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# From the Commander



We have finally reached the end of fiscal year 2014. Since taking command in mid-2013, I have witnessed the District accomplish many significant actions for our customers, stakeholders and the nation. It is great to serve as the District Commander for this outstanding organization.

In this year-end issue of the Palmetto Castle, you will notice a different format for highlighting our accomplishments and the key actions we started in FY14. This year we are telling our story through pictures, giving you a visual depiction of our work. However, a full list of our

accomplishments can be found on our website at [www.sac.usace.army.mil](http://www.sac.usace.army.mil). Here are some of the highlights.

The Charleston District awarded \$217 million in contracts this year and completed 704 contracting awards, which is a record for us. The entire District team works extremely hard to ensure these contracts for our customers' supplies, services and construction projects are awarded, sometimes receiving funds up to the last few days of the FY.

In our Civil Works program, we completed the Folly Beach Storm Damage Reduction Project where 1.5 million cubic yards of sand were placed on 5.34 miles of beach in order to protect infrastructure and commercial property from storms. The District team held a public meeting for the Edisto Island Shore Protection Project and, along with the leadership of the Town of Edisto Island, we completed a successful Civil Works Review Board with USACE Headquarters that allowed us to move forward in pursuit of the project.

Also in FY 14, we have just released the Draft Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement for the Charleston Harbor Post 45 Deepening Project for public review. After the commenting period comes to a close, we will evaluate and integrate the comments received into the Final EIS, scheduled to be released in the summer of 2015.

Our Military program continued to produce great results with a significant number of projects completed or started at Fort Jackson. We also hired 18 new employees to support the 81st Regional Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve. For the 81st RSC, we are providing preventive maintenance and municipal services contracts for issues such as HVAC systems repair, interior renovation and sewer system repair.

On Interagency and International Support program had a major accomplishment this year with the completion of the 16,000 square foot Research Facility for the Veteran's Administration here in Charleston. This facility will provide lab and clinical space that supports research to improve care for those who have returned from war.

Our Regulatory program remained extremely busy throughout South Carolina as they issued more than 490 individual and general permits throughout the state. A significant permit was issued to Boeing for the expansion of their manufacturing and assembly facility in North Charleston. We also held several public meetings throughout the state on various high-profile projects such as the Palmetto Railways Intermodal Container Transfer Facility, RiverPort, and Haile Gold Mine. The public meeting for Haile Gold Mine marked the completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the project, which is important for the Corps as this project may set the standard for permitting precious metal mines in the future.

Again, thank you for partnering with the Charleston District and giving us the opportunity to serve you. We hope you enjoy this edition of the Palmetto Castle and look forward to FY15!

Building Strong!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Litz".

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# Civil Works: Solving Water Resource



# Challenges





# Charleston Harbor Post



# 45 Deepening Project









# Folly Beach Renourishment



# Shem Creek Dredging







## **St. Stephen Powerhouse and Fishlift**







**Fort Jackson**



# Military Construction: Supporting Military Readiness







**Fort Jackson**





**Fort Jackson**

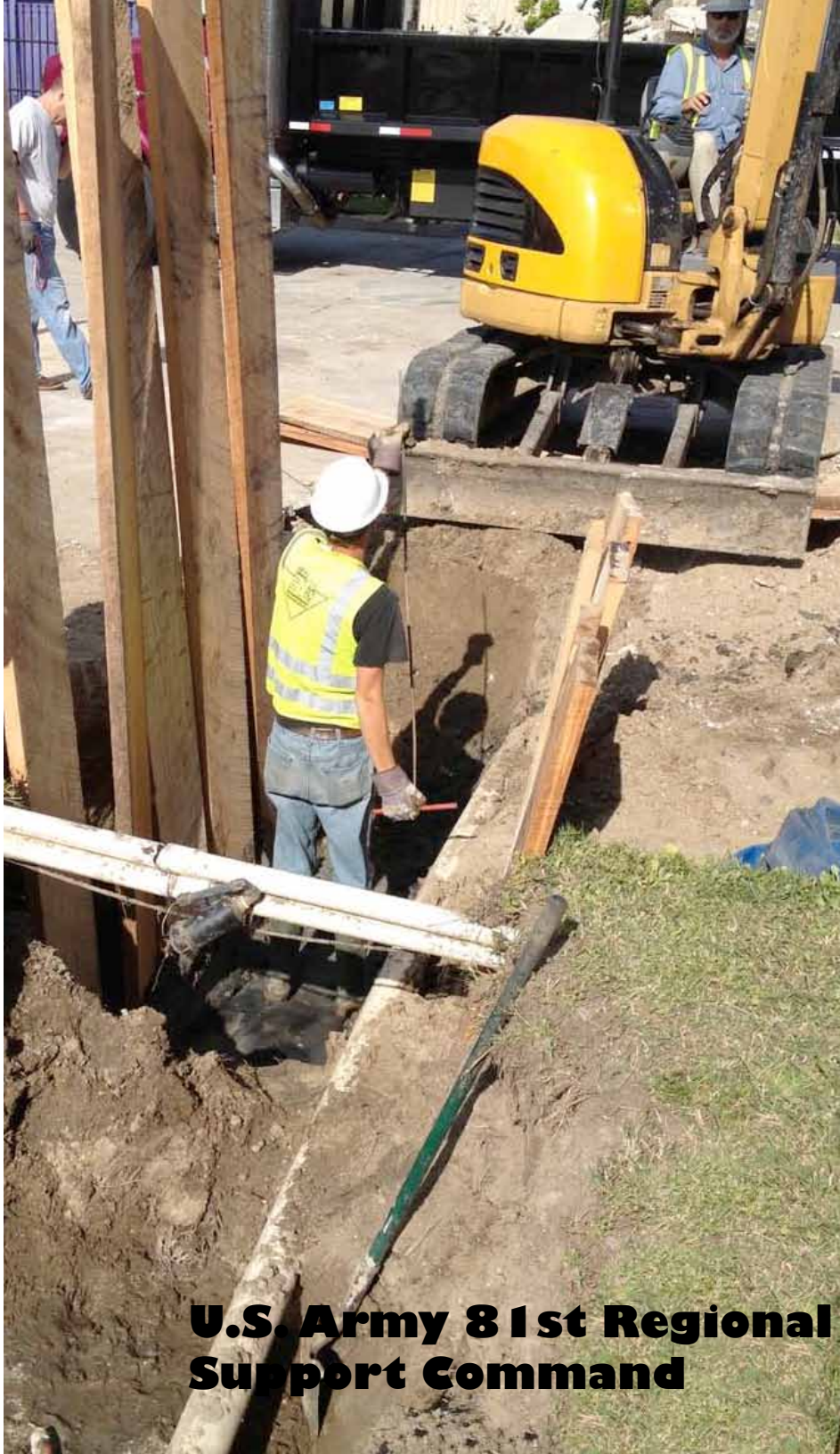


**Joint Base Charleston**



**Fort Jackson**





**U.S. Army 81st Regional Support Command**



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# Interagency & International Support: Building Strong for Others

**Veterans Affairs**







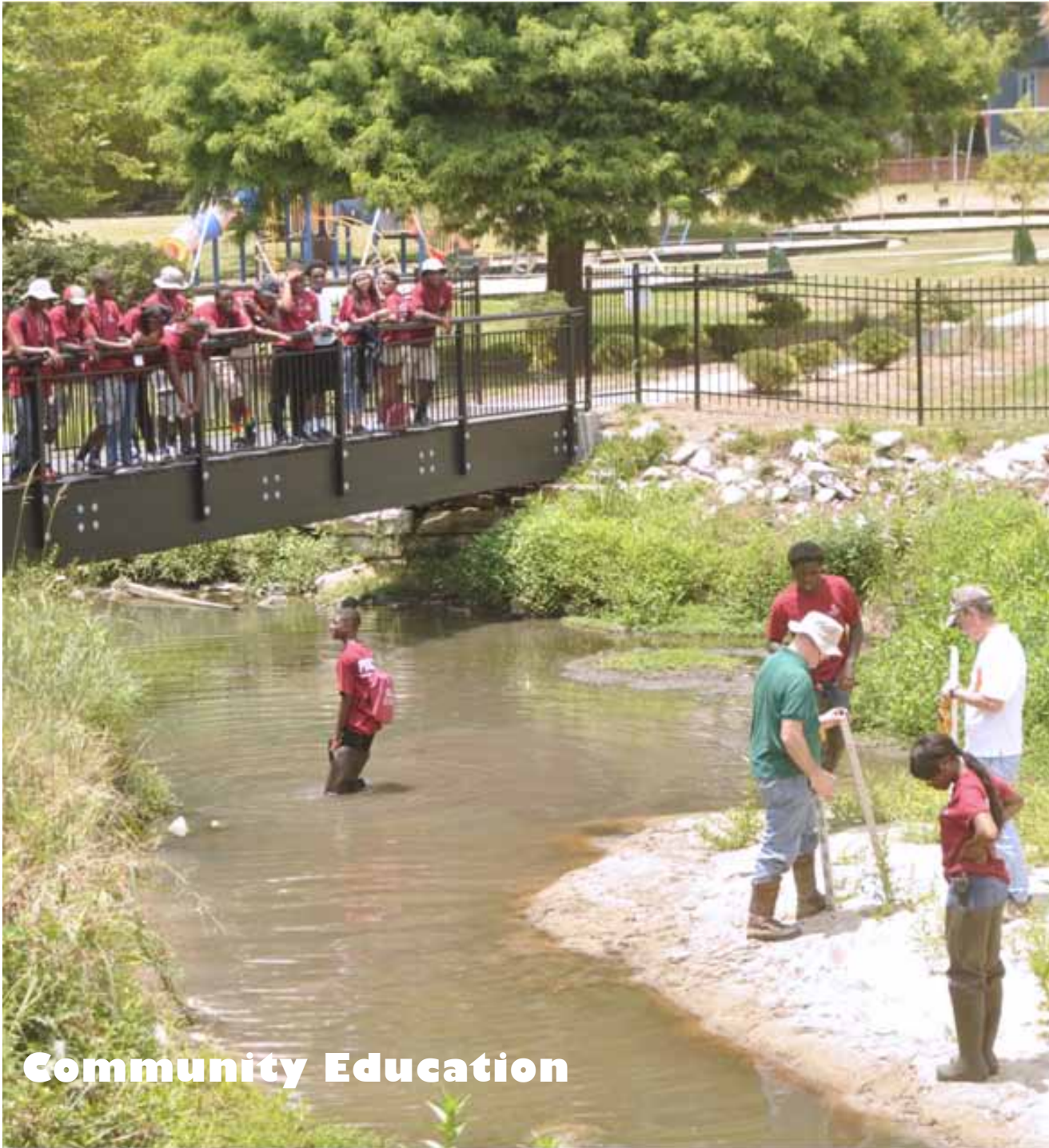


# Regulatory: Protecting the nation's aquatic environment



**Cooks Mountain Mitigation Site  
Haile Gold Mine Permit**





**Community Education**



**Wetlands Mitigation**





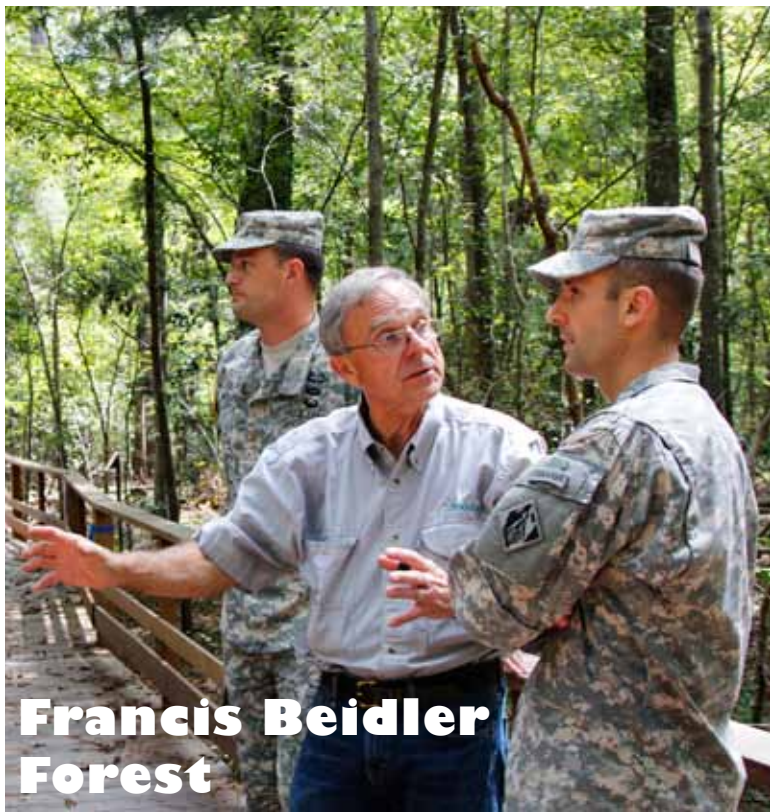
**RiverPort Public Meeting**



**Palmetto Railways**



**Boeing Permit**



**Francis Beidler Forest**



# Community Outreach: Education, Impact and Public Safety



**STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math**



**Emergency Management**



**Voluntary Deployment**





**Day of Caring**



**New Senior Civilian**



**Toys for Tots**



**New District Deputy**





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