with you.

Don't let holiday celebrations turn into tragedy. We can't always be good judges of our own sobriety, and if necessary, take the time to sober up or have a friend drive you home.

One of the saddest statistics is the fact that two out of three children who are killed in alcohol-related crashes are passengers riding with an impaired driver. In the majority of these cases, the impaired

driver failed to buckle up the children. The key to safety is prevention.

Another preventive measure is to space out long trips and to get plenty of rest the night before a long drive.

If you feel you are nodding off while driving, pull to the side of the road or head to the nearest exit. It is recommended that for every two hours of driving, you should have a 15-minute break.

Also note the heavier the traffic, the more fatigued we will become due to stress. If the highways are too congested, find an alternate route or wait until the congestion clears. It's much safer to wait a couple hours then try to stick with the congestion.

And for extended drives, you should check your automobile's motor oil, transmission fluid, ignition system, lights, heater and wipers before leaving. These can be overlooked easily, but there are many accidents that occur due to simple car problems.

I hope these reminders prove useful to you during your holiday. I wish all of you and your families a happy and safe holiday season, and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Essays.

North Atlantic Division gets new commander

Col. (Promotable) Merdith W.B. Temple assumed command of the North Atlantic Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nov. 25.

Temple, a Virginia native, was commissioned in the engineer branch in 1975. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Virginia Military Institute and a master's degree from Texas A&M University. Temple is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. He is a registered professional engineer in Virginia.

Temple comes to NAD from

Winchester, Va., where he was commander of the Corps' Transatlantic Programs Center.

Other assignments were assistant chief of staff, Operations, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C.; overseas assignments with the 44th Engineer Battalion, Korea; U.S. Army Europe & 7th Army, Germany; 307th Engineer Battalion in Saudia Arabia during the Persian Gulf War; and NATO Headquarters, Turkey.

Temple's military awards include the Legion of Merit (two oak leaf clusters), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal (six oak leaf clus-



Col. (P) Merdith W.B. Temple

ters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (four oak leaf clusters), and others.

White Christmas, a best-selling song for many years

Songwriter Irving Berlin had no idea how right Bing Crosby was about *White Christmas*, his 687th song when he said, "You don't have to worry about this one, Irving."

It was written for the movie *Holiday Inn*. Released in 1942, it featured a dozen of Berlin's songs. Though reviewers paid no attention to it, *White Christmas* quickly rose to the top of the charts. It went on to become the best-selling record of all time and it held that designation until 1998.

Berlin, the son of Russian immigrants, loved America. He had to leave school at age 8 with only two years of formal schooling.

He helped to support the family after his father died. Six years later he left home to

make a living singing in honky-tonks and soon was writing his own songs. His first hit song was *Alexander's Ragtime Band*.

White Christmas was written when Berlin was stuck in Hollywood, far from his home and family in New York. The core of the song is his heartfelt longing for his loved ones. The insomniac Berlin wrote the song in just one night.

One of Irving Berlin's happiest childhood memories was visiting the O'Hares at Christmas. The O'Hares were also poor, but they invited the young Jewish boy to enjoy their tree, presents, candy, and food. He never forgot the joy he felt there.

There is little doubt that you will hear *White Christmas* this year. Perhaps it will remind you of dreams that have come true and memories of youth.

Get smart about holiday buffets

You really can eat less at holiday parties without feeling deprived. Eat something before you go and drink a big glass of water.

- Before you go, think about what you want to eat, and skip the high-fat mini quiches and go for the shrimp. Before picking up your plate, check the array of foods so you know what you want. No need to clean your plate here.

- When you have wine, remember that one gram of alcohol equals seven calories, while one gram of protein or carbs has about four. Unless the eggnog is clearly marked "fat free," skip it.

- Cross the chips and dip off your most-wanted list. Instead, dunk pretzels, bagel chips, or vegetables in salsa or honey mustard.

Finalists come to Washington, D.C.

by Mary Beth Thompson
Public Affairs Office

Just as Sept. 11, 2001, was a pivotal date in the nation's history—Oct. 25, 2002, was a turning point in the Pentagon Memorial project.

On that Friday, the finalists in the competition to select a memorial concept visited the future memorial's location for the first time. Family members, designers and team members who had been only names, phone numbers and email addresses to one another met face to face. They discussed the six proposals and the project in depth, asked and answered questions, and exchanged key information. By the end of that day, the competition's Stage One was complete, and Stage Two was well launched.

"We started early, worked collaboratively, stayed late and accomplished a lot," said project manager Carol Anderson-Austra. "The process of visiting the site and sharing information was

very productive and made the activities feel like an alignment of planets."

Each of the Stage Two competitors sent a representative to the Oct. 25 information session. The names and submission boards of these finalists—two individuals and four teams—had been made public Oct. 17. Each team will receive \$20,000 to help defray the costs of further developing their ideas and re-submitting them in December for the second round of judging.

The two individual competitors—Shane Williamson and Michael Meredith, who coincidentally both teach at the University of Toronto—were there. Three of the four teams are pairs of designers: Julie Beckman and Keith Kaseman of New York; Jean Koepfel and Tom Kowalski of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Mason Wickman and Edwin Zawadzki also of Brooklyn. All six attended the information session. Jacky Bowring of Canterbury, New Zealand, represented the sixth

team, a group from New Zealand and Australia.

The information session brought together these finalists with relatives of those who were killed, Pentagon representatives, technical experts, advisors and other team members.

"Connections were made on many levels," Anderson-Austra said. "Everyone emerged with clearer information on where we go from here."

The day began with a trip to the Pentagon so the finalists could see the memorial site and have their questions about it answered. Jerry Shiplett, Washington Headquarters Services, greeted the group. The Pentagon Renovation project's Brett Eaton gave a brief explanation of the attack, the damage and the ongoing reconstruction work. Anderson-Austra guided the group around and described the memorial site.

The competitors also heard from the Pentagon's John Pugrud about security matters and from Pentagon Renovation contractor Greg Henion about plans for a new truck route that will be constructed near the outer perimeter of the memorial.

The group reconvened at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. There, the finalists met the others who would participate in the information session, including nine members of the Family Steering Committee, which represents family members of all those killed on the plane and in the Pentagon.

"My husband and I raised our children to believe one



Jean Koepfel, one of the finalists, explains her design to family members.

person can make a difference. You are making a difference,” family member Elaine Donovan told the finalists on behalf of the committee. No matter which of these six designs is chosen, she said, the families will be very honored to see it built.

The finalists came forward and used their 30- by-40-inch submission boards to individually present and describe their memorial concepts. They explained how they had developed their ideas and in what ways they have continued to think about and further refine them.

Consultant Jeff Lee, a landscape architect, said that each of the six finalists’ schemes reflects a distinctive “big idea.”

“These ideas, presented at this level, are like flower buds waiting to open. Our job is to help each one of them to open up to their full individual beauty,” Lee said.

During the presentations, the competitors heard comments and responded to questions from the gathering.

“We are glad to have had the chance to meet the families and hear their questions, concerns and ideas,” finalist Zawadzki said. “They were very gracious and generous to us all.”

Family Steering Committee members asked exacting questions and offered clear-cut observations. Donovan said she wanted to look the finalists in the eye and see what kind of people they were. She was happy with what she found, she said.

“It was excellent to be able to ask questions and express my ideas...and have them addressed on the spot,” committee member Rosemary Dillard said.

“Meeting the finalists was



Over 1,000 entries were displayed at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., for the jurors to review.

invaluable,” Lisa Dolan, another committee member, said. “I am confident the design chosen will honor the memories of the 184 men, women and children killed on Sept. 11.”

Later in the day, the project team members, finalists and consultants pulled chairs into a circle and conferred on Stage Two. Subjects such as submission formats and requirements, payment of stipends, contracting alternatives and legal issues were discussed.

The challenge and the goal, Anderson-Austra said at the start of this session, are to have a high quality project and to maintain the artist’s vision while working with the procurement tools that are available.

“It was an important day for all of us, and also hugely and quietly successful,” she said. The competitors agreed.



The rebuilt section of the Pentagon.

“We received a great deal of valuable input that we’ll most certainly use in developing our concept,” Koeppel said. “It makes a big difference to meet everyone face-to-face.”

“I think all of the finalists really enjoyed getting together, too,” Bowring said. “It is nice to know now that whoever wins it will be one of this group of switched-on people.”

“It was very powerful for me, and it really does give a whole new scale to the event,” Meredith said. “I left realizing that what I’m doing can really affect people’s lives, which is something you sometimes forget when working at your computer late at night.”

Corps participates in two Pennsylvania ceremonies

Ceremonies on Nov. 18 at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., marked the beginning and end of two separate projects for Baltimore District.

The morning ground breaking ceremony for the Academic Research Facility brought Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White and Pennsylvania's Senator Arlen Specter together while the afternoon ribbon cutting at the Dunham Health Clinic featured Col. Charles Fiala and several other dignitaries.

The research facility is the first of several facilities planned for the new Army Heritage and Education Center at Carlisle.

The center will provide an understanding and appreciation of the Army's central role in the growth, development and protection of the nation and its way of life by interpreting the archival holdings of the U.S. Army Military History Institute

through exhibits, educational displays and programming.

Mascara Construction Company is the contractor for this \$11 million project.

Col. Charles J. Fiala, Jr. called the newly renovated Dunham U.S. Army Health Clinic a, "world class modern health facility," during his speech at the hospital's ribbon cutting ceremony the afternoon of Nov. 18. The renovations, which began at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., in 1999, cost \$8.6 million dollars to complete.

Designed by Ewing Cole Cherry Brott, Inc., the new building includes upgrades to the current structure, as well as the addition of an entirely new wing which more than doubles the size the original building.

Fiala, Baltimore District commander, said that, "great partnering" was what allowed the project team to keep the hospital up and running

throughout the three-year construction phase, operating, "safely every day, seeing and treating its numerous patients."

According to Fiala, "great partnering," also allowed the project team to manage with funding from two military sources: military construction funding and operations maintenance funding.

Harvest for the Hungry

The annual Baltimore District Harvest for the Hungry program begins this month, according to Pat Dockery, Logistics chief, whose office is in charge of the program this year.

The food drive, sponsored by the Federal Executive Board, helps many less fortunate people in Baltimore City and surrounding areas.

Some of the most needed items are canned meats and chicken, nuts, milk, baby food, pasta, rice, vegetables, fruit and soup.

Personal care products, such as toothpaste, shampoo and soaps are also requested. No glass, expired or damaged containers will be accepted.

Employees are encouraged to donate canned food and non-perishables to the program.

Key persons from each office will coordinate the food collection.

Call LMO at 2-4091 for more information.

Corps dedicates restored Corbin's Island

Baltimore District and Ducks Unlimited dedicated the Corbin's Island Wetland Restoration project Nov. 26 downstream of the Raystown Lake Dam near Huntingdon, Pa.

The project will restore six acres of wetland and an additional 13 acres of native warm season grasses for the benefit of waterfowl and numerous other species of wildlife.

The two organizations recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding to provide a foundation for collaboration related to protection, restora-

tion, and/or management of selected wetlands and associated uplands of mutual interest within the context of the Corps' civil works mission.

Ducks Unlimited and the Corps have agreed to cooperate in an effort to seek opportunities to promote the conservation of regionally significant biological diversity in accordance with applicable law through projects or programs related to the conservation, understanding, management and sustainable use of the nation's land and water resources.

Angel Tree Program gifts due Dec. 6

The 2002 Angel Tree Program, which began last month, runs through Dec. 6.

Between 11 and 11:20 a.m., participants should take their



unwrapped gifts to the District loading dock.

If you miss the pickup date, you may either drop the gifts off at the Salvation Army office at 814 Light St., or any one of the following shopping malls: Golden Ring, Hunt Valley or Security.

If you take your gifts to any other mall, they will not be accepted since they do not service the Baltimore Area Command.

For more information, call Susan Jones, Real Estate Division, at ext. 4675.

Two employees speak to outside groups about Baltimore's work

Steve Kopecky, Planning, addressed a public meeting in Allegheny County, Md., Nov. 18.

He discussed Corps programs and the implementation of projects identified in the Watershed Restoration Action Strategy Program through the Department of Natural Resources.

Jeff Trulick, Planning, spoke Nov. 19 at a meeting of the

Maryland Marine Club, a group of people, most of whom are retired from shipyards or other marine businesses.

He talked about Corps programs that lead to projects in the Chesapeake Bay, such as dredging, restoration, environmental cleanup, debris removal, navigation obstruction and regulation.

District breaks ground at Dents Run

Baltimore District helped break ground on a \$9 million-dollar project aimed at restoring the water quality and habitat in the Dents Run, Pa., watershed on Oct. 22.

An important cold water fishery, the water in Dents Run has been polluted with acid mine drainage, which can kill fish and other aquatic life, inhibit plant growth, destroy metal or concrete structures, contaminate groundwater, and even cause

water treatment costs to rise.

Recovery plans call for the reclamation of abandoned mine lands and abatement of AMD at six sites within the watershed. Over 1 million cubic yards of mine spoil will be re-graded and treated.

Approximately 500,000 tons of limestone will be mined onsite for use in the successive alkalinity producing systems and open limestone channels constructed to treat the AMD.

Courteous employee of the month

Mary Ellen Diffenderfer has been selected by Operations Division as the courteous employee of the month for December 2002.



Mary Ellen Diffenderfer

"Mary Ellen provides invaluable budgetary assistance to the entire Operations Division, as well as other divisions within the District. Requests for her assistance and CEFMS advice are a constant part of her workday routine.

"Even though she is constantly helping her co-workers while managing her own workload, Mary Ellen always provides assistance with kindness and courtesy.

"She is the epitome of the 'can do' Corps employee, and always puts customer service first. Her professionalism, courtesy and expertise are exemplary.

"Mary Ellen is an outstanding asset to the Operations Division, and we are extremely fortunate to have her as a member of our team."

Christine Correale, Chief
Operations Division

Feeling old?

Queen Victoria celebrated her 70th birthday by beginning lessons in Hindustani.



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