



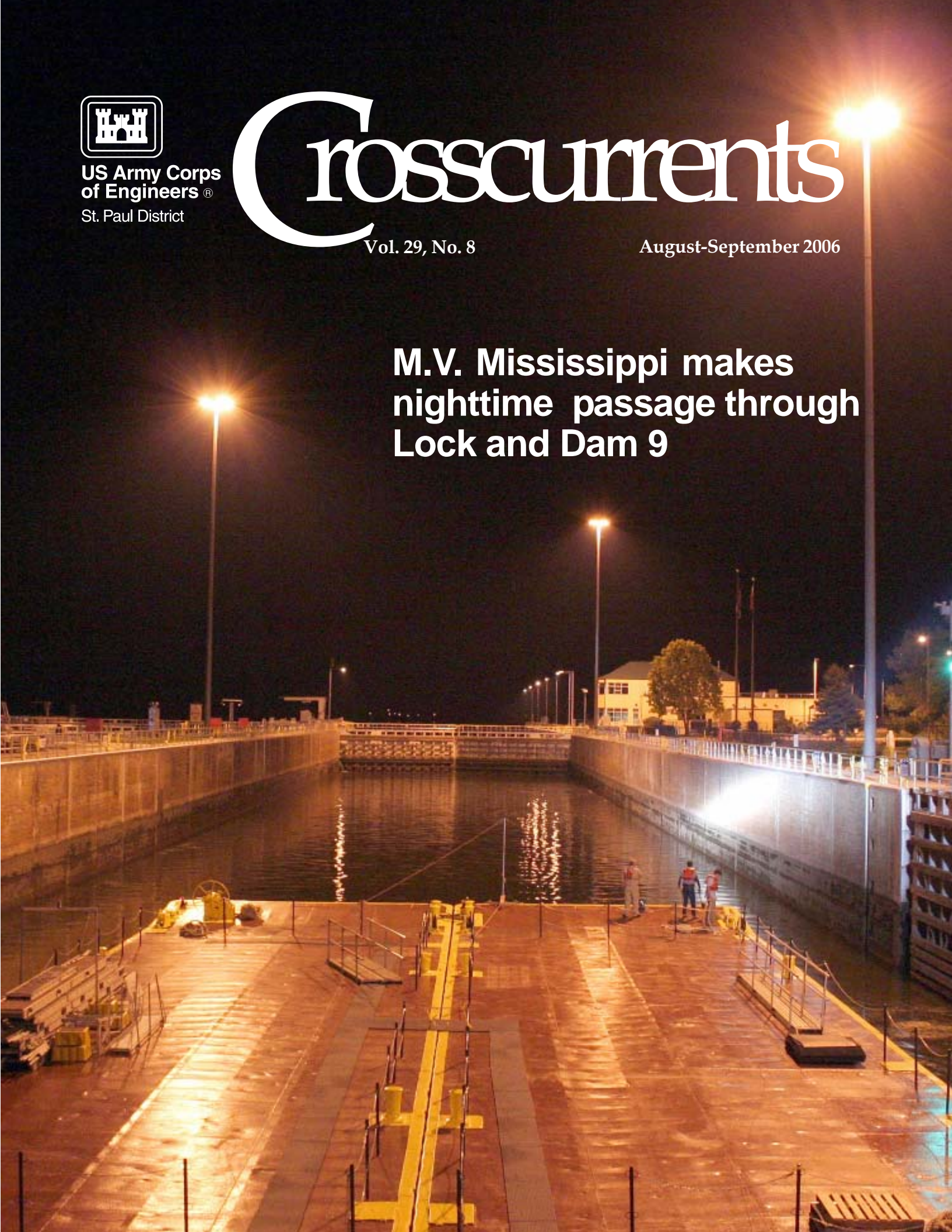
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**M.V. Mississippi makes
nighttime passage through
Lock and Dam 9**



Corps' round-the-clock work restores hurricane protection in New Orleans

by Lt. Gen. Carl Strock, chief
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

I know that many of you have been concerned that I have been relatively silent concerning our role in responding to the tragic hurricanes along the Gulf coast. I felt it was important that we wait for a complete, thorough and peer-reviewed analysis before responding. Many “experts” drew immediate conclusions in the days following the flooding of New Orleans, but I knew that a rigorous analysis would be necessary to fully understand why the system performed as it did. It was essential that we have right answers, not just quick answers, because we had to incorporate the results into our restoration and repair mission. Because I did not want to prejudice the analysis in any way, I remained silent on the possible causes – and it was especially difficult when the Corps was subjected to harsh criticism for the quality of our work and our methods. Now that the analysis is largely complete, I don’t want any more time to lapse without reflecting on the results. But first, let me thank you for your tremendous contributions in support of hurricane response and recovery over the last year. Thanks to our great team, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers answered the Call to Duty. We met an important commitment to New Orleans to restore the hurricane protection system by June 1, the beginning of hurricane season. At the same time, we accomplished many other critical missions over the 90,000-square-mile impacted-area in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

It was immensely gratifying to see how quickly we can redirect our energy when necessary and still continue to meet the other demands of our many missions. Last

August, the Corps’ number one priority was supporting the Global War on Terrorism, and we thought we had a full plate with the work we were doing in Afghanistan and Iraq. Then, Hurricane Katrina hit and, almost overnight, we assumed responsibility for a multi-billion dollar mission. Thousands of you voluntarily deployed immediately. Ultimately, more than 8,000 Corps employees and retirees served in the Gulf Coast recovery effort.

Much praise also belongs to all of you who remained at your normal duty locations. You performed your regularly assigned duties and also accomplished the critical work of those who deployed to the Gulf Coast, Iraq or Afghanistan. We cannot meet our many ongoing missions for the nation without people like you who are willing to step forward to shoulder the extra load in times of need.

The agility, commitment and competence of our workforce allowed us to meet the three-fold effort along the Gulf Coast. First was our support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. We provided water, ice, emergency power, temporary roofs and housing. We assessed damages to public buildings and facilities. And, we began the largest debris removal mission in U.S. history in terms of cubic yards and area. Given the immensity of the disaster we drew considerable support from other federal agencies, notably the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture and the United States Navy. Second, we provided personnel augmentation to the Department of Defense in support of the military efforts in the area.

Third, and most visibly, we addressed our responsibilities related to our flood

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damage reduction and navigation missions. We worked closely with industry and other government agencies to re-open vital waterborne commercial arteries for access to New Orleans, our nation's largest agricultural port. We unwatered New Orleans – a Herculean task. And, thanks to an around-the-clock effort, we repaired more than 200 miles of a 350-mile levee system, including moving 5.5 million cubic yards of earth to re-build those levees. The system is equal to or better than it was before the hurricane struck; and in the months and years ahead, with generous supplemental appropriations from Congress, we will continue to upgrade flood and storm damage reduction projects in coastal Louisiana to meet goals set for 2007 and 2010. We have also been asked to make recommendations on how to provide even higher levels of protection in the more distant future.

While urgent repairs were underway, I commissioned the Interagency Performance Evaluation Task Force, or IPET, with peer review by the American Society of Civil Engineers to investigate the performance of the New Orleans hurricane system during Hurricane Katrina. That performance was but one of the many contributing factors in the tragic loss of life and property but a very important one. Over time, we and others will explore the other factors but because the Corps is accountable and responsible to the American people for the projects we build, we had an immediate need to understand what went wrong and then make the appropriate fixes.

With the benefit of hindsight and information gained from the ongoing analysis of the IPET, we can now look back and say that there were aspects of the New Orleans system that could have – and perhaps should have – been considered differently in the its design, construction and operation during the past

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40 years. As a result, the extensive series of levees and floodwalls built by the Corps and various levee districts did not perform as an integrated hurricane protection system. Instead, these facilities performed as a series of discrete projects, with 50 breaches occurring during the storm. For more information, I refer you to our website at www.usace.army.mil. It contains links to the transcripts from the June 1 press conference in New Orleans. It includes my remarks about our repair and reconstruction efforts, a statement by the IPET director and a question and answer session with the media. I understand the frustration many of you feel from negative or incorrect information about the Corps and our work. Don't be discouraged. Your work - not words – will shine through in the end. We will continue to address misinformation quickly and factually, and we will keep people informed as we proceed with our work.

I also look forward to working with you as we craft our institutional response to this terrible disaster. We will capture the many positive and negative lessons learned and reflect on how we need to change as an organization to ensure we retain our reputation as relevant, ready, responsive and reliable.

Let me conclude by saying that I end every day with a strong sense of pride, confidence and satisfaction in our team. You have been stressed and stretched, yet you continue to do a remarkable job in meeting all of our missions. Once again, we are in hurricane season and work continues in Iraq and Afghanistan. There is a high likelihood you will again be asked to volunteer to serve in some fashion, and I am confident that you will stand ready. Selfless service is the hallmark of the Corps.

ESSAYONS!

M.V. Mississippi rolls out the red carpet in St. Paul District

by Shannon Bauer

In August, the Motor Vessel Mississippi made its first visit to the St. Paul District since 2004.

This vessel is used part-time by the Mississippi River Commission for its low-water inspection trips each year. During disasters, it can also serve as the Corps' command and control center, which it did during Hurricane Katrina.

Ninety percent of the time, though, it is a working towboat for the Memphis District. Its main role is moving barges, equipment and supplies in support of mat sinking operations on the Lower Mississippi River.

It is the largest diesel towboat in the United States, measuring in at 214 feet long and 58 feet wide

with 6,300 horsepower behind it. It is five stories high and can accommodate up to 90 passengers for dinner, as well as offers 22 staterooms for the commissioners and other official guests.

The vessel visited the St. Paul District for the main purpose of allowing the river commissioners the opportunity to host a public meeting within the district's boundaries, as required during inspection trips. More than 150 people can be accommodated in the hearing room on-board the vessel, while it is docked at the landing.

On its up-bound trip, however, the district is allowed to use the vessel for various functions, including as a community relations tool to help educate the public on



Photo by Jon Lyman

The crew of the M.V. Mississippi presented the red carpet treatment to passengers and guests during the boat's low-water inspection tour on the Upper Mississippi River in the St. Paul District, Aug. 9-15.

Corps' missions.

On this trip, the district hosted two public open houses on board the motor vessel. The first, held in Marquette, Iowa, Aug. 9, attracted 530 people. The second, in St. Paul, Minn., attracted 1,900.

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Photo by Peter Versteegen

The M.V. Mississippi prepares to dock for a Mississippi River Commission public meeting in La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 14. Nearly 100 stakeholders attended the meeting which was geared to solicit public comment about navigation issues on the Upper Mississippi River. The MRC conducted its low-water tour on the upper river, Aug. 9-15.



Photo by Peter Versteegen

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Corps' personnel were on board to staff displays and answer questions at both events.

“Open houses are a good opportunity to let people know about all the river activities going on in the St. Paul District,” said Don Powell, project manager who assisted in organizing the events. “The visitors were very appreciative of the opportunity to tour the vessel and maybe learned some things about the St. Paul District.”

Other public activities held that week including hosting a meeting for the Twin Cities Federal Executive Board and a workshop for local congressional staff.

“The purpose of the legislative workshop was to provide an opportunity for the local congressional staff, who we work with all the time, to meet with us and understand the programs we have that are available to them, as well as understand some of our processes,” said Tom Sully, acting executive assistant and overall team lead for the M.V. Mississippi events.

“We were really trying to build relationships between us and them, so they feel comfortable in contacting us with questions and issues – whether they be project-related or regulatory-related concerns,” he continued. “The event went well. They appreciated

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Photo by Peter Versteegen

Dan Krumholz (above left), operations, and Don Powell, project management (right), prepare to board the M.V. Mississippi to set up for a public meeting sponsored by the Mississippi River Commission in La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 14. At left, two of the M.V. Mississippi crew prepare to dock in St. Paul, Minn., for a public open house Aug. 12.

Tour, continued from Page 6 it and want to do it again.”

In addition to the public events, while the boat was in town, the district hosted two employee dinners in appreciation to those who recently deployed overseas or to the Gulf Coast. For the first dinner, employees boarded the vessel in Winona, Minn., on Aug. 10, and rode on the vessel to Lock and Dam 5, with the opportunity to lock through Lock and Dam 5A. The second appreciation dinner on Aug. 11 was boarded at

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Photo by Jon Lyman

Natalie Siok (left), Eastern Area Office in Winona, Minn., and Denise Julson, Locks and Dams Project Office in Fountain City, Wis., checked in personnel for the employee recognition ceremony in Winona, Aug.10. Bonnie Meyerhoff, Eastern Area office, also helped.



Photo by Shannon Bauer

William Winesberry, Lock and Dam 7, LaCrescent, Minn., helped lock through the M.V. Mississippi on Aug. 15. He is a student lock operator in a student career experience program.



Photo by Shannon Bauer

Steve Tapp and Lisa Lund (left), Fountain City, Wis., and Dick Otto, LaCrescent, Minn., attended an open house in Marquette, Iowa, Aug. 9. They answered questions from the public about Corps of Engineers projects on the Mississippi River.

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Lambert's Landing in St. Paul, and the employees enjoyed dinner as they traveled downstream about 8 miles and returned again to Lambert's Landing, three hours later.

The Mississippi River Commission's public meeting was held the evening of Aug. 14 at the Riverside Park landing in La Crosse, Wis. Around 100 guests attended the two-hour meeting and several voiced their opinions on Corps' programs along the Upper Mississippi River.

The commissioners are appointed by the president and recommend policy and provide their views on Corps' civil works programs along the river. The commander of the Corps' Mississippi Valley Division, Brig. Gen. Robert Crear, serves as the commission's president.

Prior to joining the down-bound voyage of the M.V. Mississippi, the commissioners had the



Photo by Shannon Bauer

Bob Engelstad, hydraulics and hydrology, holds his grandson during the open house aboard the M.V. Mississippi in St. Paul, Aug. 12.



Photo by Jon Lyman

Above, artificial lights illuminate Lock and Dam 4, Alma, Wis., when the M.V. Mississippi locked through Aug 10 about 9 p.m. The lock and dam operator at right is Danny Kircher.

opportunity to visit the headwaters of the Mississippi River at Lake Itasca and to tour the Grand Forks, N.D./East Grand Forks, Minn., flood control project. The commissioners were escorted on the Headwaters' tour by John O'Leary, Headwaters' Project Office manager, and Rebecca Gruber, a Leadership Development Program class member from the Waukesha, Wis., Regulatory Field Office.

At Grand Forks and East Grand Forks, the commissioners were able to see first-hand what has been accomplished since the communities were devastated by the Red River of the North flood in 1997, which is similar to the New Orleans disaster. Bonnie Greenleaf and Tim Paulus, project managers, and Virginia Regorrah, East Grand Forks resident engineer, briefed the commissioners as they toured the area. The commissioners were

also able to visit with local officials that have been involved in the rebuilding effort.

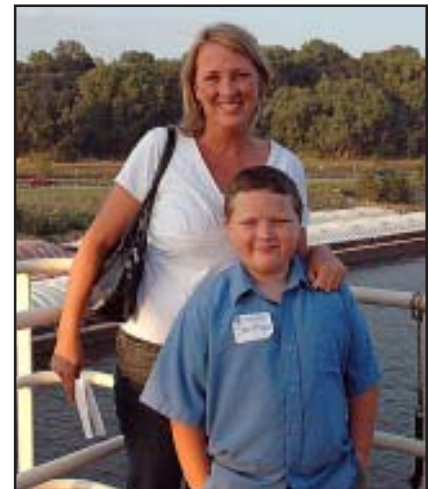


Photo by Jon Lyman

Brenda and Sam Miller, Brenda's son, toured the M.V. Mississippi in St. Paul, Aug. 11. Miller was among those honored at an employee recognition ceremony. The ceremony honored those who supported disaster recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

Lewis adapts engineering to Guatemalan rain forest

Corby Lewis, formerly an engineer in hydraulics section, engineering and construction division, volunteered for a two-year tour of duty with the Peace Corps in Guatemala. He and his wife, Kari, arrived in Salacuim in mid-April and began work after three months of training in language, culture, and technical skills.

by Corby Lewis

Just before we arrived in our site for the first time, the director of our counterpart organization, called the *Proyecto Lachuá* that works in and around the Laguna Lachuá National Park, played a joke on us. He said, “Just a couple of more hours, guys.”

In the context of a 10-hour car trip from the capital city, the last two hours of which was over mountainous, potholed-road without

passing even a single community with electricity to light our way, it was a good joke.

We’re both assigned to work with our counterpart organization in and around the national park.

We were in the rich tropical rain forest in the wettest part of Guatemala, with interesting species, such as howler monkeys, jaguars and 318 species of birds.

Kari and I were Spanish beginners when we arrived in country in January, but within three or four months, we were able to use our newly found language skills to be productive at work and navigate through everyday life. Language has been particularly challenging as the local Mayan people speak in their native language, Q’eqchi’.

We’re working in the general areas of eco-tourism development, alternative income generation,

conservation and environmental education in Alta Verapaz department of Guatemala. We also have secondary projects, such as working with local youth groups on leadership and project development skills and scholarship programs.

For more information:
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Corby and Kari Lewis visited the Mayan ruins site of Iximché in February, where Alvarado and the Spaniards set up the first capital city of Guatemala in 1524.



Photos courtesy Corby Lewis

Corby Lewis (above) collects water from a nearby well. “During the dry season, we have to carry water about 50 meters to our house. We buy jugs of purified water for drinking but use the well water for washing and bathing,” said Lewis. During the rainy season, Peace Corps’ volunteers harvest rainwater from their roofs.



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Lowell Hanson, at a site inspection (above), works at the Devils Lake, N.D., Project Office, and also supports projects managed out of the Grand Forks, N.D., Office.

St. Paul District employee awarded Hard Hat of the Year

by Shannon Bauer

Headquarters U.S. Army Corps Engineers recently selected Devils Lake, N.D., resident and Corps of Engineers' St. Paul District employee Lowell Hanson as its 2006 Hard Hat of the Year award recipient.

The Hard Hat of the Year award is given out annually by the Corps of Engineers to recognize excellence in construction quality management by its construction field personnel throughout the Corps of Engineers. Hanson received his award in San Diego,

Cal., Aug. 7. This award followed Hanson's selection as the Corps' Mississippi Valley Division Hard Hat of the Year earlier in the year.

Hanson is a Corps' construction representative currently working on the Corps' Devils Lake, N.D., levee raise project and the Grand Forks, N.D./East Grand Forks, Minn., flood control project. He received this award for providing outstanding technical experience, construction management and team building skills during the past year's construction on both these projects. His accomplishments there include maintaining excellent quality while maintaining a safe environment projected to be completed ahead of schedule.

Hanson has been a federal employee for more than 31 years, working for the Corps of Engineers for the past 20 of those years. In 2005, he volunteered to deploy to Baton Rouge, La., to support Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts, where he supported the temporary housing mission by serving as a construction representative in building Federal Emergency Management Agency trailer parks.

"Hanson is one of the most respected construction representatives in the St. Paul District," said Craig Johnson, his supervisor and Corps' Grand Forks resident engineer. "Throughout the projects to protect Devils Lake, Hanson has been the Corps' greatest asset and a committed benefactor to the community."

On receiving this award, Hanson said, "I am honored to be selected for this award among my peers."

This is the second time in the last five years that a North Dakota resident and St. Paul District construction representative has received this award.



Photo courtesy Lowell Hanson

Off duty, Lowell Hanson is a member of a precision pit crew on the sprint car racing circuit. The pit crew works at least 50 races per year. He is at center, wearing black cap, sunglasses and white shirt with a car graphic on it. The photo was at a race in Las Vegas.

Disability no barrier for hurricane duty

Russell Williams, project manager, served in the Public Affairs Office at Louisiana Recovery Field Office, Baton Rouge, La., from April 25 to May 26.

“The assignment was rewarding, accessible and proved where there is a will, there is a way,” said Russell Williams, project manager. “I worked for Brenda Beasley, public affairs chief at the Louisiana Recovery Field Office, who provided an accessible work area and a fun and learning work environment.”

Williams has worked for the Corps since 1980 and sought an opportunity to work in a recovery mission. “Whatever I can do to help, I know that does not include

heavy lifting and may require some special accommodation,” said Williams, who walks with the aid of braces and crutches, uses an electric cart and ramped van for accessible transportation.

When public affairs needed additional personnel, Williams volunteered. He followed the example and accomplishments of Peter Verstegen, public affairs specialist. Verstegen also uses crutches, a wheelchair and drives a van with outfitted with hand controls. He served at the LA-RFO from mid-November to mid-December 2005.

“The Corps’ personnel serving at the LA-RFO located and reserved an accessible hotel room,” said Verstegen. “SATO and the car rental agency provided a van with

hand controls. The RFO had ramp access and an elevator. This support gave me the opportunity to contribute to the mission’s success.”

The Corps provided Williams’ travel orders that allowed for special accommodations of a ramped-van, power wheelchair and accessible hotel room. A private company, which provides accessible vans throughout the United States, arranged the van and a battery-powered chair for Williams.

The LA-RFO in Baton Rouge located an accessible room. “Accessible resources to help you do the job are out there,” said Williams

Mark Davidson, chief of the public affairs office, provided Williams positive reassurance he could support the public affairs mission and provided just-in-time training. Shannon Bauer, public affairs specialist, provided key writing tips, focusing on who, what, when, where, how and why. They also advised Williams buy and take cargo pants with plenty of pockets to carry supplies needed for field duty.

“Upon arrival in Baton Rouge, La., both RFO staff and hotel staff were courteous and helpful,” said Williams. “This allowed me to see Corps’ recovery efforts upfront, interview individuals involved in recovery for articles, answer and coordinate calls from individuals seeking recovery assistance and debris removal and respond to media queries from the New Orleans *Times Picayune* and Associated Press wire service.”



St. Paul District photo

A wheelchair-accessible van and an accessible Louisiana Recovery Field Office allowed Russell Williams, project management, to provide direct support to Corps’ hurricane recovery mission in Baton Rouge, La.

Corps partners with Agriculture on clean water project in Glidden, Wis.

by Shannon Bauer

The St. Paul District and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Office, as well as the Glidden Sanitary District No. 1 of Glidden, Wis., celebrated a joint water project involving the replacement of Glidden's water distribution system and components of its wastewater collection system with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new water tower, Aug. 21.

The \$1.1 million project includes replacing Glidden's 90-year-old water distribution system, where 45 percent of the water is being lost through leakage.

The project manager for the St. Paul District is Roland Hamborg.

The Glidden project included constructing 3,400 feet of six-inch water mains, a 50,000 gallon elevated reservoir, three manholes and control valves and five new fire hydrants, as well as replacing 14 old fire hydrants and refurbishing two lift stations. Corps' projects such as this one are authorized and funded under the Northern Wisconsin Section 154 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001.

The program authorizes design and construction assistance to local governments for carrying out water-related environmental infrastructure and resource projection projects in the four northernmost counties of the Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District.



Photo by Roland Hamborg

From left at the ribbon-cutting ceremony in Glidden, Wis., are: Cleon Schmidt, Glidden sanitary district chairman; U.S. Rep. Dave Obey; Frank Frassetto, U.S. Department of Agriculture regional director; and Judy DesHarnais, acting St. Paul District commander.

U.S. Rep. Dave Obey was instrumental in obtaining the federal approval and funding for this program.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development office partnered closely with the Corps of Engineers and contributed about \$1.5 million.

This money was used to upgrade and improve Glidden's water distribution system and make improvements to the entire community. The office provides utility grants and loans to qualified communities with populations under 10,000. "We proudly embrace our partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in working

toward our mutual goal of providing safe drinking water to the residents of Glidden," said Frank Frassetto, USDA rural development state director. "We are pleased to assist rural residents help rebuild their communities, because it enhances their quality of life and which is a key element of our mission and vision at rural development and a major challenge laid before us by the Bush administration."

The office delivers programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents.

News and Notes

Announcements

Tom Crump, executive assistant then serving as the acting deputy commander, was selected as the chief, project management branch, or PM-A, effective Sept. 5.

Chris Erickson, supervisory program manager in Europe District, was selected as the chief, project management and development branch, or PM-B. Erickson will arrive in St. Paul late September.

Newcomers

Arlan Baukol, Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam;

Paul Davison, Dredge Goetz;

Sarah Denali, regulatory;

Gary Fredrickson, Lock and Dam 5;

Erin Kiminski, operations;

William McCorkle, Dredge Goetz;

Kim Miller, Dredge Goetz;

Richard Pecoraro, contracting;

Angelo Pedretti, maintenance and repair;

Joseph Shoemaker, regulatory;

Randy Sickles, Lock and Dam 8;

Brian Souter, contracting;

Chad Stellflug, Lock and Dam 8;
Joshua Teneyck, Dredge Goetz.

Jung-Ae (pronounced "jung-eh") **Kim**, district librarian.

Births

Holly Zillmer, information management, and her husband Chris, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Nicole Addison, in early August. She weighed almost 8.7 pounds and was 19.5 inches long.

Eric Wittine, engineering and construction, and his wife Suzy, are the proud new parents of Jagger, born early August. He checked in at 6.5 pounds and 20.5 inches long.

Dan Cottrell, Blackhawk Park, and his wife Stacy, happily announce the new addition to their family, Clayton, born in late September. He weighed nearly 8.6 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Taps

Conrad Brommer, retired Lock and Dam 4, passed away July 4.

Dale Gross, retired treatment works section, passed away July 10.

William Neeley, retired Lock and Dam 3, passed away late July.

OPM selects vendors for dental and vision benefits

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management recently awarded contracts to insurance carriers to offer supplemental dental and vision benefits under the new Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program.

OPM selected the Aetna Life Insurance Company; Government Employees Hospital Association, Inc. (GEHA); MetLife Inc.; United Concordia Companies, Inc.; Group Health, Inc.; CompBenefits; and Triple-S, Inc. to offer dental benefits and BlueCross BlueShield Association; Spectera, Inc.; and Vision Service Plan (VSP) to offer vision benefits.

The program becomes effective Dec. 31. Employees may elect to enroll for dental benefits, vision benefits or both.

The program allows employees to use pre-tax dollars to pay for their vision and dental premiums.

The new supplemental dental and vision program will be offered during this year's Open Season which begins Nov. 13 and ends Dec. 11.

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cemvp-pa@mvp02.usace.army.mil.

District designs New Orleans protection

- Location: Orleans Avenue Canal to London Avenue Canal;
- Levee: 7,190 feet;
- Floodwall: 2,330 feet;
- Ramps and gate structures: four ramps, one gate;
- Sector gate on Bayou St. John.

by Mark Davidson and Marsha Mose

The St. Paul District is helping to design a portion of the hurricane protection system in New Orleans.

The reach-back support team, consisting of between six to 10 people, started the design work in early August. These Corps' employees live in Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

The St. Paul team will be working on a 1.7-mile reach of the hurricane protection system east of the 17th Street Canal and located on the southern shore of Lake Ponchartrain.

The team will be designing levees and floodwalls that restore the reaches of this protection to previously authorized levels of protection, as well as enhancing these levees and floodwalls to the newly determined 100-year level of protection.

This work will consist of raising existing levees, reconstructing floodwalls and modifying existing road closure structures.

The design and construction of the levees and floodwalls is scheduled to be completed by July 2008. The total cost estimate of the project at this time is \$46 million.



Photo by Peter Versteegen

Ivette Garrett, office of counsel; LeeAnne Eshom, contracting; and Lupe Santos, equal employment opportunity, display pencils, backpacks and notebooks from a cart full of school supplies and t-shirts donated by employees for Washington Technical Magnet School, St. Paul, Minn. Pens, pencils and notebooks accounted for more than two-thirds of the 900 items donated to the school. The Special Emphasis Program diversity subcommittee sponsored the drive, Aug. 7-25. Participating field committee members included Judy Harris, Lock and Dam 5A, Fountain City, Wis., and Terry Fluekiger, Lower St. Anthony Falls, Minneapolis. Also supporting the event were: Kathy Halverson, Western Area Office, Fargo, N.D.; Natalie Siok, Eastern Area Office, Winona, Minn.; and Tammy Wick, Headwaters Office, Grand Rapids, Minn.

Loss and Palesh expand Hall of Fame to 46

Dave Loss and Gary Palesh, both retirees from project management, joined 44 distinguished members in the St. Paul District Hall of Fame when Judy DesHarnais, acting district commander, announced their induction at the 31st annual retirees reunion in Egan, Sept. 14.



Photo by Jon Lyman

Judy Des Harnais recognizes Dave Loss with his Hall of Fame plaque.



Photo by Jon Lyman

Judy Des Harnais recognizes Gary Palesh with his Hall of Fame plaque.