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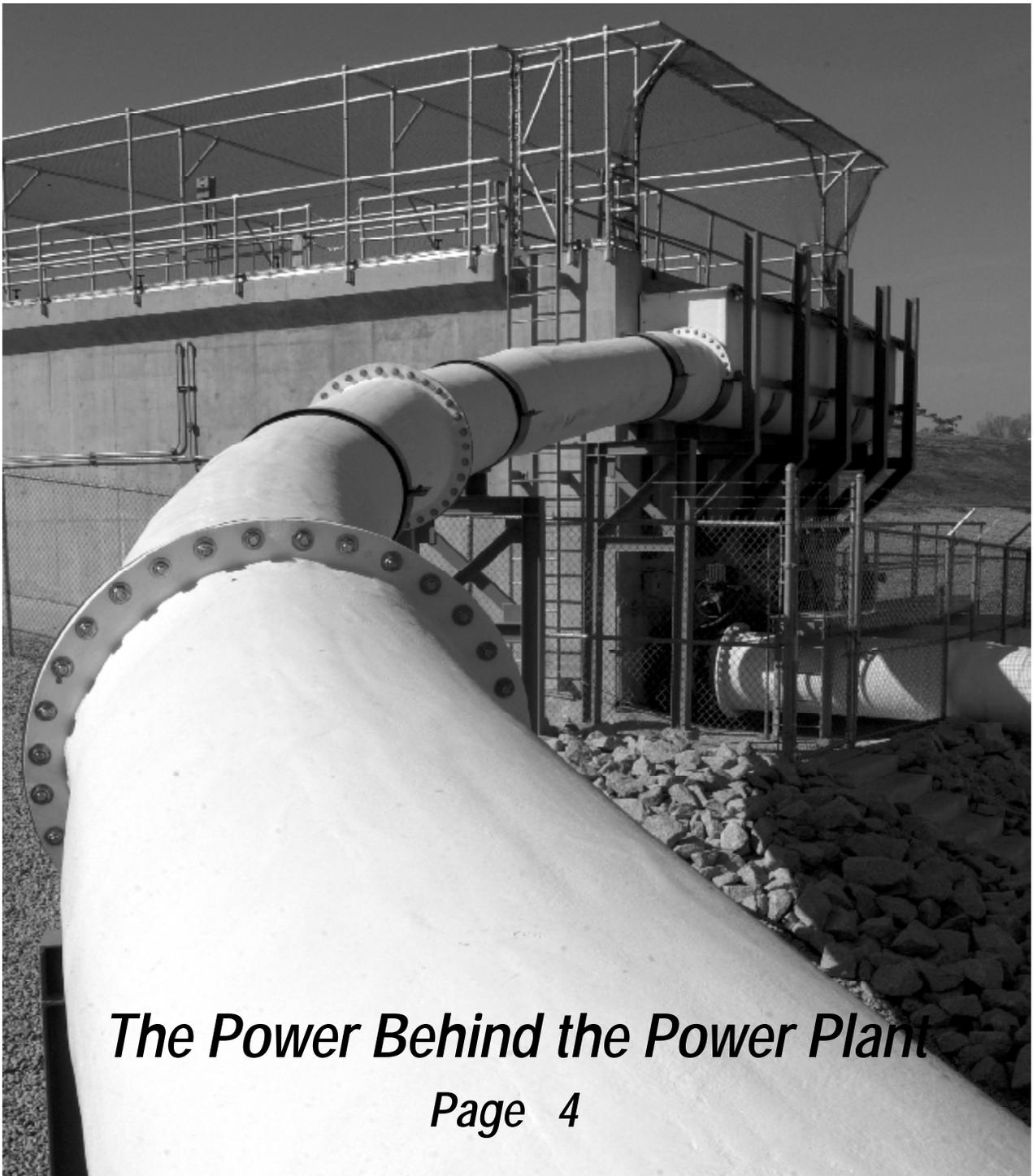
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The photo shows a pipe that is part of a bypass system for the fish life modification project at the Cooper River Rediversion Project.

Photo by Jonas Jordan.

District Commander's Corner



Lt. Col. Peter W. Mueller
Charleston District Commander

First - I want to recognize both Bruce Seltzer and Fred South for their service in Kuwait and Iraq during *Operation Iraqi Freedom*. Please welcome them home and thank them for volunteering for this critical mission. I also ask that you keep Dennis McKinley, his family, members of our Regional Team, and our Soldiers who are on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan in your thoughts and prayers. They are serving our Nation under tough, dangerous conditions and are Patriots in the truest sense of the word.

Second – I want to thank everyone that participated, Castle Club members especially, in an outstanding Corps Day celebration at Folly Beach on 20 June 2003. This was a great way to celebrate the U.S. Army and the Army Corps of Engineers' 228th birthdays, 132 years of service by Charleston District, and outstanding contributions by District employees. We need to be proud of our heritage, continue to carry on our great traditions, and look forward to next year's volleyball showdown between the DE (reigning champs) and Deputy teams.

Third subject is *Embracing*

Change. Look around the Army, the Corps, and the District and you see change happening. I addressed a lot of these issues at the recent town hall meeting - leadership changes for the Army, Division, and District, a new outstanding Deputy for Programs and Project Management – Bill Stein, USACE 2012 Functional Area Analysis, further progress implementing the Project Management Business Process, fielding plans for P2 the new Corps Automated Information System, employment of the Resident Management System (RMS), Forward Engineer Support Teams (FEST), Strategic Sourcing initiatives, Learning Organization Doctrine, Centralized Departmental Overhead, implementation of the District Operations Plan Objectives, and even customer needs. Change is happening. The former Chief of Staff of the Army, General Eric K. Shinseki once stated, “*If you don't like change, you'll like irrelevance less.*” We must *embrace change* because our operating environment does not remain constant. We must continually analyze our environment, our organization, and our processes to ensure we are keeping pace with new conditions, and adjusting to guarantee we are able to execute our Federal mission with the greatest energy, efficiency, and productivity we possibly can.

Adapting to change can be difficult, but we must. There are many ways to cope. We must not dwell on change but strive to understand it. Identify those changes that you can actually impact – do not be sidetracked by changes you cannot shape. Participate in processes that you can – ensure your input is heard, ask tough questions – ensure you vote and that your vote

counts. But once the decision is made with your input heard – embrace the follow-on action. Do your very best and make a difference contributing to the organizational improvements. Finally, trust your leaders, they have their eye on the future of the organization and want the organization to succeed as much as anyone. *Embrace the Change*.

The bottom line is change can improve our ability to **Accomplish Our Mission and Take Care of Our People**. Embracing change is part of **Doing What's Right...Always Doing Our Best**, and embracing rather than fighting change will make life **More Fun!** Even with all the changes that are taking place, the Charleston District, the Corps, and the Army will endure because of our people, our values, our dedication, our work ethic, our spirit, our critical missions, and our ability to get the tough jobs done.

Speaking of change it is very hard to believe I have had the opportunity to serve this great organization as your Commander for two years already. *Change of station* is inevitable for my family and me. I want you to know how proud I am of all our accomplishments and to have been a part of this team in Charleston and how hard it is to embrace the inevitable. I, and the whole Mueller family, thank you for all you have done as a team, what you accomplish each day, for your fine tradition of carrying on your mission, and for the professional manner in which you will welcome and support LTC Alvin Lee and his family as he assumes command of this magnificent organization – the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Charleston District – OK, don't change that! God bless you all – ESSAYONS!

The Power Behind the Power Plant

*by Alicia Gregory
Public Affairs*

Ask Daryln Grigsby the significance of the Cooper River Rediversion Project and the effect it has had on Cooper River, and he doesn't mince words.

"If we didn't have this project, the resulting shoaling in the Cooper River would cost tax payers millions of dollars," said the Cooper River Rediversion Project Engineer. Grigsby who has been with the project since 1994, provides engineering and project oversight over the power plant.

The power plant was authorized by Congress in 1968 to combat extreme shoaling in the Cooper River. Officially called the Cooper River Rediversion Project, construction began in 1977 and was completed in 1985.

The project has two distinct segments – the maintenance of the St. Stephen's power plant and the administration of the property surrounding the project, which is done by Park Manager Don Pilkington. (see Nature article)

The power plant team includes Superintendent John Crawford, a mechanics team and an electricians team. On the mechanic's team are Senior Mechanic Elmer Thomas; two mechanic "A" workers, Andy Reville and Bill Folk, one maintenance mechanic, Charles Howell; and one maintenance worker, Shirley Ancrum. On the electrician's team are Senior Electrician Owen Hecht and two electrician "A" workers, Troy Swofford and Max Hayes. (The A stands for journeyman status.)

"We do the preventive maintenance, upgrades and needed repairs to keep up the power plant," said Crawford. He went on to say that the team's vast knowledge and experience was essential to that task. But, the group of power plant workers also agreed that in order to do their job they had to enjoy their craft and communicate well.



Elmer Thomas, senior mechanic, does preventive maintenance on the power plant. Photo by Alicia Gregory

And Field Office Assistant Christianna Fralix is the glue, and administrative guru for these teams.

"The unique navigation forward mission of the plant has helped return natural flows to both the Cooper and Santee rivers," said District Commander Peter W. Mueller. "It also has a



View of the Cooper River Rediversion Project's power plant from upstream. Photo by Jonas Jordan.

significant impact to the shipping industry and the Charleston Harbor.”

“This is the only Corps project in the Nation that’s primary purpose is navigation,” explained Crawford.

It is also the only project in the southeast with a fish lift and the only one controlled by a State agency. The Charleston District does own the power plant and the fish lift.

The project’s unique role is the driving force behind its symbiotic relationship with both Santee Cooper, who runs

the power plant remotely, and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, who runs the fish lift.

Although the project has several unique features, it still has the basic workings of a power plant – the ability to generate power. In this case, the three fixed-blade turbines produce an average of 384,000 megawatts annually. That is enough to supply electricity to a small city.

That electricity, or power, generated becomes part of Santee Cooper’s distribution network. Santee Cooper operates the power plant from

their energy control center in Moncks Corner.

“We do not have control over the operation,” explained Crawford. He went on to explain that when the units are unavailable it costs the Corps approximately \$1,000 an hour for each unit. “That is why it is so critical for us to maintain the plant.”

“When I first came here we would respond to call out (from Santee Cooper notifying unit problems) three times a week,” said Senior Electrician Owen Hecht. The team has worked to

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Nature abounds at the Cooper River Redivision Project

Fisherman and hunters from around not only the low country, but also the world, enjoy the fruits of the 3,000-acre compound and fish lift owned by the Charleston District’s Cooper River Rediversion Project.

Park Manager Don Pilkington works closely with officials from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), who leases the land – to develop dove and quail habitat and manage a fishery that specializes in striped bass, and operates the southeast’s only fish lift.

“I meet regularly with both SCDNR and Santee Cooper to ensure the property is maintained,” said Pilkington. Recent projects include

replacing bluebird boxes, and cultivating a Dove and Quail field through sowing natural feed plants.

Although terrorist events have closed a ½ mile perimeter around the power plant to the public, the adjacent Rediversion Canal is teeming with anglers much of the spring and summer whom fish for both bait and sport fish and are busy much of the fall and winter during the hunting season.

“We are third in the State for dove harvest this year, and have been first in the past,” said Pilkington.

In addition to partnering on the projects wildlife management, Pilkington works closely with the Fishery Biologist with SCDNR on the project fish lift and hatchery.



Hundreds of thousands of fish pass through the project’s fish lift yearly during the migratory season from March until April. Photo by Jonas

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Top Civilian Retires

by *Alicia Gregory*
Public Affairs

After four decades with the Corps of Engineers, Deputy District Engineer for Project Management Elmer Schwingen, who retired in May, joked that one of the hardest things he has to do now is to learn how to just putter around. “That’s if I get around to it,” he quipped.

Corps offered him a GS-7 position working at Cape Canaveral. The Corps wasn’t his first choice, but luckily Schwingen got advice from a higher power – his father. “I talked to my dad and he said, ‘If you had been in Egypt 5,000 years ago and they were building the pyramids, that is where you would have wanted to be. Now building the facilities for the rockets at the Cape is where history is going to be.’ So I went with the Corps.

the Antibalistic Missile projects, and the Cross Florida barge canal.

He officially started with Charleston District in 1989. “I think the only reason (Lt. Col.) Bornhoft hired me, because it couldn’t have been my ability, was because when I was here (a previous long-term assignment as Chief of Construction Operations) he asked me to speak at a Change of Command luncheon and he liked the fact I rose to the occasion and was funny,” he joked. Schwingen became the Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management, the senior civilian position in Charleston District, in 2000.

He said he has seen a lot of changes during his tenure, but the one constant was the quality work by the men and women of the Corps. “The Corps is head-and-shoulders above so many government agencies,” said the former

“Charleston District doesn’t realize how good Charleston District is.”
-- Elmer Schwingen

Even tougher for him, though, is leaving behind a work force he considers one of the best in the Corps. “Charleston District doesn’t realize how good Charleston District is,” he said. “Our people have a lot to be proud of – they are hard-working and dedicated; have strong support from Congress, and the home of the premier Regulatory Division in the southeast. We just have to let others know about how great we are.”

Schwingen certainly was around the Corps long enough to know. The Miami native started with the Corps in 1963 after graduating from the University of Miami, where he received a bachelor’s degree in architecture.

Right after college, Schwingen interviewed with both the Navy and the Army Corps. The Navy offered him a GS-5 position and would pay for grad school, and the

His first assignment, as a Junior Engineer Trainee working on a launch facility for the Saturn 5 rockets at Cape Canaveral, set the bar for much of the rest of his career. He also worked on several high profile programs around the world such as the military expansion in Saudi Arabia,

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Elmer Schwingen, former Deputy District Engineer for Project Management, is given a Certificate of Appreciation from Commander Lt. Col. Peter Mueller. Photo by Alicia Gregory.

Safety Line

Preventing skin cancer

Skin cancer is by far the most prevalent of all cancers.

About 800,000 new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed each year. More than 95 percent of these are basal-cell and squamous-cell carcinomas. They are highly treatable and rarely metastasize (spread to other parts of the body), but local tissue destruction may cause disfigurement or functional impairment if these tumors are not detected early.

Sun avoidance is the best defense against skin cancer. The primary cause of skin cancer is almost universally accepted by medical experts to be overexposure to sunlight, especially when it results in sunburn and blistering. Tanning facilities are included in this category.

It is also thought that exposure at an early age is particularly damaging and irreversible. Prevention is a matter of guarding the skin against damage from unknown causes. If sun avoidance is not possible, using a sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15 and preferably 30 is recommended.

Early detection is the surest way to a cure. It is a simple routine to inspect your body for any skin changes. If growths, moles, sores or discolorations appear suddenly or begin to change, see your health-care provider or dermatologist.

The American Cancer Society recommends monthly skin self-examinations for all adults and physician skin examination every

three years in persons 20 to 39 years old and annually in persons more than 40 years old.

There are three forms of skin cancer:

Basal-cell carcinoma

This tumor of the skin usually appears as a small, fleshy bump or nodule of the head, neck or hands. These seldom occur in dark-skinned persons. They are the most common skin cancers found in Caucasians. These tumors do not spread quickly and rarely metastasize to other parts of the body. They can, however, grow through any body tissue including bone. The cure rate for basal-cell cancers is 95 percent, when properly treated.

Squamous-cell carcinoma

This tumor appears as a crusty bump on the ears, face, lips, mouth or hands. It is the second most common type of skin cancer. Unlike basal-cell cancer, this can metastasize. The cure rate for squamous-cell cancers is 95 percent, when properly treated.

Malignant melanoma

This is the most serious form of skin cancer, affecting approximately 40,000 Americans annually. Every year, approximately 7,000 Americans will die from melanoma. The rate of these cancers is rising rapidly. Melanoma may appear suddenly or in/near a mole or other dark spot on the skin. For that reason, it is important that we know the location and appearance of the moles on our bodies so that any change will be noticed.

Heredity may play a strong part in this cancer. Dark skin color



against this type of skin cancer.

Changes to be aware of in moles have been termed the "A-B-C-D's" of melanoma:

Asymmetry - one half does not match the other half.

Border irregularity - edges are ragged or blurred.

Color - different shades of brown/black, or red, white or blue.

Diameter - greater than 6 millimeters (the size of a pencil eraser).

Fortunately, skin cancers are relatively easy to detect and treat if caught early. Even melanoma, if caught in its early stages, is very curable. For any suspicious lesions, see your primary-care provider.

In summary, avoidance of sun exposure, especially between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., the use of protective clothing such as shirts and hats when outdoors, and the use of sunscreens that block both UVA and UVB radiation, along with regular skin self-examination, are likely to reduce your risks of developing skin cancer.

For additional information, contact your primary-care provider.

*Article by Cindy Plan, Health Promotion Center Coordinator
General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.*

Length of Service Awards

Five Years

Shawn A. Boone PM
Paul F. Hinchcliff RD

Ten Years

Mary H. Glenn RD
Lisa Metheny PM
Thomas P. Murphy TS

Fifteen Years

Regina C. Blue TS
Cynthia Craven TS
Christianna M. Fralix TS
Diresert G. Haynes RD
Yvette R. Jenkins PM

Twenty Years

Shirley M. Ancrum TS
Alan Shirey PM
Richard Thomas TS
Warren H. Withers OVEST

Twenty-Five Years

Barbara Barnette CT
John P. Crawford TS
Peggy A. Garten PM
James E. Henderson, Jr. TS
Frank Russell, Jr. TS
Thomas S. Tullis TS
Michael R. Verdolini TS

Thirty Years

Eugene A. Heiselman TS
Douglas L. Holmes TS
Ronald Nesbit, Jr. PM

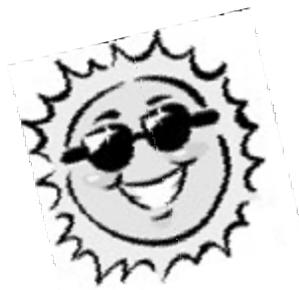
Thirty-Five Years

Jacalyn M. Easterling RD

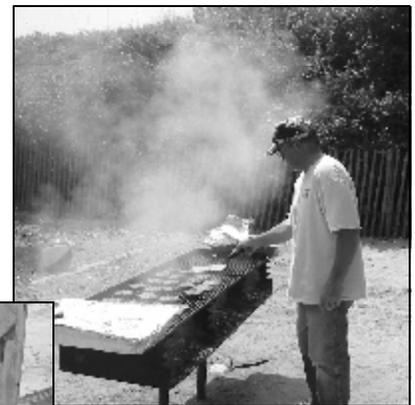
Safety Awards

Keith Ellmers TS
Charlie Harbin TS
Jon Jellema OC
Matt Laws TS
Tony Lijewski TS
Mark Phillips TS
Frank Russell, Jr. TS
Richard Thomas TS

St. Stephen's Hydropower Plant Team TS



Life's a...



...Beach at Corps Day.



Team Member Awards

Team Member of the Year Engineering and Scientific

Mitch Hall

Hydraulic Engineer,
Hydraulics and Hydrology,
Coastal Team
Technical Services Division

Team Member of the Year Administrative, Technical Support, Clerical

Henry J. Wigfall

Senior Contract Specialist
Contracting Division

Supervisor/Team Leader of the Year

Joseph A. Jones

Chief, Planning Branch
Project Management Division

Commander's Award for Extraordinary Achievement

Alicia M. Gregory

Public Affairs Officer
Public Affairs

Gallery of Distinguished Civilians

Diane B. Carter

Former Programs Manager,
Project Management Division &
Chief of Logistics Management

Employee of the Month



March —

Paul Hinchcliff, Regulatory Specialist, RD

Paul is a hard-working and dedicated member of the Regulatory team. He takes a well-organized approach to his wetland delineation and enforcement activities. He works very well with environmental consultants and the public at large, with excellent communication skills. Paul exhibits a very positive public face for the Corps of Engineers

April—

Thomas Tullis, Civil Engineer, TS

Tom provided the leadership of the Claims Boards for the \$11 Million differing site conditions claim by Great Lakes Dock and Dredge Company, Charleston Harbor Deepening Contract. This team was confronted with a highly complex mix of technical issues; as well as, a contractually and legally difficult set of circumstances. Tom put order to chaos, assembled a highly skilled team, lead the systematic development of defensible conclusions, and the final briefing of the District Commander. All this within a constrained schedule and budget, while completing all other normally assigned work.



May —

Yvette Jenkins, Secretary , PM

In addition to handling her normal work load, Yvette performed outstanding service in the planning, sponsoring and executing of a terrific retirement luncheon for the retiring DDPM. Yvette organized the location, catering, seating, decorations, entertainment and guest invitations for a crowd of well over 100 people. The luncheon was a huge success. Also, during this same period of time, Yvette helped coordinate the smooth transition of the new DDPM by attending to the details orientation and business operations.



June —

Jon Jellema, Attorney , OC

Jon played a critical role regarding the work on the potential South Carolina State Port Authority Environmental Impact Statement and NEPA issues. He also has continued to work on the defense of Great Lakes claims and appeals, and the defense of Randolph appeals at the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals.

Jon is a team player who will be missed.



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The fish lift, which was built in 1985 as part of the power plant, allows migratory fish like American shad and blueback herring to move from the Santee River to Lake Moultrie and Lake Marion and into the upper Santee, Congaree and Wateree rivers, explained Steve Leach, freshwater fisheries biologist with SCDNR, in a local newspaper article. These fish are important not only to commercial bait fisherman, but also to the land-locked Santee Cooper striped bass.

Visitors to the Cooper River Rediversion Project can view the fish migrating process through glass windows from March until April yearly. With increased

security at the project, these visits have to be reserved in advance.

The SCDNR striped bass and hybrid bass hatchery onsite produces fish that stock ponds and lakes throughout the United States, concentrated of course in South Carolina. These hatchlings have even been sent overseas, according to Leach.

These projects, in addition to quarterly water quality meeting with the county, keep Pilkington busy throughout the year.

“I enjoy working with the



Don Pilkington, Natural Resource Manager, was instrumental in working with S.C. Department of Natural Resources to reinvigorate the dove fields on the Rediversion site. Photo by Alicia Gregory.

agencies and getting to talk with the general public who visit the project for fishing or hunting,” explained Pilkington. “It is important for the public to be aware of all the aspects of this Corps project.”

Cooper River From Page 5

reduce these call outs to less than one a month. He said that upgrades have helped reduced the problems.

“Since I have been with the project we have had several improvements,” said Grigsby. Some of these improvements include the construction of a fish attraction flow project in the mid ‘90s, installation of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, the digital upgrades of the three units’ governor systems, and

most recently employing Santee Cooper’s guard services to provide security within and around the project 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“This is a super group that maintains this key district project in a great state of readiness,” said Mueller.

“These individuals hard work is shown by the plants operation capability.”

The team said they are appreciative of the visits from the commander, and other district staff, as their location puts physical distance between the project office and the District headquarters.

“There is often a natural feeling of separation in most satellite offices, but what’s important is the realization of the significant role that this project, and the people supporting it has to the District.”

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civilian deputy. "Our expertise and flexibility make the Corps a great asset."

Lt. Col. Peter Mueller said Schwingen was an asset to the Corps. "Elmer has had a tremendous career with the Corps. He has made great contributions to the Corps and the Nation."

"When you see someone like this retiree you have mixed feelings," said Mueller. "You are excited for the new adventure he is going to experience, but, at the same time, you are going to miss what he does for the district – his professionalism, his support to the district and to me, his technical ability, his dedication, and his sense of humor."

Schwingen said that he hoped his position as the civilian deputy helped provide some stability and guidance to the folks here as

through the military commanders who transitioned through the District. He said he enjoyed having a front-row seat during the changes in the Corps.

"As an architect your legacy comes in two ways," said Mueller. "One is in those structures that you participate in building – he will always look at Cape Canaveral and know he had something to do with that. The other one is in the people that you mentor and develop over your career. Those become your legacy."

The former civilian deputy said he is staying in Charleston and hopes to in some way keep contributing through public service.

One of the things he will most



Bob Prince, Acting Deputy Commander, South Atlantic Division, presents a letter from Division Commander Brig. Gen. Peter T. Madsen to Elmer Schwingen.

miss is the "the sense of family here."

"The Charleston District team is truly a family to me," he said. He continued that as a team they have celebrated the marriages and births, and reflected upon the deaths that touch each member of the team.

That family held a rousing retirement celebration for Schwingen. In addition to the many jokes, skits, and embarrassment the team gave the senior civilian, they also sang his praises as a co-worker and employer.

District Engineer Lt. Col. Peter Mueller thanked Schwingen for his long, dedicated service to the nation, the Corps of Engineers and the Charleston District. As a testament to that he presented him not only with the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, but also the prestigious Bronze de Fleury Medal. (The medal is awarded only to those individuals with records of significant service to the Corps of Engineers over an extended period of time.)

"I wish everyone could leave, after 40 years, feeling as good as I do about my agency and the people who work here," said Schwingen.



Elmer Schwingen, former Deputy District Engineer for Project Management, and his wife Lynn Schwingen, Computer Specialist, are serenaded by District team members at Elmer's retirement ceremony. Photo by Alicia Gregory.

Former Division Employee District's New Civilian Deputy

William Stein became the top ranking civilian employee for the Charleston District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with his selection as the Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management. He is responsible for managing the district's Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division.

Prior to this position, Stein served as the Senior Regional Engineer for the South Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He has worked for the Corps for 29 years in several different capacities.

In 1974, Stein started with the Corps' Baltimore District as a structural engineers. He went on to work as both a structural engineer and a project manager with the Savannah District, prior to moving on to the South Atlantic Division.

At division, he work in several positions :Chief, Air Force Project Management; Asst. Chief, Military Project Management; Acting Chief, Military Programs Management; Senior Program Manager and team leader of the Division's Business Process Modernization; and the Acting Chief of Business Management Division.

Stein has earned recognition through his career with the Corps. Just a few of his awards include -- the Air Force Regional Civil Engineer - Eastern Region Design Agent Manager of the Year, Air Force Project Manager of the Year, two



Commander's Awards, Superior Civilian Service Award, Achievement Medal for Civilian Service and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

A native of New Jersey, Stein earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1974 from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. He holds a Professional Engineer license in Georgia.

2003 Charleston District's Castle Club Board

The new Charleston District Castle Club board was announced at the Corps Day celebration June 20 at Folly Beach State Park.

The board members are : Amy Henke, Regulatory Division; Tony Lijewski, Technical Services Division; Alicia Gregory, Public Affairs Office; Robin Crosby, Office of Counsel; Bill Stein, Project Management; Henry Wigfall, Contracting; and Ken See; Technical Services Division.

District's Scholarship Committee Awards 15 Scholarships

*by Lisa Metheny
Scholarship Committee Chairman*

The culmination of nine months of fund-raising was awarding 15 Scholarships at Charleston District's annual Corps Day. Scholarship Committee Chair Lisa Metheny presented the \$185 checks to the recipients. The money is to be used for educational expenses incurred as a result of pursuing higher education. These expenses can include tuition, housing, books, lab fees or other related costs.

This year was a record year for the Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Committee, through various activities, raised just over \$3,300, a record for the Committee.

"We knew we had a large amount of scholarships to fund so we had to have a large number of events in order to meet our goal," stated Metheny. "The support of the people in the District was tremendous and we are very appreciative."

Since September, the Committee has hosted two breakfasts, two bake sales, seven lunches, an ice cream social, one egg roll sale, two shirt sales, and the Annual Chili Cook-off. They also have a "Used Book Store" set up in Planning Branch.

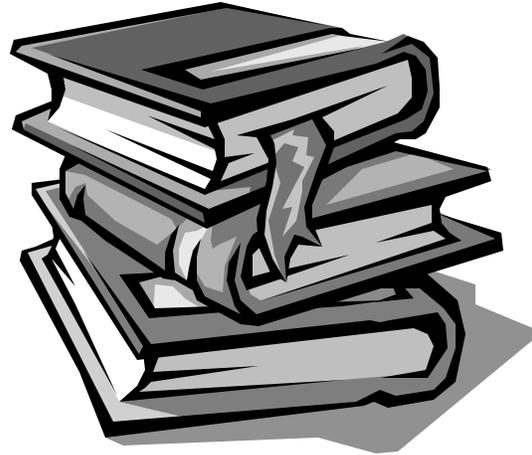
During the summer months the rest of the committee gets a break from their extra duty, but the Chair still has things to do. "After Corps Day I will work with the President of the Castle Club and with the Chair of the SEP Committee to determine how we can better mesh our activities," says Metheny.

"There are a good number of events that each of our groups does and so we don't overwhelm the District we are going to work at integrating them where we can."

The Castle Club and Scholarship Committee will also be sending out a questionnaire to the District personnel to see what events they would like to see in the future and what changes they would like to see in the events. "But don't wait for the survey, good ideas are always welcome," says Metheny.

This year's scholarship recipients are:

Jessica Veal, daughter of Fred Veal (RD-E)
Lindsey Jones, daughter of Joe Jones (PM-T)
Rebecca Nelson, daughter of Mark Nelson (TS-D)



Kelly Bieganousky, daughter of Wayne Bieganousky (TS-DT)

Allison Chamberlain, daughter of David Chamberlain (RD-E)

Timothy Ellmers, son of Keith Ellmers (TS-DE)

William Folk, son of Bill Folk (TS-OP-H)

Megan Fowler, daughter of Randy Fowler (RD-E)

Kristie Gaspi, daughter of Saulo Gaspi (TS-ON)

Holly Chappell, daughter of Bob Chappell (PM-TE)

Jerry Smalls II, son of Rose Smalls (CT)

Jessie Dangerfield, daughter of Mike Dangerfield (TS-ON)

Amy Phillips, daughter of Mark Phillips (TS-OL)

Meghan Lijewski, daughter of Tony Lijewski (TS-DG)

James Mims, IV, son of Jim Mims (TS-OL)

Tara Judy, daughter of Marlene Judy (EM)

Patrick Wilson, son of Joe Wilson (TS-ON)

Welcome to Our District...



Michael Johnson joined the Technical Service Division's Geotechnical Branch on June 23 as a civil engineer.

Born and raised in Summerville, Johnson has worked the last two summers in the District as an intern.

He graduated this summer from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Civil Engineering. Johnson is engaged to be married this fall.



Cathy Middleton joined the Regulatory Division on June 2 as a regulatory clerk.

She comes to the District from the Charleston Naval Hospital where she worked as a medical clerk.

Originally from Bonneau, S.C., she likes to read in her spare time



Regina Blue joined the Technical Services Division's Design Branch on April 22 as a secretary.

Her most recent position was with the Air Force Institute of Advance Distributed Learning at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

She lives in Goose Creek with her husband and two children. Regina says she is an avid reader.

Ice Team Gets Summer Training

The Charleston District held training for our Ice Planning and Response Team June 23-24.

Within the South Atlantic Division, Charleston District executes the ice mission

There were two levels of training this year. Most of the Level I training was Ice Response team members reviewing an interactive computer program disk, which was created by the Readiness Support Center in Mobile, Ala. The training also covered the basics on Emergency Support Function #3.

Level II training was held in the district and provided training on pre-deployment/deployment/pre-declaration execution/post declaration/mission management/emergency ice contracting.

The purpose of the Ice Mission is to provide pre-placed contracts for the delivery of packaged ice during catastrophic emergencies in the U.S. and its territories. Funding for ice contracts will come from FEMA sources usually 48 hours prior to the occurrence of a disaster.

Immediately following disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and floods, the humanitar-

ian needs of the impacted public are a high priority. When a major disaster occurs, the governor of the impacted state can request a Presidential Disaster Declaration, and if granted, this request will result in activation of the Federal Disaster Response Plan as administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Upon activation of the Federal Response Plan, FEMA has the authority to activate other Federal agencies, as necessary, to respond to the needs of the impacted area.

Power outages, damage to homes and the public infrastructure create an immediate demand for ice to preserve foods and meet other needs of the disaster victims. To meet this demand, FEMA assigns the mission of supplying ice to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Charleston District Ice Team consists of the following employees: Charlie Harbin, Dennis McKinley, Ted Hauser, Jim Whiteman, Lisa Metheney, Larry Hanford, Mitch Hall, Max Hayes, Saulo Gaspi, Fred South, Frank Russell, Henry Wigfall, and Rose Smalls.

Around the District

USACE News

The Corps has a new chaplain, Col. Mark Fentress.

Chaplain Fentress last assignment was in Seoul, Korea where he was the Command Chaplain for 34th Support Group. Other assignments include various command chaplain and deputy chaplain positions for the Communication-Electronics Command, 1st Infantry Division, AMC, Southern Command, 3rd Infantry Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 101st Airborne Division, and more.

The Chaplain is a United Methodist clergyman who has served over 27 years. He is married with three children, and five grandchildren.

His passion is working with people and helping them become champions for God and country. He is thrilled to be here and he looks forward to getting to know all of the members of the Corps.

Please extend a warm welcome to Chaplain Fentress!

SAD News

The South Atlantic Division has two new Senior Executive Service members.

Les Dixon is the new Director of Civil Works. **Paul Robinson** is the new Director of the Military and Technical Directorate.

Condolences

Delora Mae Black, mother of **Erlene Weathersbee**, RM, died Jun. 9.

Goodbye

Jonathon Jellema OC

Promotions

Gail Simmons RM
Irwin (Chip) Ridgeway RD
Iris Winn RD

Congratulations

...to **B.J. Fagan**, RM, who was selected as a Charleston District representative to the Division Resource Management Board replacing the retiring Bob Riggs.

..to **Brandon Stutts**, RD, on the birth of his son, Bryson William Stutts, who was born Jun. 9. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 5 ozs.

...to **Cindy Biller**, LM, on the birth of her grandson, Christopher Tyler Dennis, born Mar. 26. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 2 ozs.

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