

EXTRA



US Army Corps
of Engineers®
Fort Worth District

January 2008

NSPS is coming



“GET ON BOARD or GET OUT OF THE WAY!”

(ə-k-s-trə)
EXTRA

news

district points

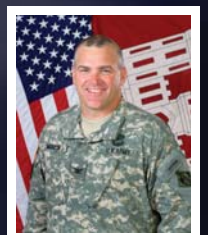
program spotlight

people profile

did you know?

humor

*"Have fun. Enjoy what you do and be proud of the service you
and this District and USACE provide to the nation".*



COL Martin



19th Annual Deer Hunt held at Somerville Lake

By: Melanie Ellis

The 19th Annual Physically Challenged Deer Hunt at Somerville Lake was held on Nov. 30 – Dec. 1, 2007. "Twenty-three hunters participated in the hunt this year," said Martin Gustafson, Natural Resource Manager, Somerville Lake. "It was a great turnout."

Once the hunters signed in they were required to go through a hunting orientation and receive safety instructions before they went to sight in their rifles at a local gun range. The participants rounded out the day with a group dinner. "Somerville Rotary Club hosted a fellowship chili and stew dinner for all the participants," said Gustafson.

"This year's hunt was unique because part of the hunt was held in Rocky Creek Park which had an over abundance of deer, where a reduction in population was really needed," said Gustafson.

On Saturday, the hunters, Corps staff and many other volunteers met at the lake office between 4:00 and 5:00 a.m. for breakfast before heading out to their hunting blinds. "Debra Rhodes, a local school teacher and summer ranger for the Corps, came to the office and cooked breakfast for everyone," said Gustafson.

After breakfast, the hunters headed out, only taking a break for lunch which was provided by the Somerville Lions Club.



Three of the hunters participating in the deer hunt wait for the safety orientation to begin.

It was worth the effort for many of the hunters.

"We had a great turnout on the hunt," said Gustafson. "In all, seven bucks and 35 does were taken by the hunters," said Gustafson.

With such a great turnout, the Corps is looking forward to the next hunting event. "This event has truly become a community event for the Corps of Engineers and the City of Somerville," said Gustafson.



Participants from the 19th Annual Deer Hunt posed for a group photo after a successful hunt.



NARFE

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association
Protecting the Future for Retired and Current Federal Employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees association (NARFE) is the only association dedicated to protecting the earned benefits of federal employees, retirees, and their survivors.

The Fort Worth Chapter of NARFE is offering a limited number of free first year memberships in NARFE to current federal employees working or living in Tarrant County. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact Peter Wersal at 817-457-0995 or pwersal@sbcglobal.net.



National Security Personnel System training *Host it ... and they have to come, it's mandatory*



Mark Simmons, Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division and National Security Personnel System instructor, talks with members of the Fort Worth District about the conversion to NSPS. Mandatory NSPS training for the 764 district employees required to take it began Jan. 15. The NSPS conversion will go into effect on Feb. 17.



Fort Worth kicks up its heel in Washington



Assistant Secretary of the Army, John Paul Woodley, Jr., displayed ornaments from several districts on the Christmas tree in his office for the holiday season. The Fort Worth District Public Affairs Office sent this Texas inspired boot to represent the district.

ANNETTE YOUNG



UNCLASSIFIED

Date of birth: January 6, 1964

Place of birth: Davisboro, Georgia

Zodiac sign: Capricorn

High school: Louisville High School,
Louisville, GA

College: Tarrant County College

Degree: Associate of Applied Science
Degree in Business and Management (Human
Resources)

Are you using it? Yes

Any honors earned for the degree? Received
Outstanding Academic Award in April 2007;
became a member of Phi Theta Kappa on
Dec. 2, 2007.

CLASSIFIED

First job out of school: Nursing Assistant

Most interesting job: Security Guard in
Germany, because there were several strange
events that happened while working on post.

When did you start working for the Corps? June
1990 – 1995 and April 2001 until present

Most memorable Corps moment to date? Several

Most challenging Corps moment to date?

Conversion to NSPS

Do you have any children? Alicia Shanora (23),
attending Midwestern State University,
Anthony DeWayne (19) attending Tarrant County
College, and DeVonte' Antron (12), and had a miscarriage
with my second child (Calvin) on October 10, 1987.

Right or left handed? Right

**Can you pat your head and rub your stomach at the same
time?** Yes

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time? Go to movies and
plays; relax with family.

**Now that winter is here, what's your most memorable winter
moment?** I attended my 25th Class Reunion in Georgia on December 28,
2007. It was good reminiscing about our school days.

Who's your hero? My kids and parents.

Favorite sports team? Cowboys!

How are they doing? They had a good season, but fell short at the end!

Football predictions: who's going to the Super Bowl? Patriots and Green Bay

Who are you rooting for? Neither

Favorite TV show? Deal or No Deal

If you could bring one TV show back from your childhood what would it be? Dallas

Favorite reality TV show? None

ANNETTE YOUNG



Annette, brothers Walter, Jr., and Darryl, and parents Walter, Sr., and Lottie Mae Thomas.

Where is the furthest you've traveled? Germany
Were you a teacher's pet or class clown? Teacher's pet
Cats or dogs? Neither
Your most missed memory? Hanging out with cousins every Sunday
Do you play an instrument? No
What would have been your alternate career? Nurse
Do you have siblings? Yes, two brothers: Darryl (Marine - Ret) and Walter, Jr. (Marine - Active duty)
What's the worst thing you did as a child? I refused to share my cookies with my oldest brother (Darryl). So, I put my mom's face powder on the cookies and flushed them down the toilet. He threatened to tell on me, so I ran him outside and pushed him on some sticky briars. Yes, I got the beating of my life!
Years of service? 18
Hobbies? Reading, shopping, and research family history
Favorite city? Bartow
Song you listened to on the way to work today? gospel or smooth R&B
What are you thinking at this very moment? Preparation to attend family reunion in Baltimore, MD in July.
Favorite meal? Cabbage, baked pork chops, mashed potatoes w/gravy, candid yams, and cornbread.
Favorite colors? Red, black, and royal blue.
What's your favorite movie and why? Diary of a Mad Black Women, because I could definitely relate to Kimberly Elise in the movie.

Do you sing in the shower? No
Can you still hop on one foot? Of course!
What is your ultimate vacation? Travel to different countries within 30 days
What song best describes you? I-N-D-E-P-E-N-D-E-N-T
If you could trade places with one person for one day who would it be and why? My sister. I was six years old when my sister (Connie) was struck and killed by a car at 7 years old.
What are your plans after leaving the government? Become the manager and co-owner with one of the five family owned Marriott (Fairfield Inn) hotels in Georgia or North Carolina.
What have you learned in life that you would share with others? Treat others as I want to be treated. Do my job to the best of my ability. Never forget where I came from. Life is too short to walk around unhappy everyday. Remember to give God the praise.



Alicia Shanora, Anthony DeWayne, and DeVonte Antron

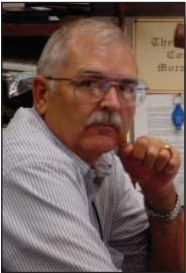
Condolences



Russell Wayne Blanchard, husband of Ollie Blanchard, Information Management Office, passed away Dec. 21, 2007, after being involved in a fatal car accident. A memorial fund has been set up at the Weatherford National Bank in his name.



Clarence Richard Byrd, father of Chris Byrd, Operations Division, passed away Dec. 11, 2007, after a six year battle with cancer.



Bob Gilbert, Engineering and Construction Division, passed away unexpectedly Dec. 30, 2007. He was 60 and had planned to retire in early January.



Horace Franklin Horton, 86, passed away Dec. 12, 2007. Horton retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a management analyst.



Alicia Waites, Electrical and Mechanical Sections in Engineering Services Branch, passed away Dec. 14, 2007.

Congratulations



William Haferkamp, Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division, and his wife Kathryn and daughter Lauryn, welcomed a son and brother, William Gordon, Dec. 31, 2007. He weighed eight pounds and 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.



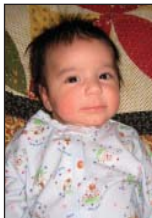
Capt. Jamie Hagio, Fort Bliss Program Office, and his wife, Gilhee, welcomed a baby girl, Jessica Seri, on Dec. 17, 2007. She weighed five pounds and four ounces and was 17 inches long.



Halli Hyatt, granddaughter of Alain Bernier, Planning and Project Management Division, was born July 30, 2007.



Olivia Aleece, granddaughter of Benoit Palmer, Safety and Occupational Health Office, was born Jan. 3, 2008. She weighed six pounds and 14 ounces.



Patrick Spilman, Central Texas Area Office, and his wife, Tina, welcomed a baby boy, Dustin, on Nov. 16, 2007. He weighed nine pounds and ten ounces and was 20 inches long.

Corrections



The November issue of the Pacesetter Extra Supplement incorrectly identified Park Ranger Michael Serbanic in a photo caption in the Waco Lake Youth Hunt article.



Retirements



Jean Dillion, Real Estate Division, retired Jan. 3, after more than 30 years of federal service.



Madeline Flemons, Resource Management Office, retired Jan. 3, after 37 years of federal service.



Presley Hatcher, Regulatory Branch, retired Jan. 3 after 31 years of federal service.



Dennis Pollock, Proctor Lake Office, retired Jan. 3, after 31 years and three months of federal service.



Larry Rogers, Engineering and Construction Office, retired Dec. 1, with almost 33 years of federal service.



Audrey Shed, Equal Employment Opportunity Office, retired Jan. 3, with more than 35 years of federal service.



NEW YEAR SEARCH

S W C G M X T Y P J L D M N Q
 N R S R P E K U N Y T E F H W
 O R F U A K P V I W P O C X I
 I K H N R C U C G L O B A P D
 T U E M A O A C E T R W F S E
 U W K I D L W P B C N B S Z T
 L V I D E C S A I M G W Z Q V
 O Y C N I E L P E R I X U P I
 S R D I T L R E I P O T M Z G
 E A E G S E W Z A F K R O B V
 R U R H U B R Y A L Q T P H R
 I N G T M R E R S A R C V B S
 Q A K Y P A Q R T E G L I B B
 E J C I R T T P G S J R Q X Y
 M U I N N E L L I M X I C V D

BEGIN	JANUARY	RESOLUTIONS
CALENDAR	MIDNIGHT	TOAST
CELEBRATE	MILLENNIUM	WINTER
CLOCK	NEW	YEAR
FOOTBALL	PARADE	

POLLED TOP 10 new years resolutions

1. Get out of debt or save money
2. Lose weight
3. Develop a healthy habit (e.g., exercise or healthy eating)
4. Get organized
5. Develop a new skill or talent
6. Spend more time with family and friends
7. Other
8. Work less, play more
9. Break an unhealthy habit (e.g., smoking, alcohol, overeating)
10. Change employment

