



Investing In Our People

Around the District

District Commander's Award



Beth Crawford, Contracting Division, was awarded the District Commander's Award for February 2001, by Col. William Bayles, District engineer.

Crawford earned the award for her outstanding performance during a 90-day detail to the Project Management Branch.

Crawford was tasked with finding a solution to the 100 percent monetary obligation requirement for contract award for work orders on existing indefinite quantities contracts.

Her initiative in this endeavor will have a long-term positive impact on the efficiency of the District's continuing authorities program.

Robert Riebe, Engineering Division, was awarded the District Commander's Award for March 2001, by Col. William Bayles, District engineer.

Riebe earned the award for his outstanding performance as Quad Cities Flood Area Engineer.

During late February and early March, the breakup of excessive river ice resulted in severe flooding on the Rock River in the Illinois Quad Cities areas of Cleveland and Barstow.

Riebe kept abreast of both field conditions and office forecasts and provided excellent two-way communications between the public, community officials, local media and Corps' emergency management personnel.

Joe Nobiling, Information Management, was awarded the District

Commander's Award for April 2001, by Col. William Bayles, District engineer.

Nobiling earned the award for producing a "last-minute, same-day" award certificate for presentation to Ellen Chang, the featured speaker for a Special Emphasis Program Committee event April 3.

He delivered, on time, a very unique and appropriate certificate with which Chang was pleased. 🙌

Sympathy ...



Martha 'Marty' Alford, 68, Bettendorf, Iowa, formerly of Blue Grass, Iowa, passed away April 5, at Muscatine (Iowa) Care Center.

She was a realty specialist with the Rock Island District.



Robert Wilkins, 55, Davenport, Iowa, passed away May 15, at Genesis Medical Center-West Campus, Davenport, Iowa. He retired as head lock and dam operator from Locks and Dam 14, Pleasant Valley, Iowa on Dec. 5,

1998.

Robert Wilkins was a Marine veteran from 1962-1966, and served at Guantanamo Bay during the Bay of Pigs. He worked at Lock and Dam 18, Gladstone, Ill., until transferring to Locks and Dam 14 in January 1984. He also co-invented and patented the ratchet tightener.

Recent Retirements ...

Eugene P. Bianchetta, Operations Division, Dresden Island Lock and Dam, was a lock and dam operator and retired May 3, after serving 36 years and five months with the federal government.

Vernon H. Greenwood, Engineering Division, Geotechnical Branch, was a geologist and retired June 2, after serving 30 years and three months with the federal government.

Charles W. Motsinger, Operations Division, Mississippi River Project Office, Maintenance Section, was a lock and dam repairer and retired May 6, after serving 20 years with the federal government.

Robert M. Stevenson, Operations Division, Saylorville Lake, was a maintenance worker and retired June 1, after serving 23 years and four months with the federal government.

District Receives Funds

Bulgarian Bridges: Funds have been received from Europe District to enable the Rock Island District's Structural Section to continue technical exchange with Bulgarian government officials for the Cornerstone 2002 event, which may include the construction of a concrete bridge and strengthening of an existing bridge.

Notes from the Mississippi*

Lock and Dam 11, Dubuque, Iowa

- ✓ Timbers on number two and number four lock gates replaced.
- ✓ Sand bag dike built.

Lock and Dam 12, Bellevue, Iowa

- ✓ Plywood bulkheads for parapet walls built.
- ✓ Tow haulage unit removed from lockwall.

Lock and Dam 13, Clinton, Iowa

- ✓ Flood protection requirements completed.
- ✓ Water covered entryway road Apr. 22.

Locks and Dam 14, Le Claire, Iowa

- ✓ Built sandbag dike on roadway.
- ✓ Bridge barge moved from under bridge to storage yard.

Locks and Dam 15, Rock Island, Ill.

- ✓ Small bubblers removed due to flood.
- ✓ Brakes on number one and number six roller gates repaired.

Lock and Dam 16, Muscatine, Iowa

- ✓ Rebuilt number four gate motor installed.
- ✓ Seven bulkheads from gate number 19 pulled.

Lock and Dam 17, New Boston, Ill.

- ✓ Lifeboat motor repaired.
- ✓ Selsyn motors removed and installed.
- ✓ Safety blocks from lock wall removed.

Lock and Dam 18, Burlington, Iowa

- ✓ Bulkheads constructed and installed.
- ✓ Lock motors removed and placed on dam.

Lock and Dam 19, Keokuk, Iowa

- ✓ Lighting in welding room installed.
- ✓ Oil leaks on service gate control circuit repaired.

Lock and Dam 20, Canton, Mo.

- ✓ Upper storage yard cleaned and reseeded.
- ✓ Maintenance crew moved radio tower to upper yard.

Lock and Dam 21, Quincy, Ill.

- ✓ Roller gate chains oiled.
- ✓ Inventory completed of extra signs at lock.

Lock and Dam 22, Saverton, Mo.

- ✓ Bulkhead winches from storage yard removed and placed on dam.
- ✓ Service gate to lockwall repaired.

*This is a small sample of work completed at District locks and dams throughout the month.

Speakers Bureau

By Justine Barati, Public Affairs

As part of the District's Adopt-A-School program, **Clarice Sundeen**, Programs and Project Management Division, and **Kevin Holden**, Engineering Division, met with the Assistant Principal of Central High School in Davenport, Iowa, to discuss Central's Vision 2005 plan for facility improvements. They recommended the school create a Campus Master Plan before design or construction of any new facilities. This advice was well received and Sundeen and Holden will continue assisting the school in their planning efforts.

A student from St. Ambrose University job shadowed **Ron Fournier**, Public Affairs, on April 3. Fournier discussed his career and the Public Affairs profession.

In addition, on April 3, **Mark Hoague**, Engineering Division, spoke with members of the Davenport Rotary about the ongoing bridge-strengthening work in the Republic of Macedonia. Hoague has assisted with this project.

Karen Hagerty, Programs and Project Management Division, and **Mark Clark**, Engineering Division, met with the Partners of Scott County Watersheds on April 5 at the Davenport Public Works office in Davenport, Iowa. Hagerty and Clark gave a presentation on the Corps' environmental programs, specifically the Duck Creek-Fairmount Park Wetland Restoration, Section 206, Project. Sixteen people attended the meeting, including representatives from the cities of Davenport and Bettendorf, Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District, Interstate Resource, Conservation and Development, and the Quad City Homebuilders Association. Through their work on this committee, Hagerty and Clark assisted the PSCW in winning the Environmental Stewardship Award given by the Putnam Museum in Davenport, Iowa.

John Punkiewicz, Operations Division, spoke at the Corps'

International Boating and Water Safety Summit on April 9. He spoke with more than 100 Corps professionals about accidents in the Corps during Calendar Year 2000.

Larry Melaas, Engineering Division, judged a science fair for 30 seventh-grade students in the East Central School District in Sabula, Iowa. The science fair took place on April 10.

More than 60 members of the East Moline Rotary spoke with **Larry Jones**, Executive Office, on April 12 at the Christ United Methodist Church in East Moline, Ill. Jones' presentation discussed the missions of the District.

Kent Rockow, Engineering Division, hosted a job shadow student on May 16. The student is a freshman at Davenport North High School. Rockow discussed his career as an electrical engineer.

Laura Abney, Programs and Project Management Division, spoke with more than 100 students at the elementary, middle and high schools in Annawan, Ill., on May 18. Her discussion included information on water safety, dam operations, and watershed issues.

On April 26, **Rich Fristik**, Programs and Project Management Division, and **Kara Mitvalsky** and **Kevin Holden**, Engineering Division participated in a career fair for high school students at Erie High School in Erie, Ill. They discussed their careers at the Corps with more than 100 students.

The Speakers Bureau is an outreach program where employees work to foster positive relations between the community and the Corps. Contact with our public provides an opportunity to reaffirm the importance of the District's role in our communities, the Midwest and the nation. District employees interested in Speakers Bureau opportunities should contact Justine Barati. 📧