

## Notes from the Mississippi

### *Lock and Dam 11, Dubuque, Iowa*

- ✓ Brush and hard woods cleared from Wisconsin dike.
- ✓ All employees attended CPR and first aid training.
- ✓ Lock prepared for 2000 navigation season.

### *Lock and Dam 12, Bellevue, Iowa*

- ✓ Video shot of lockmaster explaining Stage II rehabilitation work.
- ✓ Six personnel attended crane school Feb. 28 through March 2.

### *Lock and Dam 13, Clinton, Iowa*

- ✓ Chain link fence replaced on landwall side of lock.
- ✓ Earnest Jackson conducted a lock & dam program for the Geneseo High School, Jan. 28.
- ✓ Damaged timbers replaced on the miter gates.

### *Locks and Dam 14, Le Claire, Iowa*

- ✓ Crane operator physicals.
- ✓ Identification numbers welded on lock miter gates.

### *Locks and Dam 15, Rock Island, Ill.*

- ✓ Two wooden benches constructed.
- ✓ Roller guides replaced for upper haulage unit.
- ✓ Vent breather plugs on all gate and valve motors removed and cleaned.

### *Lock and Dam 16, Muscatine, Iowa*

- ✓ Six employees participated in CPR and first aid training.
- ✓ New beam for timber replacement manufactured for lock gates.
- ✓ "Simulated" spill response drill held.

### *Lock and Dam 17, New Boston, Ill.*

- ✓ Gate timber replacement completed on #1 lock gate.
- ✓ Lifeboats and haulage units readied for the season.

### *Lock and Dam 18, Burlington, Iowa*

- ✓ Oil in all four miter gate gearboxes cleaned out, sealed and replaced.
- ✓ Nine gate timbers changed.
- ✓ Lock sign repainted.

### *Lock and Dam 19, Keokuk, Iowa*

- ✓ I-beam supports in two of the three lower valves installed.
- ✓ Mid-Winter Bald Eagle survey.
- ✓ Divers inspected the lower gates Jan. 19, some cracks were found.

### *Lock and Dam 20, Canton, Mo.*

- ✓ Limit switches on all gate and valve machinery completely rebuilt.
- ✓ Upper tow haulage unit repaired.
- ✓ Four people attended crane school.

### *Lock and Dam 21, Quincy, Ill.*

- ✓ Safety blocks on lock wall sanded and repainted.
- ✓ Hand rail put up and cable eyes replaced to get ready for boats.
- ✓ Bubbler lines on upper gate recess walls replaced for small bubblers.

### *Lock and Dam 22, Saverton, Mo.*

- ✓ Hannibal Testing Lab began core drilling on lower side of dam during shut down.
- ✓ Identification numbers welded to miter gates.

## National Engineers Week in the Rock Island District

To promote the awareness of National Engineers Week and the engineering profession, several activities were held in the Rock Island District. Throughout the week everyone received an engineer-related question with the answer to that question the following day.

Two internal contests were also held for \$25 prizes. An "Engineer Hunt" was held at the Clock Tower, while a "Caption Contest" was held for all field sites.

The winner of the "Engineer Hunt" was Elizabeth Hull, Engineering Division. Elizabeth collected 31 National Engineers Week cards from District engineers. This required her to learn about 31 different engineers that work in the Rock Island District.

The winner of the "Caption Contest" was Gene Walters, Lock and Dam 19. Gene's winning caption to the photo at right was: **The new Engineer Day**

**competition, "DOZER DRAG RACING" was not as popular as expected.**

Other submissions included: **"I told you that engineer would sit there all day if we covered up his car!"** Dave Peterson, Lock and Dam 14; **Dozer Operator #1 To Engineer squatting on the ground - "I always new you engineer types were full of it ..."** Dozer Operator #2 - **"Yeah, but this is ridiculous!"** John F. Knoble, Thomson Park Rangers; **... and in the home stretch, it's the "Dirt Devil," followed closely behind by the "Clod Buster,"** and as

**they reach the finish line, the "Dirt Devil" wins by a root ball!!** Martie Wilbur, Coralville Lake; **ON YOUR**



**MARKS; GET SET; GO!"** sent in by Lisa Lawrence, Illinois Waterway Project Office, Lock and Dam Section.

The entries were judged by a three-member engineering panel. Thanks to all those who participated in both competitions. 

# District Commander's Awards

By Joann Wilgenbusch, Resource Management

**September:** **Annette M. Bealer**, a management analyst in the Budget, Manpower and Management Analysis Branch, Resource Management Office, was recognized Jan. 26, 2000, with the **District Commander's Award for September 1999**, by Col. James Mudd, district commander.

Bealer's supervisor, Barb Carlock, nominated her for performance of an in-depth analysis of the proposed Inter Service Support Agreement with the Rock Island Arsenal for FY00. Her analysis included development of a cost comparison of the proposed ISSA charges against what was charged for each service provided in FY99.

The analysis required research and coordination with several District offices as well as with the RIA ISSA point of contact. As a result of Bealer's complete review, evaluation and analysis of the service charges, the ISSA for FY00 was reduced from the original amount of \$198,063 to \$159,003, for a savings to the District of nearly \$40,000. Bealer is to be commended for her attitude and willingness to thoroughly understand and justify each of the service charges contained in the ISSA and not simply accept the ISSA as submitted.

**October:** **Nancy W. Pierce**, a transportation assistant in the Logistics Management Office, was recognized with the **District Commander's Award for October 1999**, on Feb. 17, 2000, by Col. James Mudd.

Bealer nominated Pierce for this award.

Bealer said, "Nancy has always been there to help out the Logistics Management Office when in need. The months of September and October were no different. Along with all her regular duties, Nancy has filled in for Jim Kutsch, who is out on medical leave. She has made the normal travel arrangements for Corps employees, has made emergency travel arrangements for the ice team, balanced four months of travel visa statements, and at one point was the only person in the office to hold down the fort."

"Nancy has always shown a desire to help others and does so with a truly caring attitude," said Bealer. "She is definitely a tribute to the Rock Island District Corps of Engineers and is definitely worthy of the District Commander's Award."

**November:** **Carol A. Jacks**, Secretary, Engineering Division, was recognized Jan. 26, 2000, with the **District Commander's Award for November 1999**, by Col. James Mudd.

Jacks' supervisor, Joe Raoul, nominated her for her efforts in assisting Engineering Division supervisors in completing and tracking performance evaluations for over 110 employees within the division, ranging in grade from GS-09 through GS-14, during the months of October and November.

This included typing numerous evaluations, reviewing evaluations and coordinating with the appropriate supervisor to ensure all applicable information was completed and forwarded to Resource Management by the suspense date.

"With the vast number of evaluations due at one time, this is an extremely hectic time for Mrs. Jacks," said Raoul. "She accomplishes this large spike in workload calmly and efficiently along with numerous other items such as timekeeping, typing, CEFMS, making travel arrangements, office administration, and many other tasks too numerous to mention."

**December:** **Dorene A. Bollman**, an outdoor recreation planner in the En-Planning, Programs Division, was recognized with the **District Commander's Award for December 1999**, on March 13, 2000, by Col. James Mudd. Teresa Kirkeeng-Kincaid, project manager within the Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division, nominated Bollman for the extensive amount of additional duties (without additional pay) that Bollman performed during the month of December as an acting project manager for the Peoria Illinois Riverfront Development Study and the Illinois Ecosystem Restoration Study.

Kirkeeng-Kincaid said, "Dorene willingly accepted these responsibilities, in addition to her current duties, during a developmental assignment as the project manager. In this time, she kicked off the Peoria Feasibility Study and made significant advancement of the Illinois Reconnaissance Study, both requiring intensive and frequent communications and coordination with the sponsor and with the internal team."

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