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CHARLESTON DISTRICT HOLDS STATE-WIDE WATER RESOURCES WORKSHOP

The Charleston District hosted the South Carolina Water Resources Workshop in Columbia, SC on May 31 and June 1. This two-day workshop, titled, "Working In the Public Interest," brought together federal and state agencies, academia and industry to discuss water resource-related issues. It also provided attendees with a chance to learn about state and federal programs designed to address these issues.

The first day of the workshop focused on water resource issues across the state. The second day focused on regulatory issues related to water.

While this wasn't the first educational workshop the District held, it was the first time both planning and regulatory issues were addressed at the same session.

Bill Stein, Deputy Program Manager, explained that in 2004, the Charleston District held a small conference for Congressional staffers, in an effort to provide information concerning federal programs and



Panel members Kelly Long, Rene Ann Tewkesbury, Dalton Tresvant, and Lisa Metheny discussing legislative concerns and staffer roles in legislative processes

dollars that are available to meet water resources needs.

"The two-day session was such a huge success that we expanded it this year to include similar presentations by state agencies while increasing the

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NEW ELLENTON BARRICADE PROJECT COMPLETED

*By Jim Whiteman
Project Manager*

The New Ellenton Barricade Replacement project at the Savannah River Site (SRS) has been successfully completed for the Department of Energy (DOE). In May 2006, beneficial occupancy of the facility was completed by the primary user, Wackenhut Security Services.

The contractor for the project was Anthony and Gordon Construction Company. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the barricade was conducted on May 24, 2006. LTC Fleming, Matt Laws, Jim Whiteman, and Gary McAlister

attended the ribbon cutting ceremony. Project construction was initiated in August 2005, and construction completion was realized one year after completion of the Jackson Barricade Replacement project.

LTC Fleming addressed the group and talked about the great cooperation and partnership the Corps experienced on this project.

The total construction cost for the New Ellenton Barricade project is about \$1.96 million; and, coupled with the \$1.69 million construction cost

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Welcome to the first edition of the Palmetto Castle, your new, on-line newsletter. Congratulations to Robin Crosby and Christianna Fralix for developing the name of this publication, which was chosen by all employees as the best name submitted. Remember, this newsletter is for you so please submit your ideas, articles and photos to the Public Affairs Office.

It's been a busy spring for the District. We held our South Carolina Water Resources Workshop in Columbia and had a very successful event, thanks to the hard work of many of you. The District received a new survey vessel this spring too. The EVANS will take the place of the BLAIR. Watch for news on the christening.

We also had a Command Assistance Visit in June, which brought our Division Commander and some of his key staff to Charleston to take a look at how we do business. That visit was also very successful in that we learned about some things we could improve and we also provided examples of projects and processes that other

Districts may want to learn or borrow from. We are, after all, a learning organization and that means we have a responsibility to share and teach when we do something well.

And finally, we held our Annual Corps Day at Folly Beach Park. It was great to have a chance to relax and have some fun together and to meet family members and friends who joined us for the day.

Congratulations to all of the annual award winners. The plaques with photos will be hanging proudly in the District office very soon.

As we head into the middle of summer, please remember to enjoy the low country lifestyle with safety in mind. The sun is hot and the riptide is unpredictable so always have a friend with you and watch out for each other.

Thanks for everything you do for the District and the Nation. I appreciate your hard work.

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CHARLESTON DISTRICT EXECUTES NATIONAL ICE MISSION IN SUPPORT OF EMERGENCIES

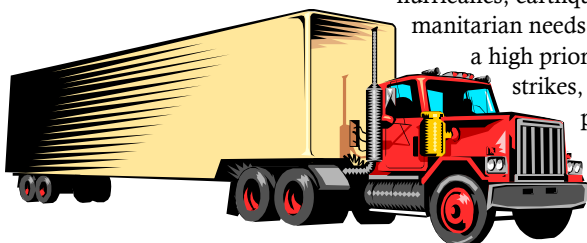
The purpose of the ice mission is to provide pre-placed contracts for the delivery of packaged ice during catastrophic emergencies in the United States and its territories. Funding for the ice contracts come from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sources approximately five days prior to the occurrence of a major disaster.

Immediately following disasters similar to hurricanes, earthquakes, and floods, the humanitarian needs of the impacted public are a high priority. When a major disaster strikes, the governor of the impacted state can request a Presidential Disaster Declaration, and if granted, this request will result in the

activation of the National Response Plan as administered by FEMA. Upon activation of the National Response Plan, FEMA has the authority to activate other Federal agencies, if 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 and the Albuquerque District have been designated as the Nation's National Ice Teams. All requirements for ice will be purchased through one of these national teams.

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NEW ELLENTON

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The barricade replacement projects are part of a series of on-going safeguards and security upgrades that DOE is accomplishing at SRS as part of Department of Homeland Security national security initiatives in response to the events of September 11, 2001.

“Through the two facilities pass essentially the major portion of the workforce of the SRS and both represent DOE’s strong commitment to high quality site safety and security for their workforce and the mission of the SRS,” said Matt Laws.

The completion of the New Ellenton Barricade and Jackson Barricade projects represents a successful partnered response between DOE, WSI, USACE, and Anthony and Gordon Construction Company to support the priority placed on security at SRS.

As with the Jackson Barricade Replacement project, the New Ellenton Barricade Replacement project was completed on time and within budget, with no lost-time accidents reported during the construction period.



The New Ellenton Barricade Team cuts the ribbon and opens the Barricade for business. From left to right: Marcia Delmore, WSI Oversight for DOE; Lawrence Tam, DOE Lead Project Manager; LTC Fleming, Commander, Charleston District; Gary McAlister, On-Site Construction Representative, Charleston District; Ron Bartholomew, DOE Manager, Safeguards and Security Branch; Jeff Allison, DOE – SRS Site Manager; Bud Isom, Vice President, WSI; Mark Bolton, WSI Director of Security & Infrastructure; Lawrence Williams, WSI Security Force Representative; Erskine Wood, Quality Control Chief and Safety Officer for Anthony and Gordon Construction Company; Steve Fraser, WSI Project Manager.

WATER RESOURCES WORKSHOP

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audience to all state and local governments,” Stein said.

“The agenda drew excellent reviews and we look to continue this workshop in the future while hoping to increase audience participation to insure all communities in the state have an opportunity to learn how the state and federal governments can assist in their water resources needs,” Stein said.

Approximately 100 people attended the first day’s sessions. In addition to comments from LTC Ed Fleming, Commander, Charleston District, the attendees heard from John Frampton, Director of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

There were several panel discussions including one where representatives from local government discussed what they thought the major issues regarding water are in the state today. Another panel focused on the Corps’ mission and structure and ways the organization can assist local and state agencies and individuals.

The session ended with a session titled, “The Road Ahead – SC Water Resource Possibilities,” which featured speakers from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, The Palmetto Institute, DHEC, the U.S. Geological Society, the University of South Carolina and Applied Technology and Management.

The second day of the workshop drew an audience of 80 people. Presentations included overviews of the Federal and State regulatory

programs and discussions on information/data exchange throughout the state.

There were also panels on nationwide permits, transportation issues and flood plain issues

“The workshop was a great success,” said LTC Ed Fleming, District Commander. “Because of the hard work of great people in the Charleston District we were able to meet all of our objectives and posture ourselves for other workshops in the future.”

Further information on the workshop, including presentation materials, is available on the Charleston District website at: www.sac.usace.army.mil/scwater

ENGINEER DAY MESSAGE FROM LTG STROCK



The proud heritage of the Engineer Regiment began when Col. Richard Gridley became the first Chief of Engineers on June 16, 1775. Since then, generations of Army engineers, both Soldiers and Civilians, have answered the call to duty around the world during peace and war.

Today is no different. Throughout the past year the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has made many significant contributions on behalf of our nation and the armed forces.

Our workload increased dramatically as we met the demands to support hurricane recovery, while continuing our ongoing work in Iraq and Afghanistan. Additionally, great work continued along waterways, at recreation areas, in research facilities and at armed forces installations around the world.

We have been stressed and stretched in the past year, but you have responded to those increased demands with great commitment and competence.

“The team supported the Federal Emergency Management Agency by providing ice and water, temporary power and housing, installing temporary roofing and moving mountains of debris.”

One of the most demanding missions this year has been our hurricane recovery efforts, and it is immensely gratifying to see how the team responded.

In the first hours after Hurricane Katrina hit last August, Col. Richard Wagenaar and his team from New Orleans District assessed the situation on the ground. And in a very short period of time, 3,000 people deployed to the Gulf Coast states. Only one week before, they had been working on other missions, but they quickly redirected their efforts. That response clearly shows the great agility of an outstanding workforce.

Eventually, more than 8,000 volunteers answered the call to help in the Gulf Coast states. They continue to do a tremendous job.

The team supported the Federal Emergency Management Agency by providing ice and water, temporary power and housing, installing tempo-

rary roofing and moving mountains of debris.

The team also accomplished the Herculean tasks of pumping the flood water out of New Orleans, and repairing the hurricane protection system in time for the 2006 hurricane season.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of this achievement is that so many employees in the region suffered substantial personal losses and hardships, yet they summoned the courage to focus on the needs of others.

A strong public service ethic and willingness to ride to the sound of the guns has allowed the Corps to meet the demands of hurricane recovery while also accomplishing our other important missions.

The pace of work to support the growth of democracy in Afghanistan and Iraq has not lessened. We have made great strides on completing thousands of projects in Iraq, and continue to help improve conditions in Afghanistan with construction of facilities and improvements to roads and bridges.

And while those efforts have garnered headlines, every day there is a great deal more being accomplished around the world. For example, we are supporting our armed forces with quality military construction and real estate services -- a vitally important mission during this time of transformation.

This past year we have destroyed old landmines and ordnance in Iraq while cleaning up old ordnance here at home, continued efforts to restore the Everglades, and improved homeland security.

Also, our outstanding research and development efforts were honored when the Engineering Research and Development Center was selected as the Army's Laboratory of the Year.

I have mentioned only a very few of the many contributions made by the Corps team. I have enormous pride and confidence in you.

Thank you for accomplishing so many difficult missions under demanding circumstances. Thanks to your work the past year, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers added a page to the long, proud history of service to our nation.

Essayons!

LTG CARL A. STROCK

CORPS POINTS

THINGS YOU REALLY SHOULD KNOW

Goals of the Civil Works Strategic Plan

1. Provide sustainable development and integrated management of the Nation's water resources.
2. Repair past environmental degradation and prevent future environmental losses.
3. Ensure that operating projects perform to meet authorized purposes and evolving conditions.
4. Reduce vulnerabilities and losses to the Nation and the Army from natural manmade disasters, including terrorism.
5. Be a world-class public engineering organization.

USACE Strategic Messages

1. **Strengthening our National Security:** Through times of peace and war, USACE supports the efforts of our Armed Forces as they protect and defend our nation by supplying innovative engineering and technical solutions when and wherever we are needed.
2. **Energizing the Economy:** The Corps is important to many aspects of our Nation's economy. Our water resources infrastructure plays a critical role in the success of our vibrant, dynamic economy by keeping goods and services moving. Our infrastructure protects us from natural and manmade disasters. We are working with our partners on the federal, state and local levels to ensure our Nation continues to move forward on an economically prosperous and sustainable path.
3. **Enhancing Our Environment:** As our population and economy grow, our Nation must carefully manage and enhance our environmental resources while ensuring prosperity for our children and future generations. This is a familiar challenge to the Corps, and we are ready, willing and able to provide both leadership and partnership in this important arena.
4. **Working Openly and Collaboratively:** The Corps is committed to working with our partners and stakeholders to develop technically sound, economically justified and environmentally sustainable solutions in an open, transparent way.

PMBP Principles

1. One project, one team, one project manager.
2. Plan for success and keep commitments.
3. The PDT is responsible for project success.
4. Measure quality with the goals and expectations in the PMP.
5. Manage all work with the PMBP, using corporate automated information systems.

6. Build effective communications into all activities and processes.
7. Use best practices and seek continuous improvement.

USACE Environmental Operating Principles

1. Strive to achieve Environmental Sustainability. An environment maintained in a healthy, diverse, and sustainable condition is necessary to support life.
2. Recognize the interdependence of life and the physical environment. Proactively consider environmental consequences of Corps programs and act accordingly in all appropriate circumstances.
3. Seek balance and synergy among human development activities and natural systems by designing economic and environmental solutions that support and reinforce one another.
4. Continue to accept corporate responsibility and accountability under the law for activities and decisions under our control that impact human health and welfare and the continued viability of natural systems.
5. Seeks ways and means to assess and mitigate cumulative impacts to the environment; bring systems approaches to the full cycle of our processes and work.
6. Build and share an integrated scientific, economic, and social knowledge base that supports a greater understanding of the environment and impacts of our work.
7. Respect the views of individuals and groups interested in Corps activities, listen to them actively, and learn from their perspective in the search to find innovative win-win solutions to the Nation's problems that also protect and enhance the environment.

USACE Communication Principles

1. Listen to all constituencies both inside and outside USACE regarding issues of importance to them, respecting their viewpoints.
2. Communicate early, clearly, completely, honestly, accurately, and often with all constituencies on issues of importance.
3. Incorporate communication as an integral part of the project management business process.
4. Be accessible to all constituencies and respond promptly without censorship or misinformation.
5. Proactively inform the public and other constituencies of the Corps' vital role in areas where we have special expertise.
6. Do what we say we will do.

MEET OUR NEW EMPLOYEES...



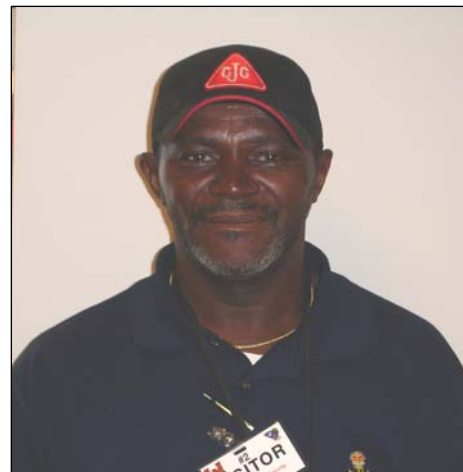
Laura Boos

Laura received her undergraduate degree from the University of Dallas and completed her Master's in Earth and Environmental Resource Management at the University of South Carolina. Laura and her husband Patrick have a cat, Achilles and pet rats. In her spare time she enjoys running, cooking and reading. Laura is working in the Columbia Field Office.



Debbie Engel

Debbie received her Bachelor's Degree from Tulane University and her Law School Degree from the University of South Carolina. Debbie was employed by the Charleston District from 1988-1998 as the Assistant District Counsel. Most recently, she was the Federal Security Director for the Charleston International and Myrtle Beach Airports. Debbie then assumed responsibility for all of South Carolina's Airports. Debbie returned to the District in April as the Chief Counsel. She is married to Newt Klements, and enjoys traveling, riding horses and spending time with her nieces, nephews and grandchildren.



Leroy Pinckney

Leroy originally hails from Cross, South Carolina and is a former employee of the Charleston District who has rejoined our team. Leroy and his wife have been married for 35 years and are the proud parents of four children. In his spare time he enjoys refereeing at high school basketball games and umpiring for softball games. He is also active in his church and sings in the choir. Leroy is a hydromechanic at the St. Stephens Power Plant.



Kristin Riegel

Kristin is originally from Waynesboro, Virginia. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and has a degree in Marine Science. Kristin has two sisters and one brother. Her previous employment includes positions at a summer camp and as an intern with Mundie, Incorporated in Virginia. Kristin is assigned to the Columbia Field Office.



Chris Wright

Chris attended Gaston College in Dallas, North Carolina, graduating in 1995 with a degree in Civil Engineering Technology. He has been married for 11 years to his wife Edie and has a daughter named Cecily. Chris works on the survey team.



Chris Mims

Chris graduated in May, 2005 from Clemson with a degree in Biological Science. Following his graduation, he worked at Clemson for four months in the Environmental Testing Laboratory at Analytical Services. Chris is a biologist in the Regulatory Division.

DISTRICT CELEBRATES CORPS DAY AT FOLLY BEACH

Cindy Biller, proud grandmother



The Charleston District celebrated Corps Day 2006 on June 16th at the Folly Beach County Park. The day started off with the traditional volleyball game (DC's team vs. DDPM's team) and the District Commander's team was the winner for the second year in a row. The sand castle judging followed with awards being given to Bill Easley, Tracy Dotolo, and the grandchildren of both Margie Brown and Lynda Daniel.

Phil Wolf, "My beer is light beer, what's yours?"

Additionally, the following personnel received awards:

- Supervisor/Team Leader of the Year:** Carl Hilton, IM
- Team Member of the Year/Engineering and Science:** Robin Socha, RD
- Team Member of the Year/Administrative, Technical Support, Clerical:** Peggy Garten, PM
- Field Team Member of the Year:** Tommy Fennel, RD
- PDT of the Year:** Building 246-H Renovation PDT; team members: Keith Ellmers; Jeff Fersner, Charlie Harbin, Rick Lambert, Gary McAlister, Cynthia Ruddy, Hal Thomas, Jean Wallace, and Jim Whiteman
- Commander's Award for Extraordinary Achievement:** Cindy Biller and Angie Williams, LM



Bill Stein, DDPM, "Is it chow time yet?"

Length of Service Awards:

- 5 Years: Tracy Dotolo; Kenneth Millbrook; Irvin Ridgeway
- 10 Years: Linda Shealy
- 15 Years: Yolanda Brown; James Struble
- 20 Years: Beth Barber; Vernard Cleveland; Robert Driscoll
- 25 Years: Margie Brown; Richard Lambert; John Mathis
- 30 Years: Cindy Biller; Gladys Clemons; Millard Dowd; Keith Ellmers; Doug Holmes; Kevin Widner



Which way to the beach?

CHARLESTON EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATES IN DIVISION LEADERSHIP



By Michael Hind, Emergency Management

The theme of the conference was tied to the USACE Vision of being Relevant, Ready, Responsive, and Reliable. Key points were:

- Sustain a viable USACE through effective leadership and employee involvement (Relevant).
- SAD Campaign Plan Objectives continue to focus on transformation to a regional business approach (Responsive).
- Elevate the SAD/USACE customer experience through understanding customer feedback systems (Ready).
- Continue business standardization and process improvement through Lean Six Sigma (LSS) (Reliable).

The main part of the conference kicked off on Tuesday morning with the LDP'ers meeting with leaders they would shadow throughout the entire conference. It was a great experience to network and interact with different Senior Leaders from across the region. Short interviews were conducted, focusing on goals and career ambitions for the LDP'ers.

Next, Brigadier General (BG) Walsh gave a short video presentation about the "State of the SAD Region." This presentation left me enthused about the Corps and what was still to come in the near future. Good things are on the horizon as SAD moves forward with regionalization.

BG Walsh mentioned that SAD was the first division to begin implementation of regionalization and that SAD would be called upon to help other Corps Divisions as they begin to regionalize. SAD employees would be able to assist with lessons learned, thus supporting the other Divisions as they begin moving forward with regionalization.

Several presentations were made concerning Lean Six Sigma (LSS). LSS is a business process which looks at standardizing business practices and eliminating waste, which helps to make organizations more competitive in world markets. Numerous vendors were on-hand to discuss LSS and how it has made their organizations more profitable. LSS is a mindset and its value will be to the customer.

BG Temple held a presentation concerning the Global War on Terror (GWOT) and the Military Transformation. This was interesting because our District is a Civil Works District and I learned a little about Military Construction. Basically, BG Temple stated, the Corps needs to

find faster and less expensive ways of doing business if the Corps wants to stay competitive.

After lunch, Carol Wehle, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), discussed with the SLC participants the benefits of partnerships with customers and Corp elements.

Dr. Randy Richards, St. Ambrose University, gave a short video presentation concerning leadership based on the movie "High Noon." He talked about different leadership styles and the importance of what leaders do (both good and bad).

Mark Askey, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), gave a quick speech about the FEMA/USACE involvement in disaster-related emergencies. He asked about what FEMA could do to make things easier for the Corps during disaster events, especially in future mission taskings. He then described a few things the Corps could do to assist FEMA. One of his main concerns was the need for faster response times for the deployment of Corps employees during disaster-related emergencies.

Tuesday evening, the LDP participants held the "Amazing Regionalization Race," which was a string of activities that were tied to the SLC's objectives (the 4 R's). These activities helped to reinforce leadership skills. All participants had lots of fun and we integrated with co-workers across the SAD region, proving the need for the Districts to work together to complete mission requirements and the one team concept.

Wednesday morning began with the LDP members meeting with BG Walsh for breakfast. We had the opportunity to talk openly about concerns. BG Walsh also briefed the LDP'ers about the new group project and what he expected to see from the group. Our new project concerns lessons learned and the implementation of these lessons learned across the SAD region.

After breakfast, the SLC participants broke off into smaller groups to attend four sessions concerning leadership. A short description of the break-out sessions follows: Guy Greco and Les Dixon talked about "Sustaining Leadership Excellence." I found the discussion concerning the differences in "Leadership Competence" and "Leadership Character" very interesting. Competence deals with what a leader does (skills) and Character defines who the leader really is. I was always under the impression it was the same thing.

BG Walsh, Jeff Rigsby, and S. Morris Meyer talked about "Understanding Our Customers" through a customer comment system, which is currently being devised.

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CHARLESTON TEAM ENCOURAGED TO USE SAFE BOATING PRACTICES

It's June already, the weather is warming up, the fish are biting, and it's time to hit the water. Living in the lowcountry means that you have a wide variety of choices of venues for boating: the Charleston Harbor, the Cooper and Wando Rivers, the Santee Cooper Lakes, and the Ashley River just to name a few.

Whether fishing, skiing, or just cruising around, remember to wear your PFD (personal flotation device, a.k.a. life jacket), they don't work if you don't put them on. Did you know that 90% of all drownings on Corps of Engineers lakes could have been prevented if the victim was wearing a life jacket?

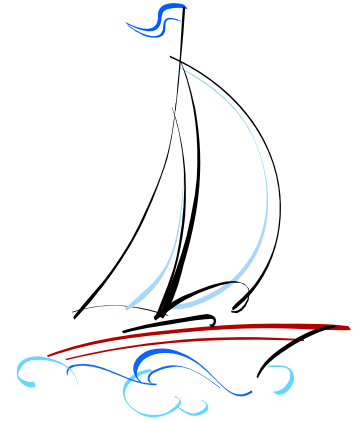
Ensure that you have the correct type and size and that the life jacket is Coast Guard approved. All children under that age of 12 must wear a life

jacket while in a boat that is less than 16 feet long.

For boats over 16 feet, you are required to have type IV PFDs (throw-able) on board. The seat cushion variety of PFDs no longer meet safety requirements for boats under 16 feet.

If this all sounds confusing to you, take a boating safety course. Our very own Gene Heiselman (Captain Gene) is a certified boater education instructor with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and will hold a class if you request one. You can contact Captain Gene at 297-2675.

Be safe, wear your life jacket (the name says a lot!), take a boater education course and "know before you go".



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

MARCH



Jim Struble, Regulatory Division

APRIL



Joe Jones, Chief of Planning

MAY



Elizabeth Jackson, Regulatory Division

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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Military Districts are already using this system and it has helped management define concerns. Basically, it will help measure customer satisfaction and will allow management to improve the overall customer experience, making corrections where needed.

James Dalton and Geoff Chatfield talked about "Understanding the SAD Campaign Plan" and quickly ran through some of the objectives. The three main points for the 2007 SAD Campaign plan are as follows:

- Development and adoption of commo business practices which are consistent and efficient across the region. The Community of Practice (CoP) leadership will play a vital role in the identification and prioritization of the common business practices.
- Actualizing the Regional Business Center by creating and implementing regional customer management processes that increase dependency on each Dis-

trict while making the region cheaper, faster, and better.

- Maximizing relationship values by identifying the Corps shortcomings and making corrections to the customer feedback process.

COL Butler, Kent Sterett and Lee Campbell talked about "using Lean Six Sigma to meet commitments, be accountable, and wisely use resources."

On the last day of the conference, which was Thursday, each District Commander gave a short presentation concerning the "State of the District." Each Commander spoke highly about their Districts, as well as, the employees who perform the Corps' missions. The Commanders mentioned the overall success of regionalization.

Key points to consider, some Districts didn't have enough work to sustain the number of employees assigned while other Districts had far too much work and not enough employees to perform mission requirements. Hence, regionalization, makes the South Atlantic Division more durable to changing missions requirements and the expansion/growth of employees taking on new mission assignments.

"...using Lean Six Sigma to meet commitments, be accountable, and widely use resources."

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK



Lincoln Blake, Project Manager, retired after 35 years of service.



Gail Simmons, Resource Management, transferred to a position with the State Department.



Patty Baxley, Chief of Resource Management, retired after 30 years of service.



Patrick Spoor, Safety Officer, relocated to a position in Texas.



Patsy Nalls, Resource Management, retired with 26 years of service.



Fred Veal, Regulatory Division, retired after 30 years of service.

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK (CONTINUED)



Sharon Morrow, Contracting Division, transferred to a position with the Northern Regional Contracting Center in Fort Eustis, Virginia.



Kathy Edenborough, Contracting Division, transferred to a position with the Air Force's Contracting Office.



Amy Henke, Regulatory Division, transferred to the Regulatory Division at the St. Louis District Office.



Jackie Easterling, Regulatory Division, retired after more than 30 years of service.

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Robin Crosby** and **Christianna Fralix** for submitting the winning entrant, *The Palmetto Castle*, in the "name the new online newsletter contest." Robin and Christianna each received a check for \$100 for their submission which was chosen from more than 30 entries.

To **Shawn Boone** for being accepted into the Citadel's MBA program.

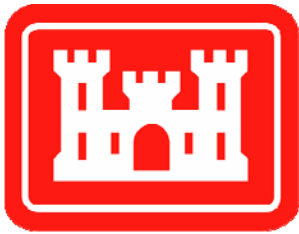
To the **Weight Watchers at Work** group-In the four weeks that the District has participated in this program, they have lost a total of 113.3 pounds.



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ICE MISSION

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Last year alone, approximately five thousand trucks of ice were purchased for Hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, Rita, and Wilma.

The 2006 ice contract incorporates lessons learned from the 2005 hurricane season. One noteworthy change includes provisions to enable the Government to better track the production and timely transportation of ice by contractors. Under the 2006 ice contract with the Corps, contractors must assure that all trucks are equipped with transponders to track their location and estimate delivery times, all by satellite.

This year's contract also requires contractors to have a capability to deliver 10 million pounds of ice within 24 hours within the continental United States, and allows the government remedies for late deliveries. Without specifying poundage, the previous contracted stated that 25 percent of each delivery order had to be delivered in 24

hours, 50 percent by 48 hours, and 100 percent within 72 hours.

Ice mission training will be held July 18-19, 2006 in the Charleston District. The Albuquerque team will travel to Charleston to attend training during this time period. This level II training will include pre-deployment/deployment/pre-declaration execution/post declaration/mission management/emergency ice contracting.

Thanks to all who have volunteered for this year's ice mission: Team 1: Jim Whiteman, Darlyn Grigsby, George Ebai, Jeff Fersner, Rose Smalls, and Henry Wigfall; Team 2: Keith Ellmers, Bob Driscoll, Shawn Boone, Bob Chappell, Adrian Goolsby (SAS), and Julie Anderson (SAS); Team 3: Pat O'Donnell, Jim Henderson, and Ted Hauser. Additionally, the following Charleston District personnel are on the National Ice QA: Frank Russell, Woody Wallace, Leroy Pinckney, Elizabeth Jackson, Tracy Dotolo, and Richard Thomas.



***POD—Point of Distribution for Ice.
Victims of Hurricane Katrina driving
through a POD to obtain ice and other
commodities such as water, MREs and
tarps.***
