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**"The purpose
of life is a life
of purpose."**

**-Robert
Byrne**



(Photo by Jeff Price, Operations Division)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operates a clamshell dredge on the Occoquan River to deepen the channel from six to nine feet, minimizing navigational problems posed by shallow water.

Occoquan River sinks to new depths

By CHRISTOPHER AUGSBURGER
Public Affairs Office

Boaters on the Occoquan River are sinking to new depths, and they wouldn't have it any other way.

In recent years, commercial and recreational craft traveling along the Occoquan River have faced challenges in navigation because of an inadequate controlling depth. But thanks to the responsive efforts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its federal and state partners, boaters will now have a safer and deeper channel to navigate.

Congressman Tom Davis of Virginia, who helped secure federal funds for the project, joined Baltimore District Commander, Col. Robert J. Davis, along with representatives from the Occoquan River Maritime Association and Prince William and Fairfax counties at the Sea & Sea Company in

downtown Occoquan, Va., May 16 to celebrate the deepening of the federal navigation channel in the Occoquan River.

"The dredging of the Occoquan River takes the channel to its newly authorized depth of nine feet, which will minimize navigational problems posed by shallow water," said Steve Garbarino, the Corps' project manager. The new depth will also benefit commercial boaters who had been required to lighten barge loads to avoid grounding and damage to their vessels, according to Garbarino.

"The increased depth will allow commercial users to transport more tonnage, which we expect will have a positive economic impact on the local community," added Col. Davis.

Environmental stewardship played a key role in the project planning and execution of the deepening project. During the

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Commander's Comment

Our support to the BRAC process

By COL. ROBERT J. DAVIS
Commander and District Engineer

Last month, I mentioned that exciting times were ahead in the Military Program. It did not take long for the excitement to begin. The May 13 Department of Defense announcement of the Base Realignment and Closure list brought some interesting twists and, frankly, some surprises to our region. The Defense Department uses BRAC to achieve several goals: eliminate excess infrastructure; reshape our military; optimize military readiness; and realize significant savings in support of the transformation of our Armed Forces. BRAC 2005 recommendations eliminate excess physical capacity that has been diverting scarce resources from Defense capability. Here's how we fit in to the process.

Public Works directors, who work for garrison commanders, must now take the BRAC listing and update their installation master plans. Some installations are receivers of new organizations and military units, some will donate. In most cases, there are both gains and losses on the installation, so it is a daunting task for planners to put all the new pieces together. Planners resident in our District are postured to assist Public Works Directorates in accomplishing this large amount of work in a short period of time.

Once the installation master plan is updated and sites for future tenants are identified, initial project cost estimates need to be developed. These estimates must be able to answer questions such as: how much will it cost to build a lab, administrative building, training range, hospital, dining facility, barracks, etc. for # people at site XYZ? When all these requirements are calculated, senior service officials decide upon a relocation sequence ... what is built first?...who moves first? ... what future projects get cancelled? ... what existing projects continue?

As you can imagine, the timeline to execute all these activities is very compressed. I've heard that

initial project cost estimates must be completed as early as June 30. Once sequences are established, then real estate actions proceed, projects are designed and constructed, and, if necessary, environmental remediation takes place. We play a very important role in all of these activities.

The Department of Defense-recommended BRAC listing is now being evaluated by the BRAC Commission, and later this year, the commission will make a recommendation to the president. It is possible that the commission will recommend modification of some of the aspects of the current list. The president reviews the commission's recommendations and will then forward a final list to Congress.

Based on procedures already negotiated and accepted, Congress either accepts or rejects the entire list. Our understanding is that this entire process will be completed by the end of this calendar year.

In our immediate area of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware and West Virginia, just about all the installations we support will be gaining activities. Of particular note is Fort Belvoir, which will receive nearly 12,000 additional personnel.

Also noteworthy was the "realignment" of Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Walter Reed comprises several parcels of land. Some will remain, but the main section that houses the hospital will be closed. Activities related to the hospital will be moved to Bethesda, Md., and other locations throughout the country. Of final note is the direction that many military activities that occur in leased space in the National Capital Region must move onto military installations, so facilities will need to be built to accommodate this influx.

Throughout this entire process, we will be ready to assist installations in any way possible to accomplish the BRAC mission. I know I can count on you to give it your best effort!

—**Essayons**



ENGINEER DAY MESSAGE

Every June, we celebrate Engineer Day to honor the contributions of U.S. Army engineers, which began when Col. Richard Gridley became the first chief engineer in June 1775. His fortifications at Bunker Hill began a long heritage of service by Army engineers that continues today. Although much has changed during the centuries, the commitment, courage and competence exhibited by Army engineers have never changed.



During the past year, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the entire Engineer Regiment have accomplished terrific work. Thanks to the Corps of Engineers team, we accomplished our daily, important work at home on the nation's waterways and recreation areas, on our military facilities and in our research facilities. This past year, when our fellow citizens needed aid after four hurricanes struck the Southeast, you rushed to help them.

Around the world you supported the armed forces with quality facilities, and you helped to improve the quality of life in Afghanistan and Iraq. Thanks to your contributions, the Gulf Region Division passed its one-year anniversary in January. Later that month, Iraq held free elections. Many people will never forget the photos of smiling Iraqis leaving polling places, showing their fingers stained with purple ink like badges of honor. Be proud that wherever you served, you contributed to that important milestone.

Sadly, many in the Engineer Regiment have paid the ultimate price. In March, the nation awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously to Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith of the 11th Engineer Battalion. His extraordinary, unyielding courage during a firefight outside the Baghdad Airport in April 2003 saved many of his fellow Soldiers' lives.

His award reminds me that the regiment is blessed with Soldiers and Civilians who live the Army values and who are dedicated to public service. As a member of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you are part of a great team that has made many contributions to the nation's security, economic prosperity, and environmental quality. With your help, we will do more.

We will publish our campaign plan on June 16, and I ask that you read it at www.usace.army.mil, so you can help us become "One Team: Relevant, Ready, Responsive, and Reliable." The campaign plan describes goals, supporting objectives, and enabling capabilities that will help us achieve our vision. As you read the plan, remember that our goals and objectives are connected, and every Corps member has a role to play in making our vision a reality.

Thank you for your service to our nation, and thank you for being part of the Corps team. With your help, we will add to the long, proud heritage of service that began more than two centuries ago.

Essayons!

CARL A. STROCK
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Commanding

Walker leaves District with lasting legacy

By ANGELA M. MOORE
Public Affairs Office

After 30 years of federal service, Dr. Charles E. Walker is hanging up his hat. Walker, who has been serving as the District's government affairs officer since 1991, ended his third and final tour with the Corps of Engineers June 3.

After earning a doctorate degree in European history, Russian & Soviet specialty from West Virginia University, Walker began his federal career in 1975 as a historian with Corps headquarters.

In late 1980, he served as writer-editor with the Corps' New York District. Prior to being appointed to his current position, Walker honed his writing skills as a public affairs specialist with the Baltimore District where he penned a number of articles focusing on the history of the District.

As the current government affairs officer for the Baltimore District, Walker manages the congressional and intergovernmental affairs program. He directly interacts with 58 congressional offices in the six states and the District of Columbia lying within the Baltimore District's boundaries; as well as the State of Maryland, Baltimore City, and

numerous counties.

Walker has led a career of distinguished public service, according to Col. Robert J. Davis, Baltimore District commander.

"The relationships that Charlie fostered with our stakeholders throughout his distinguished years in the Baltimore District have made a huge positive impact on the accomplishment of our diverse missions," said Davis.

Like Davis, Lt. Col. J. T. Hand, deputy commander for Baltimore District, said Walker has been a great asset to the District.

"Dr. Charlie Walker is the true and absolute face and voice of the Baltimore District," said Hand. "He is the consummate professional."

A native of West Virginia, Walker has called Baltimore home since 1954. He is a graduate of Towson University, a former Baltimore City Public School teacher, and also served in the U.S. Army from 1966-69, with a tour of duty in Vietnam. Walker also served as an aide to former Baltimore mayor, William Donald Schaefer.

As a long time resident of Baltimore, Walker is active in several community organizations.

"Baltimore is a city of rich history

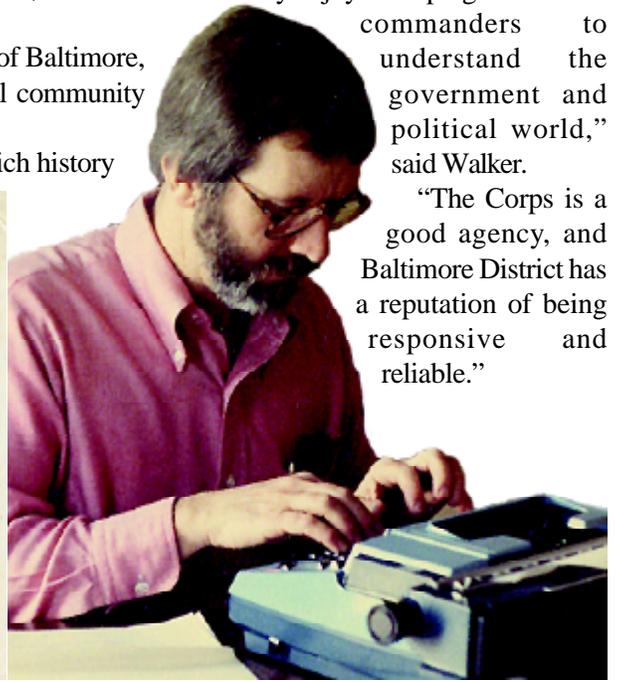


and culture," said Walker.

After retiring, Walker plans to relax for a short time at the Walker "dacha," (Russian for summer home) in West Virginia. He plans to remain active by volunteering and continuing to serve as a member of several civic groups and community organizations and may teach part-time.

"I truly enjoyed helping the various commanders to understand the government and political world," said Walker.

"The Corps is a good agency, and Baltimore District has a reputation of being responsive and reliable."



Security chief retires after 40 years

By CHANEL S. WEAVER
Public Affairs Office

Only several weeks have passed since Harry Williams, former chief of the District's Security and Law Enforcement Office, retired, but he is already looking forward to enjoying his golden years.

"I am going to do some saltwater fishing along the Florida gulf coast," said Williams.

Just as Williams has weighed the advantages of retiring, he has also considered the disadvantages. He said he will really miss the Baltimore District workforce.

"The people here are motivated and friendly, and they really have stepped up to the plate to support our troops and the Global War on Terror," said Williams. "There is an Army family atmosphere here."

Williams joined the District family in 1985, after retiring from the Army with more than 20 years of federal service. As the chief of Security and Law Enforcement, Williams has been responsible for protecting both the federal workforce and U.S. government property throughout the Baltimore District.

Charlie Walker, the District's government affairs officer, said Williams has taken numerous strides over the years to ensure that employees worked in a safe environment.

"Harry has always been very dedicated to his job as our security chief, keeping his eyes and ears open for security-related developments and promptly informing the staff of potentially dangerous situations," said Walker.

Like Walker, Jerry Rifkin, deputy chief of Contracting Division, said that he will remember Williams for his tireless efforts to protect the District's employees.

"Harry was very serious about the security of Baltimore District personnel and would require all employees to participate in security awareness training," said Rifkin.

Although Williams has always been serious about public safety, Jim Turkel, chief of the District's Real Estate Division, said Williams' commitment to security was even more evident in the days following the 9/11 attacks.

"Harry consistently advocated the most stringent of security standards for our building and its occupants," said Turkel.

But Williams also has a lighter side, according to Lt. Col. Joseph T. Hand, Baltimore District deputy commander. Several years ago, Hand brought his 10-day-old daughter to the security office so that she could have her passport photo taken, and he said Williams lost a bit



(Photo by Chanel S. Weaver, Public Affairs)

Harry Williams (left), chief of the District's Security and Law Enforcement Office, greets long-time friend and District retiree, Jim Eberhardt, at Williams' retirement open house. District personnel gathered to thank Williams for his service to the nation and wish him a safe and enjoyable retirement.

of his tough demeanor that day.

"Harry's tough on the outside but easily succumbed to the charms of that baby," said Hand. "Harry Williams is good people."

Like Hand, Randy Winemiller, chief of the Realty Services Field Office, agreed that Harry has a good heart.

"He certainly personifies Army values," said Winemiller.

Williams credited his Army leaders for instilling good traits. "As a young man, my infantry leaders were great role models, and they led by example," said Williams.

Williams, 62, is a native of Charleston, W.Va., and the father of one son, Cpl. Rob Williams, who is serving in Afghanistan. Williams loves the outdoors and — in addition to fishing — his hobbies include hunting, skeet and trap shooting.

Williams said he has enjoyed his time with the Corps, and he hopes that he has made a difference in the Baltimore District community.

"I've enjoyed the assignment here; it has been a challenge," said Williams. "We tried to provide a safe and secure environment for all of our employees, and I hope we have made a positive impact."

Corps teen leads charge; supports our troops

By JOYCE M. CONANT
Public Affairs Office

When John Krol, a civil engineer in Engineering Division, told his son, Garrett, about a drive the Baltimore District was organizing to aid the wounded Soldiers at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., Garrett was extremely elated and eagerly sought a way to become involved.

The 15-year-old sophomore at Dulaney High School in Timonium, Md., shared his idea with Laura Janka, a senior and the president of the Key Club, a high school organization that promotes community service, leadership development and fellowship. The initiative took off. The Parent Teacher Student Association, the Student Government Organization and the school's principal all supported the drive.

"The drive originally came to the Corps through a coworker who is a Coast Guard Reserve employee," said Heather Sachs, Employees' Activities Association president and a realty specialist in Real Estate Division.



(Photo by Joyce Conant, Public Affairs)

Garrett Krol and his father, John Krol, a civil engineer in Engineering Division, hold the ceremonial check that was presented to the Fisher House Foundation on behalf of students at Dulaney High School in Timonium, Md.

"The Coast Guard started collecting entertainment items for returning service members who are hospitalized in area military hospitals, and the EAA had taken a collection for the Soldiers around the Easter holiday," she said.

Although a humble Garrett eschewed credit for the success of the drive, Janka said she was grateful Garrett had this idea.

"We got to show how much we truly care for our servicemen — so many people reached out," said Janka. "We worked so hard but never knew how much would be donated."

The school collected 186 compact discs, 376 videotapes, 20 DVDs, some handheld games, a complete stereo system, a complete PlayStation, 507 books and several handmade bookmarks, games and puzzles.

"This is the largest single donation we have received since the drive started in January," said Lt. j.g. Christopher Waugh, U.S. Coast Guard headquarters, who picked up the donated items to be transported to Walter Reed.

In addition to the entertainment items that were collected, the Dulaney High School Student Government Organization organized cash donations. The school collected \$1,060 for the Fisher House Foundation to help support family members of the injured. The Fisher House, which operates similar to a Ronald McDonald House, enables family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times.

"We thought this was one small way we could support the wounded servicemen and their families," said John



(Photo by Mary Beth Thompson, Public Affairs)

Fishing around

Phil Burkhouse (left) of Emporium, Pa., and Fred Kielbowick of Ridgeway, Pa., use the new fish cleaning station at Hammond Lake, one of several recently completed improvements at Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lakes that were celebrated during a ceremony May 22. Burkhouse and Kielbowick said the new fish cleaning station, with running water and a garbage disposal, keeps the area cleaner and free of odors. Col. Robert J. Davis, District commander, and Congressman John Peterson participated in the ceremony.

Building an Army Base in Afghanistan

Part 3: Living and Working in a Combat Zone

By MAJ. JOHN K. BAKER, P.E.
Afghanistan Engineer District

A typical day in the Gardez Resident Office is like a typical day at any field office in the Baltimore District. After breakfast, we start the sport utility vehicle, grab our laptops ... then put on our body armor, lock and load our guns, fight through traffic and go wage war with the contractor.

Okay, so it's not exactly the same. In Gardez the roads are dirt, and we have to avoid camel caravans and flocks of sheep. However, the local Afghan drivers are as crazy as any you'll find on the capital or Baltimore beltways.

At the jobsite, where we are working on a \$65 million, nine-month project to design and build an Afghan National Army base, we trade our body armor and Kevlars for rolls of design drawings and hard hats. The field office is 40 square feet and has all the facilities one would expect of a "normal" field office: power, water, sewer, Internet access, printer, copier, coffee pot, fridge and microwave. The typical workweek is 76 hours — 12 hours per day from Saturday to Thursday, then four hours on Friday morning; Friday is an Afghan holiday.

Explosions near the jobsite are common in the mornings as U.S. forces dispose of captured ordnance and munitions. Temper explosions on the jobsite can be more frequent, however.

Construction management and quality assurance is difficult when one considers that about 700 of the 1,200 workers are Afghan

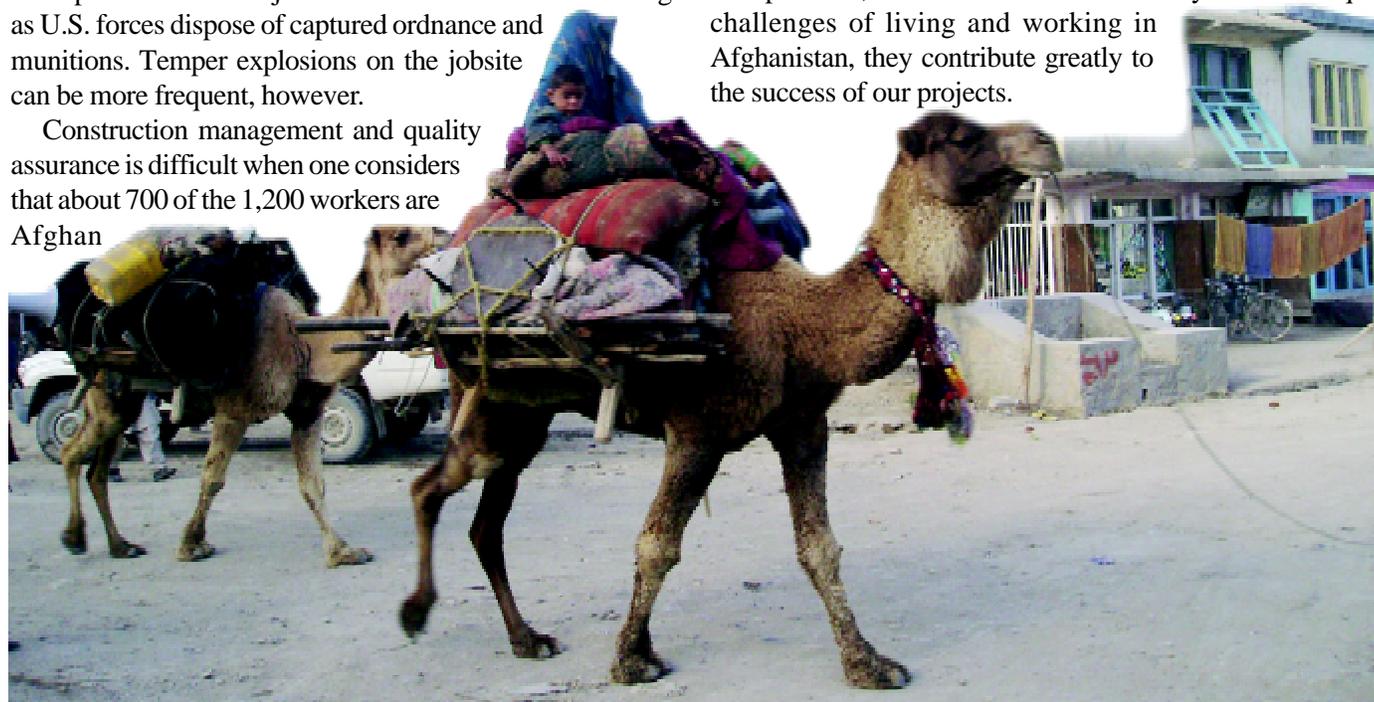
and have had little or no formal training or exposure to safety or quality control standards.

At the end of the day, we return to our home, Forward Operating Base Gardez. Our living area is located with the contractor, and we have the best living conditions on base. We have private rooms with phones and Internet access, hot showers and a common room with stereo and cable television. We eat at an Army dining facility and have access to good fitness facilities.

The base is a mix of coalition personnel with conventional and special operations forces; "embedded" U.S. trainers to the Afghan Army; personnel from civil affairs, the U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and the contractor's multi-national workforce.

Bi-weekly Afghan bazaars are a highlight, as are the "PX Rodeos" that fly in by helicopter about once a month to allow Soldiers access to finance, postal services and "shoppette" purchases. Incoming mail is delivered with contractor resupply convoys and usually takes two to three weeks to arrive from the United States. While those Corps employees located at larger bases have much more creature comforts, they also come under the scrutiny of many more high-ranking officials.

Corps employees who volunteer for such duty, regardless of experience, are to be commended. As they face the unique challenges of living and working in Afghanistan, they contribute greatly to the success of our projects.



Partnering delivers long-term solutions

By SHAWN M. WALLECK
Public Affairs Office

Imagine going out to pick up the mail and finding 7,000 different pieces of mail spilling out of the mail box, on to the lawn and into the street, what if this happened everyday? A bit overwhelming indeed, however, for the Library of Congress this is an everyday occurrence.

Materials are added to the collections of the library at a rate of 7,000 items per working day. That fact leads to an obvious question — where do they put it all?

On Capitol Hill, the library occupies the Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and James Madison Memorial Buildings. Here is where more than 130 million books and other printed materials, recordings, photographs, maps and manuscripts are stored on approximately 530 miles of bookshelves.

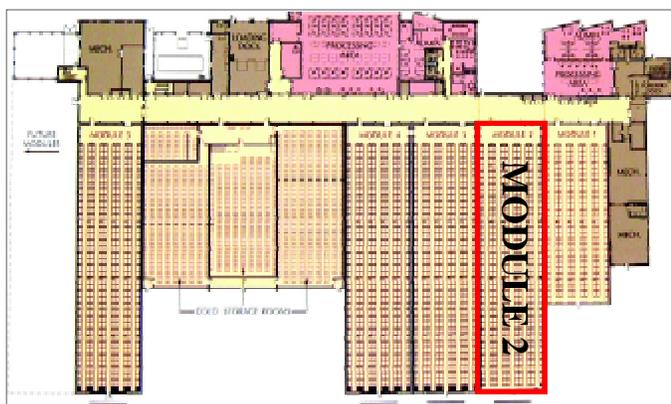
Unfortunately, the library has outgrown its facilities and is in need of more space. Recently, the Baltimore District played an integral role in delivering a solution that met their needs.

The Library of Congress and Architect of the Capitol held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Archival Storage Facility Module 2 and a Water Tank Facility on May 23 at Fort Meade, Md., adding more than five miles of climate-controlled shelving to their storage capabilities.

Through the use of partnering, the District brought together Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, John C. Grimberg Company, Inc., and Coakley Williams Construction to deliver a state-of-the-art facility on time and on budget.

“The Corps suggested partnering and that is what made this project so successful. Today this facility represents the celebration of that success,” said Charles Enos, of Einhorn Yaffee Prescott.

The new facility was built with state-of-the-art preservation



Concept art of the Library of Congress facility



(Photo by Shawn M. Walleck, Public Affairs)

From left to right are the participants of the ribbon cutting: Stephen Ayers, Architect of the Capitol, superintendent; John Treseler, Grimberg, vice president; Patrick Caulfield, Coakley Williams, president; Steve Herman, Library of Congress, chief, Collections Access; Lt. Col. J.T. Hand, USACE deputy district commander; Charles Enos, Einhorn Yaffee Prescott principal.

in mind.

“Each module is climate-controlled at a constant 50 degrees Fahrenheit with 30 percent relative humidity, which will extend an average book’s shelf life by six times as long,” said Steve Herman, chief of collections access for the Library of Congress.

Adjacent to the storage module is a water tank storage facility that will pump thousands of gallons of water, providing immediate fire suppression to the facility in the event of a fire.

“If you were to ask my daughter what the best part of her week is, she would tell you it’s going to the library. I asked her why, and she said, ‘It’s because you never know what you are going to find there, but you always leave with something interesting.’ Having this facility will ensure future generations will always have a place to find something interesting too,” said Lt. Col. J.T. Hand, Baltimore District deputy commander, at the ceremony.



Completed water tank storage facility

New chief takes command of safety office

By CHANEL S. WEAVER
Public Affairs Office

John Houvener has been chief of the Safety and Occupational Health Office for only a few months, but he is no stranger to the safety field.

Houvener worked in the Industrial Hygiene Division of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine in Europe for 10 years, providing industrial hygiene and safety services to Department of Defense installations in Germany, England, Holland, Italy and Belgium. Houvener, who has been working in the Baltimore District since 2001, hopes to use his experiences in Europe to implement his vision for the Baltimore District Safety Office.

"I hope to be able to integrate safety into every aspect of the District functions and streamline each of our processes to make life easier for the folks in the field," said Houvener.

Houvener's new job will include overseeing the safety and occupational health of every Baltimore District project, as well as ensuring that Soldiers and Civilians are medically fit for duty in the United States and abroad. Houvener will also be responsible for providing safety-related training to the staff.

In spite of the challenges that may lie ahead, Houvener seems to inspire confidence. He has already proven to be



(Photo by Chanel S. Weaver, Public Affairs)

John Houvener was recently appointed chief of the District's Safety and Occupational Health Office. He has worked in the safety field for over a decade.

a great asset to the District, according to Chris Correale, chief of the Operations Division.

"He has been very helpful to Operations field elements in the areas of general safety training and confined space training," said Correale.

Houvener is excited about his new appointment. He said that Baltimore District is a great place to work because there are so many role models to be encountered at the Corps.

Many District employees said Houvener, too, demonstrates strong leadership qualities.

"John's initiative, professionalism and dedication to his mission is off the scale," said Hammond, chief of environmental and explosive safety.

Like Hammond, Lt. Col. J.T. Hand, deputy commander of Baltimore District, said that Houvener possesses the right skills to lead the safety office.

"John's permanent appointment as the District's safety and occupational health manager is a win for the Baltimore District," said Hand.

In addition to working at the District, Houvener is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve. When he is not busy with his Army Reserve unit, Houvener enjoys being outdoors. He's completed four marathons and has participated in several five and 10k races over the years.

Houvener said he thoroughly enjoys coming to work each day.

"The most enjoyable aspect of working for Baltimore District is the variety of projects," said Houvener. "There is always something interesting going on in the District."

7-9 June 2005 Time: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. daily

2nd Annual Safety Days

- Door Prizes
- Give-A-Ways
- Free Blood Pressure Screening

This Year's Focus:

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Safety at Work

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Congratulations FEB Award Winners

Bronze

Anthony Vidal
Outstanding Supervisor – Grades 13 and above

Daniel Oswald
Outstanding Professional Technical, Scientific and Program Support

Shannon Smith
Outstanding Para-Professional– Technical, Scientific and Program Support

Deborah Bubp
Outstanding Para-Professional – Administrative/ Management Analyst

Silver

Rhonda Franz
Outstanding Professional Administrative, Management & Specialist

Patricia Mazzone
Outstanding Administrative Assistant

Gary Dillman
Outstanding Trades and Crafts

Heather Sachs
Community Service

Robert Lindner
Distinguished Public Service Career

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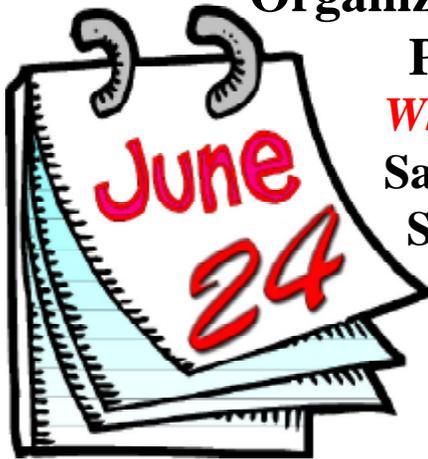
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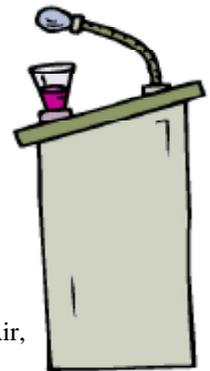
Organization Day Picnic

Where:
Sandy Point State Park

When:
Friday, June 24



Speakers Bureau



Craig Georg, Engineering Division, gave a presentation to students about the Corps' Spring Valley cleanup project during environmental day at South Hampton Middle School in Bel Air, Md., April 25.

Milt Boyd, Office of Counsel, spoke about the Corps' work in the Chesapeake Bay to the Oak Crest Lions Club in Baltimore May 2.

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construction of the Occoquan dredging project, the Corps' project delivery team worked closely with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to minimize environmental impacts during critical fish spawning time, according to Garbarino.

Improvements to the channel will provide for a more efficient use of the waterway, allowing boat traffic to stay within the channel and avoid sensitive environmental areas outside the channel, such as wetlands and submerged aquatic vegetation.

The completion of the Occoquan

dredging project marks a great day for the continuing renaissance of the town of Occoquan, according to Congressman Davis.

"This project is part and parcel of our efforts to revitalize the riverfront," he said.

The river had not been dredged since 1962.

State-of-the-art warehouse project underway

By SHERRE MITTEN-BELL
DDSP Public Affairs

A ground-breaking ceremony was held May 3 at the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna in New Cumberland, Pa., for what will be the second largest building on the military installation. Officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the depot and Kinsley Construction Inc., will work together on the general purpose warehouse that will contain \$1.8 million in material handling equipment.

The contract, funded by Defense Logistics Agency, was awarded by Baltimore District in January to Kinsley Construction for over \$23 million. The building is estimated to open for occupancy in January 2007, allowing the depot to consolidate material and improve its processing time.

“This new general purpose, bulk warehouse is a key building block in our depot modernization program. The program plans to replace six World War I-era warehouses with three state-of-the-art facilities,” said the depot’s commander, Navy Capt. James Naber, at the ceremony.

The new warehouse will feature precast concrete panel walls and a steel column supported structure.

“The new warehouse will provide 420,000 square feet of floor space and increase the maximum stacking storage space height to 20 feet from 12 feet,” said Ed Yakuchev, Baltimore District project leader.

Also, when construction is complete, a material handling



(Photo by Shawn M. Walleck, Public Affairs)

The DDSP warehouse groundbreaking participants are (left to right): Dallas DiFiore, Kinsley Construction, Inc., project manager; Capt. James P. Naber, DDSP commander; Rob Montefour, DDSP facility engineer; Col. Robert J. Davis, Baltimore District engineer; John Bush, DDSP facility master planner and Robert Egge, Leo A Daly vice president.

equipment project will include a rail-guided, narrow aisle, high-rise pallet storage system and transporter stations. The facility also includes a 6,500-square-foot administrative annex providing an office area, break/lunch room, restroom/locker rooms and utility rooms for employees occupying the building during several work shifts.

Sign of new times for Fort Detrick



(Photo courtesy of Fort Detrick, Visual Information)

Representatives from Fort Detrick, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ChevronTexaco, Keenan Development, and Bearing Point gathered at the Community Activities Center on April 28 to formally sign a Memorandum of Agreement to develop a Cogeneration Utility Plant on Fort Detrick within the confines of the land designated for the National Interagency Biodefense Campus.

Representative signatories seated (from left to right) are: Col. John E. Ball, U.S. Army Garrison Commander, J. Lyles Glenn, Senior Counsel for Keenan Development, Ken Ormsbee, Director of the Federal Business Unit for Chevron Energy Solutions Company, and James S. Turkel, Real Estate Division Chief for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District.



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