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NRCS Civil Engineer Frank Vogel Retires After 31 Years of Federal Service



WARWICK, RI (October 3, 2011) – Frank Vogel is retiring from the federal government in October 2011 after more than 31 years of service in various agencies. The son of a career U.S. Air Force officer, he was born in Texas and lived in several states before the family settled in Bowie, Maryland. His interest in engineering forged his path to the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland where he completed his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering. While completing his engineering studies, he received the honor of distinguished U.S. Air Force ROTC graduate award.

After finishing undergraduate studies, Vogel served four years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force where he was stationed in Florida. Upon completion of his military service, he served as a construction management engineer at Walter Reed Facilities Engineering in Bethesda, Maryland, followed by a four-year assignment as a design engineer at the U.S. Naval Academy’s Public Works Department. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) created a regional civil engineering unit (USCG Civil Engineering Unit Providence) in Warwick, RI, where Vogel was selected as a project manager in the construction branch where he was employed for 11 years.

In 2003, Vogel began the final chapter of his federal career when he was hired as a civil engineer at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Employment at NRCS provided the opportunity for him to broaden his engineering experience to include conservation engineering projects throughout the State of Rhode Island. Frank is married with three children ages 16, 20, and 22 years old. He is an active member in his local church and enjoys his avocation of chess where he directs tournaments and serves on the Rhode Island Chess Association’s board of directors.