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(cover) Joel Zietz, maintenance and repair coordinator at Baldhill Dam, and Chris Botz, park ranger at Baldhill Dam, adjust the dam gates at Baldhill Dam, near Valley City, North Dakota, to increase the outflow and create storage capacity within Lake Ashtabula, April 26. USACE photo by Patrick Moes



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Comments From The Top: A message from Col. Karl Jansen

Team MVP,

My time with St. Paul District is quickly wrapping up and this is my final Crosscurrents entry. It has been an honor serving as the district's 66th commander. I remain in awe of the caliber, character and commitment of the people who humbly serve our organization, fellow citizens and the environment. It is amazing what you collectively accomplish, and the trust-building way you do it. Thank you for welcoming me for this brief time, showing genuine care and interest in my family and inspiring me to try my very best.

At the end of July, we'll welcome Col. Eric Swenson as our next commander, and the district will be in very capable hands. Col. Swenson is coming to us from an assignment at the United States Military Academy. He has a diverse professional background and will surely bring fresh perspectives, positive energy and enthusiasm to this duty position. I'm confident he will recognize, as I have, that our people, mission, region and partners are a joy to work with and his time with St. Paul District will be an assignment of a lifetime.

There has never been a dull moment these past three years! Our people met every challenge, from hurricane response to exceptional drought, record flooding, social unrest, the COVID-19 pandemic, strained tribal relations, record civil works appropriations and workload growth, atop an already demanding civil works program with ingenuity and a positive, can-do attitude.

Through and through you have lived up to our mantra of M-V-P...Mission (working hard and doing a good job), Value (striking to always make things better), and People (taking care of one another and those we proudly serve).

I'm especially proud of our outstanding safety record – the way our people and leaders put safety first in all settings, especially related to work that is inherently dangerous in, on, or next to water, underscores how we treat safety as a core value. Keep this up!

I'm also proud of the way we rebounded from the tragedy of George Floyd's death and the community trauma that followed to reinvigorate our Special Emphasis Program and

renew our commitment and focus on the ideals of diversity, equity and inclusion. Our work will never be done in this area – keep raising the bar! The COVID-19 pandemic, upcoming district office move and a highly competitive job market will drive a revolution in our work environment. There is a big adjustment period around the corner as we transition to a post-pandemic hybrid work model, striving for an individual and organizational win-win. Be patient, practice frequent two-way communication, set clear expectations, be accountable for your results and stay focused on delivering our program to a high standard, and all will be okay!

Helping others win is a foundational trait of the St. Paul District which fosters strong partnerships with our valued customers across all our program areas: tribal nations; international nations; sister districts; communities; and local, state and federal agencies. Being a team player for the public good assures long-term relevance and positive results. Keep investing in our valued relationships!

I'm convinced that our secret recipe is our cohesion and culture, 156 years in the making, outlined by our



twelve MVP Guiding Principles. Stick with exemplifying these principles and consistently teaching them to our future new teammates, and the St. Paul District will have a very bright future!

Thanks for all you do, I wish each of you continued success and well-being. I will always be cheering for you!

Best Regards,
Col. Karl Jansen

Botz steps up to serve his community during disaster response

Story by Patrick Moes

When it comes to disaster response missions, Chris Botz has seen a few during his 28-year career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District.

As a park ranger at Baldhill Dam, located a few miles northeast of Valley City, North Dakota, Botz spends most of his time working shoreline management issues, ensuring campers have everything they need, and adjusting the gates at the dam to regulate Lake Ashtabula water levels.

Botz said he loves his day-to-day job, but also enjoys helping people during a disaster response mission. He added that when the call comes for him to switch gears and change his park ranger campaign hat out for his red emergency operations hat, it becomes a job of long hours, but one that he embraces, and he will do whatever is necessary to get the job done.

That willingness to serve is exactly what propelled Botz into action in April as a series of spring storms created severe flooding conditions within North Dakota. Botz said he was there supporting Corps of Engineers flood operations within the Sheyenne River basin from Valley City all the way down to Kindred,

North Dakota, which is about 30 miles from Fargo, North Dakota. The work, he said, was rewarding but required a lot of coordination with local officials, public works directors and local mayors.

While the job can be stressful, Botz said it's important to him because Valley City and the surrounding area are more than the place where he works, it's where he calls home, it's where he is raising his two children and where met his wife. "Valley City is a great place to work and raise a family," said Botz. "It is small enough that you know most of your neighbors, and it comes together in times of need. I am fortunate that I was able to spend most of my career working in a job that I enjoy in a great area to raise a family."

For Botz, a Backus, Minnesota, native, supporting the flood fight is about taking care of the community. With too many disaster response missions under his belt to remember, he said that while his house was safe during this year's flood fight, it was in danger of being flooded during the 2009 and 2011 floods within Valley City. Having went through those events, he said

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Chris Botz, park ranger, discusses temporary levee construction in Valley City, North Dakota, April 26. USACE photo by Patrick Moes

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he could certainly empathize with the stress people in low-lying areas were facing as rising waters threatened their homes this year.

While the water continued to rise, Botz said he and a small team from the Corps of Engineers fought back against Mother Nature and the Sheyenne River. He said the Corps supported the city of Valley City's flood fight efforts by constructing temporary levees and provided technical assistance to help the community and the valley better understand what was needed to reduce the flood risk.

"When you see temporary levees go up in town it brings an uneasy feeling," said Botz. "You know that Mother Nature has sent us a challenge to work with, but it is a reassuring feeling knowing that the town is prepared. We have an excellent public works department and fire department that has gone through this in the past. Once the levees go up, it falls on them to manage all of the water pumping to help keep the community dry."

The temporary levees, built by the Corps' contractor, Strata Corporation from Grand Forks, North Dakota, included eight sections with a combined distance of more than 8,000 feet in length. They were constructed from clay soils 'borrowed' from a field near Valley City. Since

the levees were not engineered to withstand a flood, Botz said the levees required routine monitoring to ensure they were able to hold back the river. He said the city was able to find more than 100 volunteers to monitor the temporary levees as the Sheyenne River slowly rose to the fifth highest flood elevation in recorded history. Volunteers monitored the levees 24-hours a day at the height of the flood and notified Corps of Engineers officials as soon as a vulnerable area was identified. Botz said no serious issues were ever discovered, but the team remained vigilant.

Working 12+ hour days, seven days a week, might be stressful for some, but Botz said it's a small sacrifice if it means the community can continue to go about their daily activities with minimal impact. That sense of selfless service is evident while Botz is driving more than an hour away from his home to check on the small community of Fort Ransom, North Dakota – population of 105 people. While he was coordinating for the delivery of 6,000 sandbags with support from mayors in Valley City and Fargo, Botz said his son was getting ready for his prom in Valley City.



Joel Zietz, maintenance and repair coordinator, and Chris Botz, park ranger, discuss temporary levee construction in Valley City, North Dakota, April 26. USACE photo by Patrick Moes

Kopka selected for national diversity award

Story by Dave Elmstrom

The Federal Asian Pacific American Council awarded Marie Kopka, St. Paul District water resources planner, their 2022 Outstanding Individual Leadership Award from for her work on diversity and inclusion.

Kopka, who works out of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, co-founded the creation of a national Army Corps of Engineers Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander, or AANHPI, employee resource group last fall.

“I’m ecstatic that these diversity, equity and inclusion efforts are getting attention,” Kopka said. “I’m humbled that the Corps put forth that nomination. It was also very validating, that the Corps is valuing the efforts.”

The award is given annually to individuals “who have shown bold leadership and innovative ways in promoting equal employment opportunity, affirmative action, and diversity.” The Federal Asian Pacific American Council represents federal employees from all agencies, promoting equal opportunity and inclusion, cultural diversity, mentoring and develop-

ment. Kopka received the award virtually at the organization’s 37th National Leadership Training Program May 10-12.

Kopka is a nearly 20-year veteran at with the Corps of Engineers. She started as a park ranger in the Portland, Oregon, area, and spent more than a decade working for the St. Paul District in the regulatory division. She transferred to the regional planning and environment division north in 2021, and currently serves in plan formulation there.

“Marie is not only a great team member here in the St. Paul District, but she is also a great champion of diversity and inclusion across all of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,” said Col. Karl Jansen, St. Paul District commander. “We’re so pleased she was recognized with this prestigious award, and it was well deserved.”



Marie Kopka, water resources planner and recipient of the 2022 Outstanding Individual Leadership Award from the Federal Asian Pacific American Council. USACE courtesy photo

Corps celebrates two restoration projects on the Upper Mississippi River

Story by Melanie Peterson

The St. Paul District, in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, celebrated Earth Day with a ribbon cutting for two of its habitat restoration projects: Harpers Slough and Conway Lake. Both projects are part of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration, or UMRR program.

The \$5.3 million Conway Lake project, just upstream of Highway 82 on the Mississippi River included the construction of floodplain forests and berms created from main channel dredging stockpiles. The project enhanced habitat, improved dissolved oxygen in Conway Lake and improved winter habitat conditions. This project restored 1,170 acres of aquatic and floodplain forest habitat.

The \$2.4 million Harper Slough project, just upstream of Lock and Dam 9, near Lynxville, Wisconsin, protects existing islands and constructed additional islands using material from the backwater and main channel. The project will slow the loss of existing islands, reduce the flow of sediment-laden water into the backwaters, reduce turbidity and increase the

diversity of land and shoreline habitats. Habitat restoration work was completed in 2017, however record flooding in 2018 and 2019 caused erosion and prevented the islands from establishing vegetation. The project restored 1,680 acres of aquatic and island habitat.

“When you are on the ground locally, you get it. It’s very clear the cultural, ecological and economic significance of the river and how we coexist to achieve a lot of things. You can feel why it is important to continue to be good stewards of the environment in this area,” said Col. Karl Jansen, St. Paul District commander. “This is a terrific program when you look nationwide at things that work well and deliver tremendous results at a value to the taxpayers. The program is 36 years old and has delivered 55 projects from Minneapolis to St. Louis and restored 100,000 acres of floodplain.”

Sabrina Chandler, refuge manager for the Upper Mississippi Wildlife Refuge, said in her remarks, “It’s a benefit for us to be part of this program, we tremendously

value the partnerships that come from the program and especially the relationships in the community that are built through the contractors and the establishment and the use of these projects.”

These projects were made possible through funding from the

UMRR program. This program ensures the coordinated development and enhancement of the Upper Mississippi River system with primary emphasis on habitat restoration projects and resource monitoring.



Col. Karl Jansen, district commander, and partners, cut the ribbon for the Harpers Slough and Conway Lake restoration projects, April 22 in Lansing, Iowa. USACE photo by Melanie Peterson

Corps of Engineers hosts ribbon cutting at Lake Ashtabula visitor center

Story by Melanie Peterson

The St. Paul District celebrated the reopening of its newly renovated visitor center at its Lake Ashtabula Dam and Recreation Area, as well as the site's 70th anniversary, with a ribbon cutting ceremony May 18. Speakers at the event include Col. Karl Jansen, St. Paul District Commander; Valley City Mayor Dave Carlsrud; and Barnes County Commissioner Cindy Schwehr, who also grew up in the area.

"The upgraded visitor center includes many things: the history of the area including its first inhabitants dating back 10-11,000 years; the form, function and operation of the dam; and the history of the people who worked here and cared for the site and showed a lot of stewardship. We hope the public will enjoy this facility," said Jansen in his remarks.

Baldhill Dam was completed in 1951 and was dedicated in 1952. The visitor center was constructed in 1977 and originally housed a park ranger office and some displays related to the flora and fauna of the recreation area. The visitor center was renovated to include interpretive displays

about the site and its relationship with the community.

Today, Baldhill Dam provides municipal water supply, flood risk reduction, recreation, rural water supply and pollution abatement. The Corps operates seven recreation areas at Lake Ashtabula, as well as actively manages 14 separate wildlife areas at Lake Ashtabula.



(above) Scott Tichy, lead natural resources specialist, talks to a member of the public at the reopening of the Ashtabula visitor center in Valley City, North Dakota, May 18. USACE photo by Emily Chavolla



(left) The newly renovated visitor center at Lake Ashtabula in Valley City, North Dakota, May 18. USACE photo by Emily Chavolla

St. Paul District finds win-win solution in maintaining navigation

Story by Patrick Moes

Maintaining the Mississippi River 9-foot Navigation Channel is one of the primary missions for the St. Paul District.

To maintain the channel, the district typically removes around 1 million cubic yards of sand every year. While the sand is a nuisance for the navigation channel and the shippers moving bulk commodities to markets up and down the river, it's a blessing for developers looking for free, clean material to raise land above the flood plain, said Paul Machajewski, St. Paul District dredged material manager.

Machajewski said his team within the district's channels and harbors branch recently worked with the city of La Crosse, Wisconsin, to support their efforts to elevate an area out of the flood plain. "In all, a local contractor removed around 200,000 cubic yards of river sand from our Brownsville, Minnesota, placement site and moved it to a site within La Crosse," said Machajewski.

The La Crosse beneficial use project is a big deal, said Machajewski. "Typically, contractors

will come in and take about 30-40,000 cubic yards of material per year, the contractors for the La Crosse project are taking 3-5 times that amount."

Getting general construction fill material for free is a win-win for the community and the Corps of Engineers, said Machajewski. The benefits come from the fact that the city doesn't need to use their tax dollars on the sand while also being able to protect an area within their community from future flood threats. In addition to the benefits that the city receives, Machajewski said the Corps of Engineers receives significant benefits, too, by creating additional storage capacity for future dredging needs to maintain the navigation channel. He said he estimates that the La Crosse beneficial use project will generate an additional 4-5 years of future storage capacity.

Dan DeVaney, St. Paul District channel maintenance coordinator, said one of the key parts of the channel maintenance program is placing the material at specific

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Paul Machajewski, dredged material manager, looks on at the dredging near Brownsville, Minnesota, September 24, 2021. USACE photo by Patrick Moes

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upland placement sites, or river sand resource centers, for communities to reuse the sand for a variety of purposes. “The material is ideal for use in winter road maintenance, construction site fill, or even general fill material for the local farming communities as cattle bedding,” said DeVaney.

Corps staff are exploring other options for placing river sand, too. Eric Hanson, St. Paul District senior ecologist and environmental planner, said he is a part of a team that is exploring the possibility of using agricultural fields near the Mississippi River as options for permanently placing river sand removed from the navigation channel. He said they are looking at several methods that would use the river sand to improve the soil structure and function on poorly drained and semi-poorly drained agricultural lands with the end goal of improving overall crop production. Hanson said plans are currently in development, and the team hopes to test the concepts over the next 2-3 years to verify the hypothesis that incorporating river sand would improve agricultural production. “If successful,” Hanson said, “this study would open up tens of thousands and perhaps hundreds of thousands



Dredging operations near La Crosse, Wisconsin, September 24, 2021. USACE photo by Patrick Moes

of acres nationwide not previously considered for the permanent placement of river sand, and provide an eco-friendly, cost-effective and collaborative solution to managing river sand.”

Machajewski said the potential for agricultural field placement is just one area where the team is looking for future solutions to the annual need to place river sand removed from the navigation channel. He said the team contin-

ues exploring opportunities and have started looking at blending it with soils for use around new road construction to improve drainage near roads.

Agency partnership provides housing relief efforts

Story by Elizabeth Stoeckmann and Andy Huffman

Teamwork has a special meaning for a group of employees from the St. Paul District, and employees of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, or USBR, who deployed in support of Hurricane Ida recovery efforts in Louisiana last summer.

The St. Paul District's housing planning and response teams received a call to support the recovery efforts following Hurricane Ida's landfall Aug. 29, 2021. A month later, the team departed home station for Baton Rouge and New Orleans. The team's mission manager quickly realized they were going to need assistance to handle the workload assigned to them and reached out to the USBR for assistance.

"A strong partnership like this speaks to the level of support the Corps of Engineers provides in emergency relief efforts with FEMA," said deployed mission manager Andy Huffman.

In November, the bureau deployed a six-person team from across the United States that marked the first of six, 6-month rotations to the deployed location.

"The USBR personnel were a great addition to the housing team and integrated quickly with Corps' team members. Their efforts, along with the other team members' efforts, were vital to the success of this mission," said the St. Paul District Readiness Operations Chief Kristin Kosterman.

Hurricane Ida impacted landfall near Port Fourchon, Louisiana, as an "extremely dangerous" Category 4 storm with sustained winds of 150 mph. Ida then churned inland with a life-threatening storm surge along the coasts of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, bringing catastrophic winds, heavy rainfall, tornadoes, and flash and urban flooding.

Huffman said the joint USBR and Corps team exceeded expectations. During the six-month deployment, the joint team completed more than 2,200 private-site inspection reports, 140 commercial park-site inspection reports and 1,100 ready for occupancy reports.

The reports are used by FEMA to determine whether a location

is feasible for the placement of a temporary housing unit. Then, if eligible, the homeowner would receive a temporary housing unit on the property, while the homeowner makes necessary repairs to the home.

Wesley Shaw, assigned to the Boulder City Nevada Lower Colorado Region, served as the USBR agency representative for the six-person team, he said that he is always amazed at the bonding the planning and response teams develops during a disaster mission and reminds him of the camaraderie he experienced while in the U.S. Army.

"The temporary housing mission comes in waves," Shaw said. "You always need to be ready to adapt."

Adapting is exactly what the team did, Huffman said. They learned from previous housing missions that you need a lot of equipment to effectively complete the housing mission. These missions often keep the planning and response teams away from their homes for 30 to 60 days. He said the packing list for the extended mission

includes everything from safety equipment, to clothing and tools, because you never know what you might run into.



St. Paul District deployed mission manager Andy Huffman performs a site evaluation. USACE courtesy photo

Parks get upgrades for environmental sustainability

Story by Elizabeth Stoeckmann

When it comes to sustainability, the St. Paul District is working diligently to strengthen the value to the nation by enhancing recreation areas with upgrades that are noticeable and seamless to the general public.

Specifically, the Eau Galle Reservoir and Blackhawk Park have seen positive sustainable changes through the years that will continue in the future – inspiring people and creating lasting experiences, said Mississippi River Recreation and Eau Galle section chief Kevin Berg. “For example, pedestrians will experience a floating pedestrian bridge in the near future,” Berg said.

Current funding for the floating bridge structure will cross the Eau Galle River in the main day use area to the northwest day use area, providing quicker access from the Highland Ridge Campground to the beach and related day use facilities for campers. Currently users need to drive from the campground to the main day use area to use the facilities. However, now they will be able to walk from the campground to the day use area, thereby saving

time and money as less fuel will be consumed by the users, and less impact to the environment to drive around the park (approximately 13 miles one way). This project is currently being worked on for acquisition of the bridge structure.

In 2021, a solar system installation at the Eau Galle Project was also funded for the main office building. This project is currently in its construction stage, so no cost savings data is available but will eventually provide additional energy and dollars savings at this location.

As the district’s first sustainability funded project of 2016, the Eau Galle office building installed a geothermal system to provide energy and cost savings over the long term for heating and cooling the office building.

“To date, there’s been a significant savings 500-1000 gallons of LP gas a year to heat offices and reduce energy consumption,” Berg said. “As time goes on, it will provide even better energy savings regarding the geothermal system.”

Eau Galle Reservoir isn’t alone in recent upgrades.

In 2021, Blackhawk Park, the largest public use facility in Pool 9 of the mighty Mississippi River, located north of De Soto, Wisconsin, secured an electric utility type vehicle, or UTV, for the park ranger’s use. The UTV will provide dollar savings in fuel consumption as it enables the park to reduce their government vehicle fleet by one, thereby eliminating that annual cost as well.

This year, the park received funding for replacement of an underground septic tank at a volunteer fee contractor campsite, solar installations at the park office and the campground shower facility

and replacement furnaces and hot water heaters at the main park office and shower facility.

“These new upgrades will save tax dollars through energy savings, efficiencies in energy consumptions and reduce potential impacts to the environment,” Berg added.

It is the district’s responsibility to apply principles of good environmental stewardship to the natural resources located on Corps administered lands. The district has received approximately \$3.2 million in assisting the parks with 74 projects focused on recreation and flood risk management.



Solar system installed at the Eau Galle Recreation Area in 2021. USACE courtesy photo.

Atkins returns to St. Paul District as deputy chief of operations

Story by Dave Elmstrom

Growing up in Eastern Arkansas near the Mississippi River, Christopher Atkins had an early appreciation for the river and the Army Corps of Engineers. He's now nearing his 20th year in his Corps' career, and recently returned to the St. Paul District as the deputy chief of operations.

"From a relatively early age, I had a basic understanding of what the Corps' mission was," he said. "I had some family members who worked for the Corps. I always found those kinds of things fascinating, especially the things we did on the river."

Atkins, who formerly worked as chief of physical support branch and chief of the locks and dams section here in the St. Paul District, departed for Nashville in 2015 to become the chief of the technical support branch there. Returning to St. Paul "was a good opportunity for me, and I knew most of the folks in the program, so it was an easy transition."

As deputy chief of operations, he helps oversee a large portfolio of projects and activities, including project management, safety and

labor relations issues, and basically addressing big issues that arise, or as he terms it "anything that's hot."

"There's always something going on in operations," said Atkins.

Atkins has three degrees from Washington University in St. Louis: a bachelor's in structural/civil engineering, a master's in structural engineering, and a master's in international finance and project management. "I think in my work in the Corps, I use all of those things," said Atkins.

In his spare time, Atkins owns a 300-acre cattle farm in Northwest Arkansas. His parents run the day-to-day operations, while he takes care of finances and general management remotely. He tries to get down there as often as he can. "It's something I really enjoy," said Atkins.



Chris Atkins, deputy chief of operations. USACE courtesy photo

Wolf takes over deputy chief position in engineering and construction

Story by Dave Elmstrom

Longtime St. Paul District engineer Gary Wolf has been promoted to deputy chief of engineering and construction, a position he took over in January.

Wolf spent nearly the past nine years as the chief of the civil, site and surveys section, and has been with the St. Paul District since coming here as an intern in 2000.

He takes on the new position as the division's design branch is restructuring from three sections to six sections. Wolf has been busy with a variety of efforts to help fill the new supervisory positions.

"It's a big effort to execute a reorganization of this size," he said. Wolf has also been involved in recruitment actions for civil engineers in the new civil-site section, as well as attending career fairs to hire recent grads for intern positions.

Hiring has been a big focus for his new position. "We've got a lot of work coming our way," Wolf said. "So one of my primary focuses is hiring. Because we need

to staff up to execute the mission that we have."

In addition to assisting in execution of many of the district's big projects like Fargo, Wolf is also the quality manager in engineering and construction. In this role, Wolf develops and updates quality guidance, and assures that project teams are properly following and documenting their quality processes.

Wolf has a B.S. in civil engineering with a focus on environmental engineering from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. When he is not working for the Corps, Wolf enjoys hiking and mountain biking with his 11th-grade son, and also serving as a volunteer baseball coach in Roseville.



Gary Wolf, deputy chief of engineering and construction. USACE courtesy photo

Citizen Airmen recognized for top Air Force engineer team award

Story by Elizabeth Stoeckmann

St. Paul District Hastings resident engineer and commander of the 934th Civil Engineering Squadron stands proud of his fellow Airmen who received an Air Force top level award for their efforts.

“These part-time Airmen are motivated and determined to prove that they are the best in their field,” said Air Force Maj. Ben Rhoda. “The power of their motivation is impressive – take their technical expertise and that motivation into account, and they can accomplish anything – and that’s exactly what they did,” he said.

Rhoda welcomed 33 civil engineers home armed with the Air Force Brig. Gen. William T. Meredith trophy as the “Best of the Best Team” following the April 2022 Readiness Challenge held at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida.

“I’m beyond ecstatic for the men and women of the 934th Civil Engineering Squadron,” he said. “This challenge is a capstone event for our career field that validates that the training program is preparing us for our wartime duty. Headquarters made it into a competition which makes it really fun!”

Competing with more than 300 fellow total force civil engineers, the team did not know the tasks they would be executing until they arrived on site. Instructors evaluated the teams’ performance using a scoring rubric, with the single winner announced at an award’s ceremony.

“It always great to learn about the wonderful things are teammates are doing beyond our organization in service to the nation,” said St. Paul District Commander Army Col. Karl Jansen.

A 16-year Air Force veteran, Rhoda said his unit was poised and ready for the challenge. “The functional called and said this is the team we want to represent the Air Force Reserve based on their reputation in the command.”

Following the readiness challenge, top leaders recognized the 934th civil engineers as the highest level of readiness for the Air Force civil engineers.



St. Paul District Hastings resident engineer Ben Rhoda (not pictured) welcomes home 33 civil engineers armed with the Air Force Brig. Gen. William T. Meredith trophy as the “Best of the Best Team” following the April 2022 Readiness Challenge held at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. USACE courtesy photo

Civil Servants of the Year announced



Renee McGarvey
engineering and construction

EXCELLENCE BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

McGarvey is exceptionally skilled at providing technical leadership for the St. Paul District's most challenging projects while

remaining calm and supportive to her team. She has extraordinary technical design skills and uses these skills to mentor others in their professional development of design documentation.

"I love what I do, and the folks I work with are awesome! These past few years have really been challenging, and we should all be proud of everything we have accomplished. I am very thankful to work for such a great organization."

Position title: Civil-site section chief

Total Years with St. Paul District: 15 years

Previous positions/employment: Landscape architect at SRF Consulting Group and landscape architect in the site development unit at MnDOT

Education: B.S. in Biology at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point; M.L.A. at the University of Arizona

Hobbies: Watching my kids' sports, yoga and any kind of boating

Residence: St. Louis Park, Minnesota



Rich Schueneman
operations

LEADERSHIP

Schueneman serves out of Baldhill Dam / Lake Ashtabula office near Valley City, North Dakota. Schueneman is consistently recognized as one of the best operations project

managers in the St. Paul District, successfully managing numerous unique and challenging recreation, environmental stewardship, and flood-risk management projects, as well as his personal commitment to volunteer activities in the community.

"I feel humbled to have even been nominated for this award and honored to be recognized by the St. Paul District leadership and the Federal Executive Board."

Position title: North Dakota flood control project section supervisor

Total Years with St. Paul District: 30 years

Previous positions/employment: Valley City Parks and Recreation District

Education: B.S., Resource Management, Minnesota State University.

Hobbies: Hunting, photography, travel, grilling and cooking.

Residence: Valley City, North Dakota



Terry Zien
programs and project management

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Zien serves as a senior program manager, involved with flood plain management services and the Silver Jackets Program. He is

nationally recognized for his engineering and flood-risk reduction expertise. Over the years, Zien has conducted dozens of emergency action plan workshops throughout the country. Through these efforts, he has promoted relationships between local, tribal, and county government officials.

"It was a total surprise and very much appreciated since a large component of my job is outreach and sponsor contact. That contact is what makes the job so special."

Position title: Senior program manager

Total Years with St. Paul District: 34 years

Previous positions/employment: Spent 3 years at a very small consulting engineering company

Education: B.S., Geology, M.S., Civil Engineering, both from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

Hobbies: Antique pocket watches, amateur high-power rocketry, visiting and hiking our national parks

Residence City: Mendota Heights, Minnesota

Civil Servants of the Year announced, continued



Jim Rand, *operations*

UNSUNG HERO

Rand works tirelessly to ensure that the navigation industry and recreating public have timely and safe transit through our lock and dam facilities that are vital to the economy of the region and the nation. His dedication ensured that despite major impacts from COVID-19 to the economy and local communities, the navigation mission seamlessly continued to

sustain requirements through adversity, creativity and innovative thinking. He commands respect through his outstanding character, extensive subject matter expertise, and goodwill earned through years of service.

“I was shocked and speechless when the commander notified me. I try to do my best every day, locks and dams is a 24/7 operation and our team experiences challenges few others in St. Paul District encounter. Having been promoted through the ranks gives me an awareness of those challenges and the resources to mitigate them. The lock and dam team is at the forefront of every decision I make.”

Position title: Former chief of locks and dams, chief of emergency management

Total federal service: 25 years, 21 Corps of Engineers, 4 U.S. Marine Corps

Previous positions/employment: Lock and dam operator at lock and dams 6 and 7, head lock and dam operator at locks 5 and 6 and lockmaster at Lock 8

Education: University of Wisconsin, Stout

Hobbies: Anything outdoors with family

Residence City: Trempealeau, Wisconsin



Fountain City Service Base project delivery team

TEAM AWARD

The Fountain City Service Base project delivery team was selected for the Team Award. The Fountain City Service Base supports the Mississippi River lock and dam system and navigation channel transporting 16 million tons of goods annually. In fiscal year 2021, the team awarded two contracts. Phase I was a design

and construction contract to replace infrastructure securing vessels (mooring dolphins). In Phase II, the team along with a consultant, developed a design and contracting documents resulting in a seldom used design-build contract for a vertical straight-line mooring surface, horizontal base leveling and other improvements. The safety and operational efficiency of the Fountain City Service Base will be significantly improved.



Recognizing our Employees of the Month: The MVPs of MVP



February
Alan VanGuilder
Operations



March
Kraig Berberich
Operations



April
Adam Howard
*Engineering and
Construction*



May
Nicole Baker
Operations



News and Notes

New hires

Marianna Aho, student trainee, programs and project management, St. Paul, Minnesota

Eric Alfonso, park ranger, operations, Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Daniel Anderson, mechanical engineer, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Calvin Aulwes, lock and dam operator, operations, Eastman, Wisconsin

John Biederman, lock and operator, operations, Red Wing, Minnesota

Matthew Bieniek, electrical engineer, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Chase Bladow, park ranger, operations, Valley City, North Dakota

Trevor Blake, lock and dam operator, operations, Alma, Wisconsin

Valorie Bohl, park ranger, operations, Crosslake, Minnesota

John Boyle, small craft operator, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

Cameron Brock, regulatory specialist, regulatory, Green Bay, Wisconsin,

Mark Buringa, student trainee, engineering and construction, Winona, Minnesota

Darcy Calabria, archeologist, regulatory, St. Paul, Minnesota

Cheyenne Carlin, hydrologic technician, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

James Cook, civil engineer, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Mariah Deyo, park ranger, operations, De Soto, Wisconsin

Kaleb Doerr, deckhand, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

Daniel Dzwonkowski, lock and dam operator, operations, Winona, Minnesota

Noah Edlin, park ranger, operations, Spring Valley, Wisconsin

Jason Ellefson, cook, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

David Elmstrom, public affairs specialist, public affairs, St. Paul, Minnesota

Tyler Fabian, lock and dam operator, operations, Red Wing, Minnesota

Justin Fisher, biologist, programs and project management, Fargo, North Dakota

Jordan Fluekiger, deckhand, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

Darian Foster, laborer, operations, Federal Dam Minnesota

Ty Fountain, laborer, operations, Valley City, North Dakota

Levi Gieseke, lock and dam operator, operations, Guttenberg, Iowa

Eric Gunderson, park ranger, operations, Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Landon Hill, park ranger operations, Valley City, North Dakota

Brett Hoff, lock and dam operator, operations, Trempealeau, Wisconsin

Gage Jaeger, student trainee, engineering and construction, Fargo, North Dakota

Jacob Jandl, deckhand, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

Ryan Kalal, park ranger, operations, Brainerd, Minnesota

Keith Kirkey, welder, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

Samantha Kitchen, biologist, regulatory, Brookfield, Wisconsin

David Klocker, civil engineer, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Kevi Kriesel, lock and dam operator, operations, Winona, Minnesota

Benjamin Lacount, biologist, regulatory, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Steven Lee, civil engineer, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Kaden Lisowski, deckhand, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

Thomas Loechler, deckhand, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

William Long, hydrologic technician, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Stephanie Mann, mechanical engineer, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

News and Notes, continued

Dylan McCullick, lock and dam operator, operations, Alma, Wisconsin

Ashley McKittrick, park ranger, operations, Valley City, North Dakota
Thanri Meyers, civil engineer (geotechnical), engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Timothy Moenck, lock and dam operator, operations, Genoa, Wisconsin

Ferdinand Mussenden, civil engineer, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

J Mark Nesvig, supervisory facilities operations specialist, operations, Watson, Minnesota

Bryce Pellock, lock and dam operator, operations, Genoa, Wisconsin

Marie Petersen, park ranger, operations, De Soto, Wisconsin

Hannah Richardson, student trainee, regulatory, St. Paul, Minnesota

Donald Strittmater, lock and dam operator, operations, La Crescent, Minnesota

Nikita Sumbry, cook, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

Cynthia Ward, civil engineer, engineering and construction, Hastings, Minnesota

Caroline Weston, civil engineer, (structural) engineering and construction, League City, Texas

Promotions

Noah Andow, engineering equipment operator, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

Mark Angelo, civil engineer, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Jasmine Austin, civil engineer (geotechnical), engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Wendi Baker, administrative support assistant, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

Kyle Bales, biologist, regional planning and environment division north, Rock Island, Illinois

Matthew Buchacker, natural resources specialist, operations, Federal Dam, Minnesota

Katherine Clark, program analyst, resource management, St. Paul, Minnesota

Samantha Coungeris, biologist, regulatory, St. Paul, Minnesota

Kevin Denn, civil engineer, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Tyler Fabian, lock and dam operator, operations, Red Wing, Minnesota

Daniel Fasching, civil engineer (hydraulics) engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Matthew Groshek, biologist, regulatory, Brookfield, Wisconsin

Theodore Hecht, contract specialist, contracting, St. Paul, Minnesota

Channing Helgeson, engineering equipment operator, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

John Henderson, civil engineer, engineering and construction, Winona, Minnesota

Kelsey Hoffmann, biologist, regional planning and environment division north, Moline, Illinois

Adam Kiedrowski, marine machinery mechanic, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

Michael Kouba, heavy mobile and marine equipment mechanic, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

Leslie Lakey, lock and dam operator, operations, Red Wing, Minnesota

Katie Leslie, archeologist, regional planning and environment division north, St. Paul, Minnesota

Renee McGarvey, landscape architect, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Matthew Mohlke, engineering equipment operator, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

Duane Perkins, civil engineer, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Matthew Platteter, leverman, operations, Fountain City, Wisconsin

News and Notes, continued

Lane Richter, wildlife biologist, regional planning and environment division north, St. Louis, Missouri

Rachel Steiger, wildlife biologist, regional planning and environment division north, St. Louis, Missouri

Timothy Sullivan, lock and dam operator, operations, Red Wing, Minnesota

Eduardo Bonano-Torrens, supervisory civil engineer, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Jennie Tyrell, civil engineer, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Helen Walz, civil engineer, engineering and construction, St. Paul, Minnesota

Robyn Yliniemi, safety and occupational health specialist, engineering and construction, Fargo, North Dakota

Retirements

Brian Gray, lockmaster, Hastings, Minnesota, retired after 20 years of service

Congratulations

Trevor Cyphers, regional planning and environment division north, and wife Hannah welcomed new baby Amber Mae on Feb. 9



The St. Paul District and Ames Construction were honored with the Dan W. Renfro Partnering Award by the Mississippi Valley Branch Associated General Contractors of America for work performed on the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project.

Taps

George Kletzke Jr. worked out of Fountain City on the Dredge William A. Thompson as chief of hydrographic surveys and channel maintenance coordinator, he passed away March 11, 2022.

Lois Pream worked in contracting in the 1980s and 1990s. She passed away April 4, 2022.

Delores Sudeith was Chief of OAS during the 1970s and 1980s. She passed away May 25, 2022.

2022



Summer Awards



COLONEL'S MESSAGE



Team MVP,

It's a great honor to recognize another year of amazing achievements by the extraordinarily talented and dedicated assigned to the St. Paul District in service to our fellow citizens and environment within the Upper Mississippi, Upper Great Plains, and beyond!

This summer awards booklet showcases dozens of examples of individual and collective excellence rooted in our Army Values, MVP Guiding Principles, and 'can-do' spirit inherent in the Corps' motto Essays! – "Let Us Try"

Page after page, the theme of service is especially clear – whether it be to our profession, project and program delivery, industry and the regional economy, or to people in their greatest time of need...post-natural disaster or in an unexpected emergency situation while recreating on the water.

I remain exceedingly grateful and proud of the positive culture in MVP – one that reinforces the value of diversity and teamwork, and one that puts the safety and wellness of our teammates first.

As always, a hearty thank you to our creative Visual Information and Public Affairs team for designing and assembling this terrific booklet, and the time our leaders invested at all levels to recognize top performance and show appreciation.

Best to all of you and your families for a safe and enjoyable summer season!

Thanks for staying M-V-P!

Sincerely,

COL J

Messages from our Senior Leaders



From U.S. Army Lt. Col. Robert Wilkins -

Team MVP, this award booklet truly highlights some of the accomplishments of our team and demonstrates our ability to constantly deliver the program, on time, on budget, and safely. However, for every outstanding recognition in this book we all know there are many more acts of selfless service and commitment that may go unrecognized. With significant increases to our budget through IIIA allocations, unprecedented flooding throughout Northern Minnesota and flash flooding in North Dakota, it has taken the whole team working hard to keep the mission on track as we came out of winter. A tremendous thanks to everyone in the district, in this book or not, every one of you is an MVP and we can't do it without you! I'd be delinquent in my duties if I didn't take this opportunity to talk about safety. As we get into summer I hope everyone is safe and responsible as we enjoy the wonderful Midwest summer and outdoors. Enjoy the weather and we look forward to seeing many of you in our new office spaces soon!

From Kevin Wilson -

First of all, summer in the upper Midwest is always beautiful. The weather, the lakes, the out of doors are a treasure in which we can all enjoy. As I know you will, enjoy this time of the year with family and friends. Second, as we approach the end of the fiscal year, our highlighted focus is on project delivery in a safe and efficient manner. Thank you to all for the project delivery teams that deliver projects, the operations and regulatory staff who interact with our stakeholders daily, the G&A staff who assure all are fully supported and the first-line supervisors who balance competing requirements at times on an hourly basis. We are all one team focused to embracing the Army Values and adding value to the nation by delivering products and services, that is our fundamental mission. The next few months are going to be challenging. We need to continue to deliver our program as well as move into our new office space. The team coordinating the move has done an amazing job. I am excited and looking forward to seeing all of you as we rejoin in our new building later this summer. Finally, Thank You again for your continued focus on project delivery and enjoy the summer with family and friends.



From Terry Birkenstock -

In the 2020 Awards booklet I wrote about FY20 being a year we would never forget. Little did I know at the time that 2021 and now 2022 are also years we likely never forget. The pandemic has continued to impact our lives longer and in ways we couldn't predict and we continue to mostly work from home even though many of us crave the face to face interactions in an office setting that we now realize helps us to build and maintain closer personal relationships and sustain a culture of which we are all proud. Because our lives are still too complicated and stressful, I'll keep it simple this year and just say thanks for all you have done day in and day out to overcome huge obstacles, to focus on serving the public, and to help make the Corps an awesome place to work. Thank you all.

Messages from our Senior Leaders



From Tamara Cameron -

In the past six months, I have witnessed such amazing dedication to duty, working long hours often in sub-zero temperatures, taking on collateral duties, putting others first, overcoming adversity and coming together to accomplish quite a lot in a short period of time. We started the new year in a time of transition, with turnover in key positions that had provided so much continuity and institutional memory, and we've seen their successors rise to the occasion and maintain the momentum in our programs, despite challenges that COVID continues to present. I am very proud of what you all have accomplished, and there is so much to take pride in and to celebrate. I look forward to this summer season, and the many opportunities that will surely arise to make a difference in the communities we serve. I encourage all of our individual work units to take some time this summer to celebrate our collective achievements and to appreciate each other. Thank you MVP!

From John Carrell -

To the MVP Team, congratulations on another extremely successful year of delivering the program with Excellence. I recognize the last couple of years with the COVID-19 Pandemic has placed a significant challenge on each of us and we have demonstrated incredible resilience as a District to successfully work through those challenges. Please continue to take care of yourself, your families and each other in the next year. I am so proud to be a part of the MVP Team and the outstanding accomplishments that MVP achieves on a daily basis!



From Mike Knoff -

The past two years have been fraught with challenges and once again we are celebrating the achievements of our amazing employees through the pages of this booklet, rather than enjoying the camaraderie of a summer picnic. However, after a difficult winter and spring, the beautiful upper Midwest summer brings renewed optimism and joy. In less than two months we will be moving into our new building and reconnecting with our friends and teammates, some who we have not seen in person since March of 2020. In the meantime, please take some time for rest and relaxation and to enjoy yourself with family and friends (summer is short, so make the most of it!).

Congratulations and thank you to all the award winners honored in this document. Many of your achievements required personal sacrifice such as time away from family. And thank you to all MVP employees for your hard work, perseverance, and passion for the service you provide to our nation. I am inspired by all that you do.

From Chad Konickson -

Team MVP: These pages reflect so many examples of inspiring achievements, and there are so many more, at every site, on every team, in every discipline. Resilience, dedication, and adaptability have been important themes during the last couple years and you continue to demonstrate that no challenge is too much to overcome. Your commitment to public service, your pride in your work, and your support for one another are inspiring. Whether you've been part of the team for many years or have just joined our ranks, THANK YOU. I hope you all have a great summer!



Messages from our Senior Leaders

From Amy Rothstein -

MVP team members: I want to express my appreciation for the incredible work and commitment in accomplishing the mission. I am proud of this great organization with its incredible team members. Your commitment and focus on taking care of others is readily apparent along with your willingness to encourage current and new employees is inspiring. As our workload increases, we will continue to meet the needs of the nation while being good fiscal stewards of our resources. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.



From Kevin Sommerland -

TEAM MVP – The greatest asset held by the St. Paul District, is the loyal and hard-working employees who have dedicated their working careers toward the vision and mission of our organization. It is with great pleasure that we acknowledge the personal contributions made on a daily basis throughout the District. Your dedication and commitment to delivering our programs is commendable and worthy of recognition. Thank You!



MISSION
committed to successfully
deliver our program

VALUE
passionate about using our
expertise to serve others

PEOPLE
dedicated to our inspired
and professional workforce

DRIVEN to be a
WORLD-CLASS
DISTRICT
THAT DELIVERS

for our
Workforce, Partners,
Region, Enterprise,
and Nation

by **BUILDING STRONG**
and Taking Care of People!

Headquarters and Army Level Awards

2021 USACE Herbert A. Kassner and Army Keith L. Ware Communication Competitions

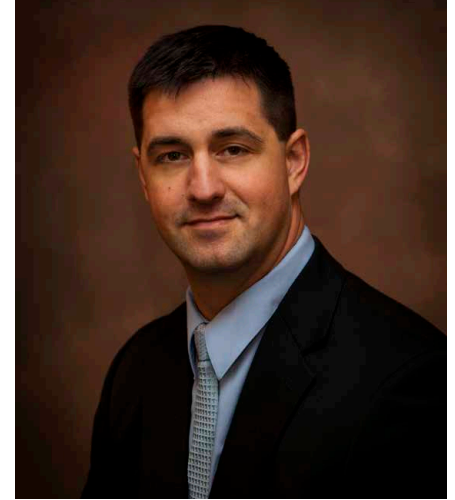
Awardees submitted a broad selection of products that showcased their work, and the command, in a creative and professional manner. Each placed at the USACE and Army level.



Melanie Peterson
2nd Place Moss-Holland
Civilian Writer of the Year



Wendy Wells
2nd Place Civilian Graphic
Designer of the Year



Patrick Moes
2nd Place News Article

Division Level Award

For exceptionally meritorious service as a Landscape Architect assigned to the St. Paul District. Mr. Adams served as the design team lead for the St. Paul District's office move for the past two years. He led a team of more than 30 district team members and coordinated with the General Services Administration (GSA) and contracted architect and civil engineers to develop the construction drawings for 10 floors for the district's new refurbished office building. He organized and led design reviews with district department leaders, GSA project managers, building lessor, architects, and project engineers. Simultaneously, Mr. Adams and his team reviewed the design of nearly 400 workstations and created a floor layout with more than 500 furniture pieces to support the move effort.



Dan Adams
Meritorious Civilian Service Medal

District Level Awards



Tamryn Frauenshuh **Commendation Medal for Civilian Service**

Ms. Tamryn Frauenshuh, Natural Resource Specialist and Site Lead at Big Sandy Lake Recreation Area in the Mississippi Headwaters Project, is commended for her dedication and exceptional work within the Recreation Natural Resource programs of the USACE. Her leadership and professionalism in the Recreation and Environmental Stewardship Programs exemplify the Army Values. She is a tremendous asset for the Recreation Natural Resource Branch in the St. Paul District. Tamryn Frauenshuh is awarded the Civilian Service Commendation Medal in recognition of her services to the St. Paul District, Mississippi Valley Division, USACE.

Andrew Meier **Commendation Medal for Civilian Service**

Mr. Andrew R. Meier is commended for his invaluable service to our Nation. Andy was nominated, as the St. Paul District's 2021 Natural Resources Management Employee of the Year. Andy provided exemplary technical, Environmental Stewardship, support and guidance on regional and district level forest restoration projects and program management. Andy has led a number of high-level natural resource initiatives and he has provided multiple presentations on floodplain forest management and restoration to various professional working groups. Andy consistently exceeds partnering agencies expectations and is an example for team members to follow. Andy is a tremendous asset for the Recreation and Natural Resource Branch in the St. Paul District. Andy Meier is awarded the Civilian Service Commendation Medal in recognition of his services to the St. Paul District, Mississippi Valley Division, USACE.



Achievement Medal for Civilian Service

For exceptional performance and service to the St. Paul District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from April 2021 to December 2021 during the construction of the I-29 Grade Raise and Borrow Ditch Crossing. The contract administration team's innovative approach to contract administration and partnering were critical to the successful and timely completion of interstate bypass, Red River borrow excavation and implementation of north and southbound interstate traffic. Their construction knowledge, communication, commitment to excellence and perseverance were the key to successfully working with multiple partner organizations, overcoming schedule, material and construction challenges to deliver the first four critical phases of this challenging project. Their outstanding professionalism, dedication to the mission and selfless service reflect great credit upon themselves, the St. Paul District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



Mathew Andersen



April McCann



Troy Tooz

Chris Atkins **Achievement Medal for Civilian Service**

Congratulations to Chris Atkins on receiving an achievement medal for civilian service from Alvin Lee, USACE Director of Civil Works, for his exceptional service on the HQ USACE National Maintenance Fleet Guidance team, as a National Navigation Specialist. He championed inland navigation maintenance operations, performed extensive development of the O&M repair fleet budget guidance, and crafted a fleet budget white paper which directly informed the budget year 2023 program development manual.





Sanjay Bimali **Achievement Medal for Civilian Service**

For exceptional performance and service to the St. Paul District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from January 2021 to January 2022 during the construction of Fargo Moorhead Metro Diversion Inlet Structure Project. The contract administration team's innovative approach were critical to the successful partnering and collaborative efforts of this revolutionary P3 initiative. Mr. Bimali's construction knowledge, communication, commitment to excellence and perseverance were the key to successfully working with multiple partner organizations,. Mr. Bimali's outstanding professionalism, dedication to the mission and selfless service reflect great credit upon himself, the St. Paul District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Shane Hargreaves **Achievement Medal for Civilian Service**

For exceptional performance and service to the St. Paul District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from January 2021 to January 2022 during the construction of Fargo Moorhead Metro Diversion Inlet Structure Project. The contract administration team's innovative approach were critical to the successful partnering and collaborative efforts of this revolutionary P3 initiative. Mr. Hargreaves' construction knowledge, communication, commitment to excellence and perseverance were the key to successfully working with multiple partner organizations,. Mr. Hargreaves' outstanding professionalism, dedication to the mission and selfless service reflect great credit upon himself, the St. Paul District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



Molly Hunt **Achievement Medal for Civilian Service**

Molly Hunt was awarded the Department of the Army Civilian Service Achievement Medal for her outstanding performance as an attorney for the Fountain City Service Base sustainment and modernization project. Ms. Hunt reviewed the Request for Qualifications and Request for Proposals for this project. Her dedication led to the team's success in awarding two critical projects for the district that will improve safety and increase operational efficiency of the service base for years into the future.

Christine Nycz **Achievement Medal for Civilian Service**

For her exceptional civilian service to the Rock Island District and city of Des Moines, Iowa specific to the Des Moines Section 408. During February and March of 2022, Christine Nycz worked tirelessly to help ensure the district received concurrence from the State Historical Preservation Office [SHPO] for the Des Moines Section 408 – Phase B Project. The city of Des Moines bid their Phase-B project without having their cultural resources review complete. Recognizing the city's project award schedule was in jeopardy, Ms. Nycz worked with the city's A/E to develop very detailed maps and a report demonstrating that Phase B met the requirements of the existing programmatic agreement and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Since the SHPO is allowed 30 days to review the submittal, it had to be developed very quickly, without any errors or omissions, to meet the city's deadline. Ms. Nycz worked long days, weekends, and her scheduled RDO, to develop the maps and report. The Iowa SHPO agreed to the report and findings on their first and only review, allowing the district to issue the city, the Section 408 permission within the city's required tight schedule. Ms. Nycz's exemplary technical expertise and leadership reflect great credit upon herself, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the United States Army.



Virginia Regorrah **Achievement Medal for Civilian Service**

For exceptional performance and service to the St. Paul District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from January 2021 to January 2022 during the construction of Fargo Moorhead Metro Diversion Inlet Structure Project. The contract administration team's innovative approach were critical to the successful partnering and collaborative efforts of this revolutionary P3 initiative. Ms. Regorrah's construction knowledge, communication, commitment to excellence and perseverance were the key to successfully working with multiple partner organizations,. Ms. Regorrah's outstanding professionalism, dedication to the mission and selfless service reflect great credit upon herself, the St. Paul District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

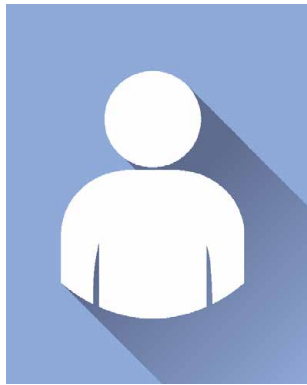
Hurricane Ida Response

Civilian Service Commendation Medal

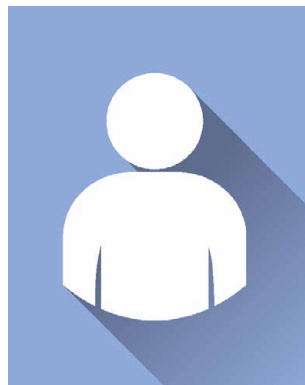
Each awardee is commended for their invaluable service to our Nation. They provided invaluable service to the St. Paul District's Temporary Housing Planning and Response Team (PRT) during the district's response to Hurricane Ida, a category 4 hurricane that brought catastrophic winds and life threatening storm surges to the Louisiana coast. As part of a joint federal and state team, they coordinated and worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the State of Louisiana and Parish officials to place over 1200 survivors of the hurricane in temporary housing units. Their dedication and selfless service reflect great credit upon themselves, the St. Paul District, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of the Army.



Chris Botz



Brittanie Corley



Christine Davis



Eric Dykman



Samantha Fink



Bonnie Greenleaf



Jason Hager



Eric Hammer



Jason Hauser



Andrew Huffman



Ashley Kiley



Emily Kostner

Hurricane Ida Response



Alex Le



Eric Lockington



Jeff McCullick



Natalie McGlinch



Daniel Reburn



Zachary Rogers



Zachary Santjer



Ellen Tabako



Gordon Tuft



Alan Vanguilder



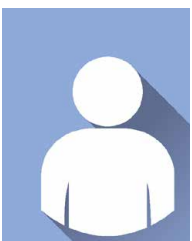
Kory Warrington



Shawn Weissenfluh

Hurricane Ida Support Certificates of Achievement from Memphis District

Army Commendation Medal



Christine Davis



Todd DeCose



Gregory Hammons



Shane Hargreaves



Alex Le



Jeff McCullick



1LT Sophia Gray

Hurricane Ida Response

Achievement Medal for Civilian Service

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Kelly Ammerman



Nicole Baker



Craig Bauer



Arlan Baukol



David Bilderback



John Bostrack



Tony Broxson



Cynthia Calhoun-Kosiec



Eric Carlson



William Chelmowski



Matthew Clark



Christine Craig



Ryan Danielson



Keith Davenport



Todd DeCosse



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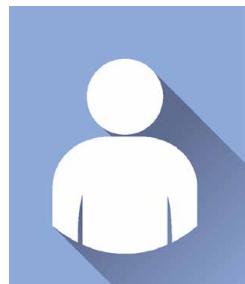
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Brent Meyer



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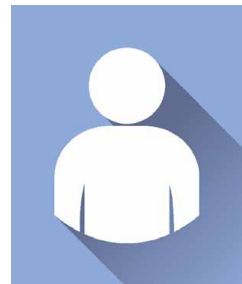
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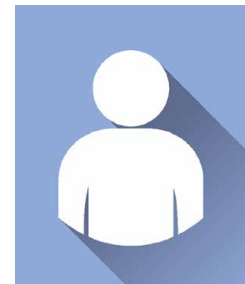
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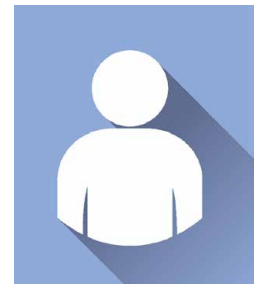
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Matthew Platteter



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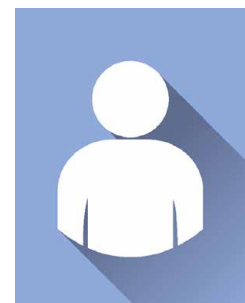
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Chad Rethwisch



John Riederer



Jason Schieffer



William Schmidt

Hurricane Ida Response



Melissa Schultz



Jesse Scott



Michael Seibel



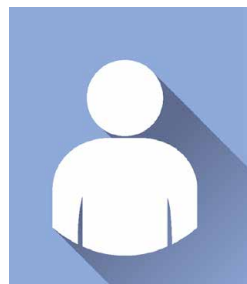
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Jordan Skoug



Logan Skoug



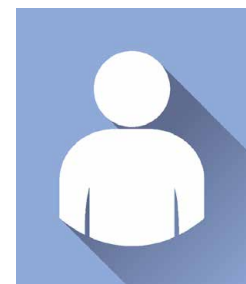
**Langston
Spencer**



Chad Stellflug



Jerry Stussy



**Kristopher
Taverna**



Susan Taylor



**Susanna
Tsolakov**



Brian Turner



Colin Tyrrell



Jennie Tyrrell



Michael Vogt



Angela Wall



Helen Walz



Doyle Wilkins



Scott Williamson



Travis Zabinski



Society of American Military Engineers (SAME)



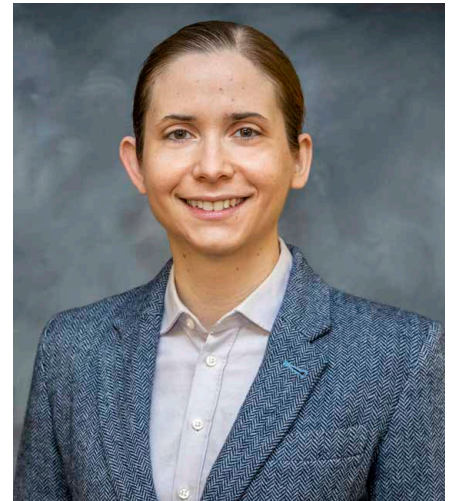
Chris Erickson

Fellow

In May 2022, Chris Erickson was selected to be in the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Academy of Fellows. He was awarded this distinction for his 25+ years involvement within SAME, contribution to the Engineering Profession, and his passion for supporting promotion and support of STEM related programs at the K-12 level. This has predominately been in the form of leading the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post Educational Grant program since 2008 in which 9,500 potential future engineers and scientists have benefited.

Erin Krug **Tudor Medal**

In May 2022, Erin Krug was presented the Tudor Medal by the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). She was awarded this honor for her outstanding contributions to engineering, design, construction, research and development, and planning as a civilian Young Professional Member of SAME, and for her contributions to SAME and to the Minneapolis-St. Paul Post.



2022 Federal Asian Pacific American Council Award



Marie Kopka

Outstanding Individual Leadership

An individual who has shown bold leadership and innovative ways in promoting Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Diversity.

Federal Asian Pacific American Council commends you on your outstanding efforts in promoting diversity and your exceptional leadership in advancing the mission of your agency to serve the public and your contribution to making your workplace the best in the world.

Federal Executive Board Awards



Renee McGarvey

Civil Servant of the Year - Excellence Beyond Expectations Award

As a Technical Lead in the Engineering and Construction Division; she was selected for Excellence Beyond Expectations Award. Ms. Renee McGarvey is exceptionally skilled at providing technical leadership for the St. Paul District's most challenging projects while remaining calm and supportive to her team. Ms. McGarvey has extraordinary technical design skills and uses these skills to mentor others in their professional development of design documentation. Ms. McGarvey displays a highly professional demeanor while engaging with the public and other design specialties.

Jim Rand

Civil Servant of the Year - Unsung Hero Award

Mr. Jim Rand works tirelessly to ensure that the navigation industry and recreating public have timely and safe transit through our lock and dam facilities that are vital to the economy of the region and the nation. His dedication ensured that despite major impacts from COVID-19 to the economy and local communities, the navigation mission seamlessly continued to sustain requirements through adversity, creativity and innovative thinking. He commands respect through his outstanding character, extensive subject matter expertise, and goodwill earned through years of service.

Rich Schueneman was selected for the Leadership Award. Mr. Rich Schueneman is consistently recognized as one of the best operations project managers in the St. Paul District, successfully managing numerous unique and challenging recreation, environmental stewardship, and flood risk management projects, as well as his personal commitment to volunteer activities in the community. Mr. Schueneman provides critical support to the St. Paul District Flood Response Organization by engaging with local stakeholders to prepare for and fight spring floods that threaten the communities.



Rich Schueneman

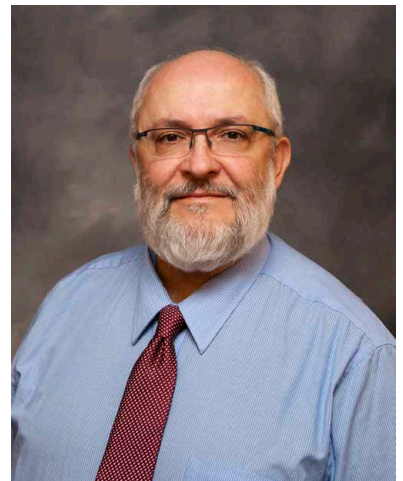
Civil Servant of the Year - Excellence Beyond Expectations

Rich serves as the North Dakota Flood Control Project Section Supervisor in Operations Division, based out of our Baldhill Dam / Lake Ashtabula office near Valley City, ND. Rich was nominated in recognition of his outstanding service to the Corps of Engineers, our customers and his community. Rich is well known for his expertise, creativity, unwavering dedication, behind the scenes contributions and trustworthy service to accomplish the mission. He sets an amazing positive example and has established a track record of excellence.

Terry Zien

Civil Servant of the Year - Excellence Beyond Expectations

Terry was selected for the Customer Service Award. He is nationally recognized for his engineering and flood risk reduction expertise. Over the years, Mr. Zien has conducted dozens of emergency action plan workshops throughout the country. Through these efforts, he has promoted relationships between local, tribal, and county government officials that create and improve local strategies for flood risk reduction activities.



Federal Executive Board Awards

Civil Servant of the Year Team Award - Fountain City Service Base

FCSB supports the Mississippi River Lock & Dam system and navigation channel transporting 16 million tons of goods annually. Established in 1895, the FCSB is deteriorated and outdated. In FY 2021, the team awarded two contracts. Phase I was a design and construction contract to replace infrastructure securing vessels (mooring dolphin). In Phase II, the team along with consultant developed a design and contracting document resulting in a seldom used design-build contract for a vertical straight-line mooring surface, horizontal base leveling and other improvements. To support congressional intent, it was imperative that these projects were awarded in FY 2021. The team worked steadfastly and provided numerous deliverables on a tight timeline. The team led the award of the \$10.2 million mooring dolphin and the \$18.6 million design-build contracts. The safety and operational efficiency of the FCSB has been significantly improved.



Chris Afdahl



Scott Baker



Jake Bernhardt



Wade Carr



Matt Clark



Trevor Cyphers



Michael Davis



Norman Gartner



Amanda St. George



Jeff Grow



Tim Grundhoffer



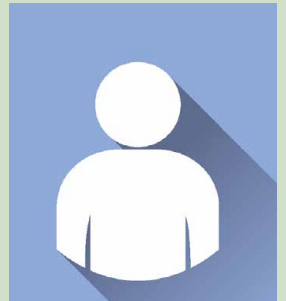
Nayelli Guerrero



Jeff Gulan



Kevin Henricks



Jessica Hicks



Brett Hultgren



Molly Hunt



Denise Julson



Robert Latzke



Alex Le

Federal Executive Board Awards



Nicholas Lorenz



Adam Loven



Rob Maroney



Elizabeth Moriarty



James Noren



Jesse Onkka



Katie Opsahl



Brad Perkl



Simon Rutherford



Darold Sanderson



Chris Settles



Jamie Simmons



Chris Stai



Steven Taylor



Colin Tyrrell



Jim Ulrick



Vinai Vinlander



Tammy Wick



David Wivinus



Shua Xiong



Dexter Yoon

Federal Executive Board Civil Servant of the Year Nominees

Nominations for Civil Servant of the Year are for current employees who have distinguished themselves by sustained, superior performance, special acts, community service or other noteworthy contributions during the previous calendar year. Nominations may be based on the employee's contributions at work, outside work, or both.



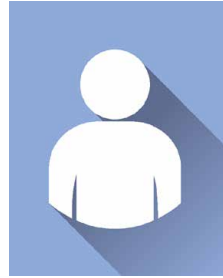
Brad Bauer



Leslie Day



Maria
DeLaundreau



Ken Eshom



Jake Fall



Paul Fleming



Nancy Komulainen-
Dillenburg



Eric Norton



Miray Welle



Liz Stoeckmann

Graduated Federal Outreach and Leadership Development (FOLD)

Mission Statement

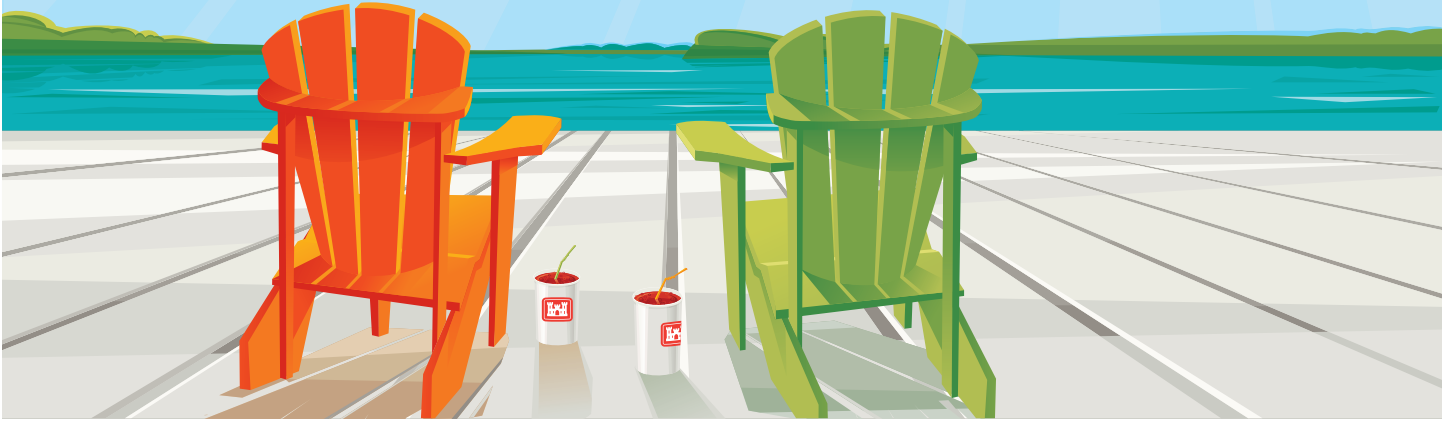
To serve as a premier inter agency leadership program by which we develop and support future leaders to deliver exceptional results in a dynamic environment. Program Objectives include developing oral and written communication skills, providing mentorship/coaching, driving positive change, developing critical thinking, assessing talent and performance, assessing self, team-building, maximizing business relationships, embracing diversity, and managing up in your organization

About FOLD

The FOLD Program was created to assist in the development of future federal executive leaders and to address projected leadership vacancies brought on by retirements.

This program is unique in that it is designed for federal participants and is offered to all federal employees through an application process. Participants of this program will interact with local executives, visit local agencies, work in groups, refine their writing and speaking skills, share information and explore unique challenges faced and addressed by federal leaders in Minnesota. The program is self-managed and participant driven.

Congratulations LDP Graduates!



Pictured Left to Right:

Dr. Megan Brogger [Facilitator]
Brian Yagle
Joseph Shoemaker
Michelle Prosser
Jeffrey Cook
Erin Krug

Sierra Keenan [shown on screen]
Daniel Burger
Gloria Penaloza Ruiz
Daniel Mielke
LTC Robert Wilkins



Nancy Komulainen-Dillenburg



Bryanna Sauer

Employee of the Month



Individuals are nominated by their coworkers for the work/ tasks they complete while at work. The nominations are gathered and verified by EEO, CPAC and their supervisor. All nominations that are cleared by EEO, CPAC and supervisor are sent to the Employee of the Month selection committee and the committee selects one individual for the month. If an individual is not selected, their nomination is forwarded to the following month because the nomination is valid for a total of six months.



Michael Holzer
January



Alan Vanguilder
February



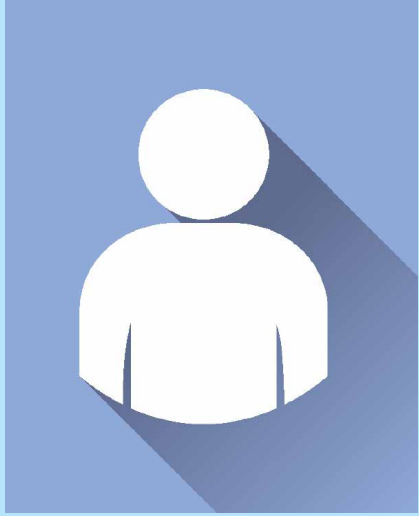
Kraig R. Berberich
March



Adam Howard
April



Nicole Baker
May



TBD
June

Other District Recognition

Towboat/Barge Accident Response at Lock and Dam 4

These individuals were critical to the tow accident response and successful reopening of Lock and Dam 4 between May 21 and 22, 2022. Working collectively as a team, these individuals supported the recovery of the towboat and barges from the dam by the industry through close collaboration with industry, the U.S. Coast Guard, and local response agencies partners. This team effort by staff from the Locks and Dams, Physical Support, Water Management, and PAO and was critical in reestablishing navigation as quickly as possible while maintaining the safety of the entire team.



Jim Adank



Trevor Blake



Dan Fasching



Nick Lorenz



Dale McDonough



Lowell Moline



Melanie Peterson



Jim Rand



Mitch Serjogins

Towboat Allision Response at Lock and Dam 7

These individuals were critical to the channel closure response and successful reopening of the Mississippi River channel in Pool 7 between April 13 and 14, 2022. Working collectively as a team, these individuals supported the movement of the grounded vessel and barges out of the area, surveyed the area and processed the data, and coordinated with industry and the U.S. Coast Guard. This team effort by staff from the Locks and Dams and Channels and Harbors Sections was critical in reestablishing navigation as quickly as possible while maintaining the safety of the entire team.



Jamie Borowiak



Jarrod Brown



Dan Cottrell



Bill Meier



Bud Mrozek



William Nissalke



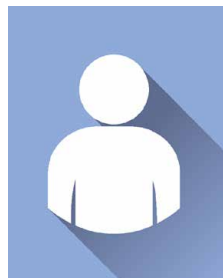
Brandon Olson



John Perry



Keith Schindler



Donald Strittmater



Al Vanguilder



Richard Weitzel

Other District Recognition

Inland Marine Transportation System (IMTS) Lock Operator Certifications

This is an approximate 6 month training effort. Once certified, the employees are qualified to operate a lock without direct supervision



Leslie Lakey



Mike Hvidhyld



Tim Sullivan

Lake Ashtabula Visitor Center Dedication

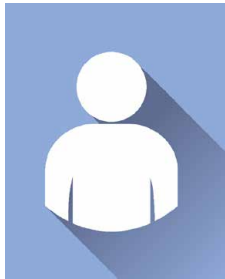
The St. Paul District celebrated the reopening of its newly renovated visitor center at Lake Ashtabula Dam and Recreation Area, as well as the site's 70th anniversary, at a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 18th. Colonel Jansen, Valley City Community and Barnes County Leaders and Corps project staff were present at the event. Corps team members who made this celebration possible included:



Dan Adams



Vanessa Alberto



Ben Baasch



Shannon Bauer



Chris Botz



Emily Chavolla



Tammy Frauenschuh



Barb Griffin



Susan Malin-Boyce



Melanie Peterson



Maria Schneider



Rich Schueneman



Scott Tichy



Joel Zietz



Bonnie Meyerhoff Special Act Award

Bonnie Meyerhoff has been a mainstay in supporting two large emergency missions for the Readiness Operations Center (ROC) from August 2021 thru June 2022. Bonnie handles all the travel and labor for the ROC's missions. This includes completing travel orders and complex timekeeping issues for 111 emergency responders for the Hurricane Ida Housing Mission, as well working labor and travel issues for 89 pax who supported the 2022 Spring Flood Mission. This year, the ROC's deployment manager had a family emergency and was unavailable for 3 months. Bonnie picked up all the administrative duties without even a phone call during a very trying time in the organization. Bonnie is an invaluable part of the entire ROC team.



Nancy Komulainen-Dillenburg Don Lawyer Award

The Don Lawyer Award is a national award to recognize superior achievement by an employee and his or her contribution to maintaining the integrity of the Regulatory Program. The St. Paul District has nominated Nancy Komulainen-Dillenburg for this prestigious award. Nancy has been nominated based on her initiative, her exceptional ability to lead cultural resource reviews on projects with potential to effect historic properties, coupled with her advice and support to project managers. Nancy exemplifies the Army values in her everyday actions. She is an incredible asset to the St Paul District's Regulatory Program and highly deserving of recognition with the Don Lawyer award.

Auxiliary Locks Sheet Pile Installation Certificates of Achievement

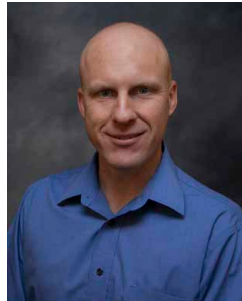
For outstanding performance on the Auxiliary Locks Sheet Pile Installation project at Lock and Dams 4, 6, 8, and 10. Provided expertise in the development of the scope of work that resulted in a task order award to successfully finalize the plan set and specifications. Their active participation in the review processes, communication skills, and leadership resulted in the timely approval of the plan set and specifications at all four Lock and Dam sites. Their dedication, loyalty and selfless service reflect great credit on him, the St. Paul District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



Kent Hokens



Aragon Liezeit



Adam Rasmussen



James Schneider

MVD Superior Safety Now Performance Award Eastern Area Office

The Eastern Area Office is recognized for superior safety performance in the administration of the LD 4, 5, 5A, 7, 8, 9 Traveling Mooring Bitt System Rehabilitation contract, logging over 52,500 labor hours with Kraemer North America without any lost time accidents.

The Eastern Area Office is recognized for superior safety performance in the administration of the McGregor Lake Habitat Restoration contract with Newt Marine Service. Following an accident during initial tree clearing at the start of the project, the team redoubled their focus on safety resulting in 23,000 labor hours accident free through the rest of the project.



Scott Baker



Todd DeCosse



Bill Grinde



Calvin Halverson



John Henderson



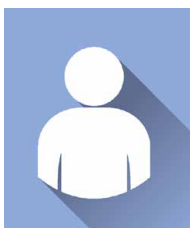
Jackson Hoffman



Anthony Horacek



Tom Johnson



Mitchell
Knegendorf



Bonnie
Meyerhoff



Ben Rhoda



Chris Settles



Christina
Vasseur



Cindy Ward

Other District Recognition

Dan W. Renfro Partnering Award – Mississippi Valley Associated General Contractors of America Western Area Office

Presented to Ames Construction and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District to recognize their outstanding formal partnering efforts on the Fargo Moorhead Metropolitan Diversion Inlet Structure contract, the execution of which best exemplifies the principles of partnering.



Mat Andersen



Wayne Arnold



Sanjay Bimali



Jerry Cudney



Tony Feilzer



Adam Gamblin



Greg Hammons



Shane Hargreaves



Gage Jaeger



Roy Lawson



April McCann



Virginia Regorrah



Tom Schmit



Rob Slinger



Becky Smith



Richard Tollefson



Troy Tooz



CPT Kyle Volk



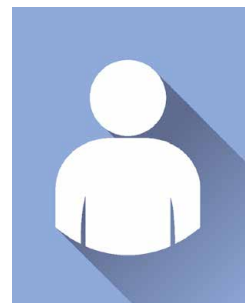
Steph Brunot
*Passed the
Fundamentals of
Engineering Exam*



Adam Gamblin
*Passed the
Professional
Engineer Exam*



John Henderson
*Passed the
Fundamentals of
Engineering Exam*



**CPT John
Walleser**
*Passed the
Fundamentals of
Engineering Exam*

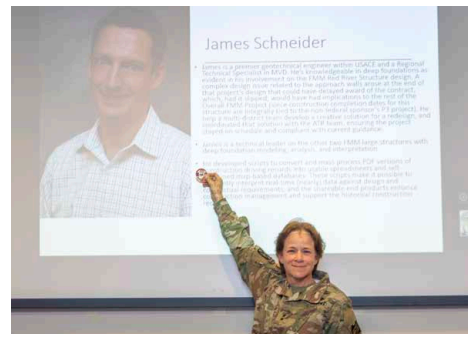
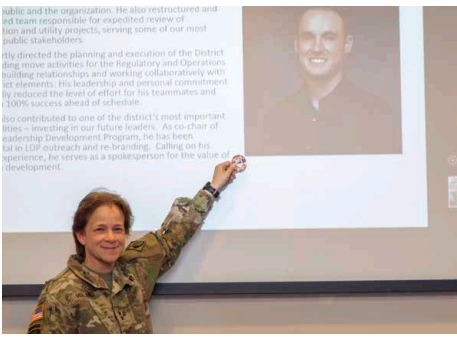


Ashley Woods
*Passed the
Practice of
Geology Exam*

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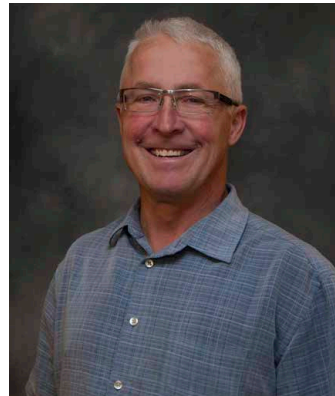
Retirements



Tom Sully
Design Branch Chief
January 1, 2022



Teri Alberico
Emergency
Management Specialist
January 28, 2022



Kevin Bluhm
Regional Planning
Environmental Division
January 30, 2022



James Ross (MVR)
Regional Planning
Environmental Division
April 20, 2022



Norman Gartner
Engineering and
Construction -
Civil Section
April 30, 2022



John Perry
Lock and Dam 7
May 31, 2022



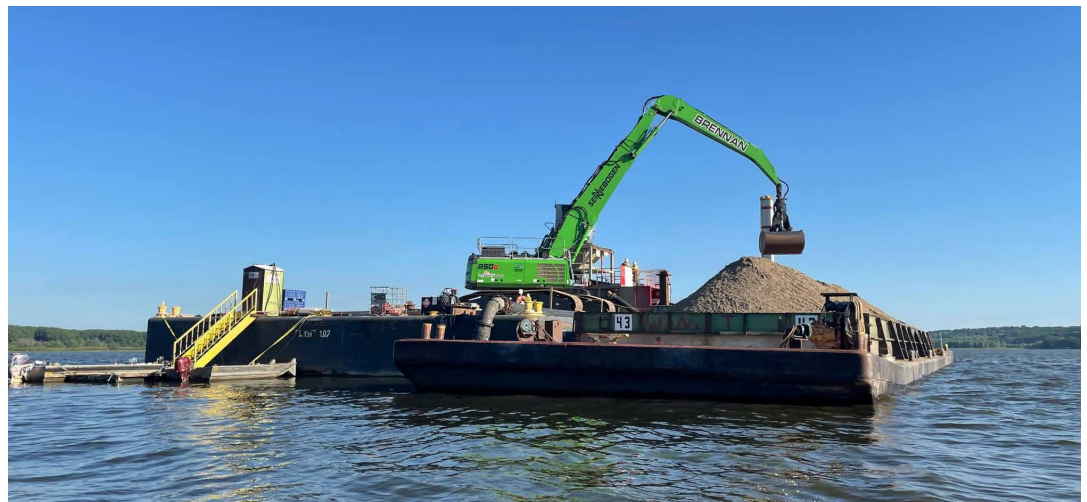
Brian Gray
Lock and Dam 2
May 31, 2022



Joseph Piranio
USAF and Lock and
Dam 1
May 31, 2022



Bud Mrozek
Lock and Dam 5A
June 30, 2022





Length of Service Award

40 YEARS

STEPHANIE DUPEY



What is your current position with the Corps? *Chief, Planning & Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Division*

What were some of your previous positions? *Maid, Library Assistant, Secretary, Realty Specialist*

What do you enjoy about working with the Corps? *The great opportunities that I've been given to grow both personally and professionally, I've never felt pigeon-holed.*

What do you like to do outside of work? Hobbies? Activities? *Spending time with my family [22 grandkids...really], taking my Max to the dog park.*

Do you have a role model or someone you look up to? *Judy DesHarnais, Kevin Sommerland - Both great, and fair, supervisors.*

What would be your advice for people just starting their careers with the Corps? *Don't limit yourself, explore opportunities [leadership development program, emergency response team, a detail perhaps in another field]*

What's a favorite quote of yours? *"If you can see it, you can achieve it!"*

What's your favorite movie? TV show? Book? Genre? *Movies... Self-improvement books, with a focus on time-management and organization. Nickolas Sparks movies.*





Joseph Piranio



Terry Williams





Jeffrey Becker



Christopher Erickson



Jackson Hoffman



Eric Lockington



Thomas Mattis



Scott Tichy



Barbara Wall



Length of Service Award **25 YEARS**



Jason Hauser



Kristin Kosterman

Length of Service Award **20 YEARS**



Teresa Allen



Tony Broxson



Brett Coleman



Christine Craig



Amy Dessner



Brian Gray



Kevin Henricks



Chris Hill



Brian Jorgenson



Billie Korpala



Corby Lewis



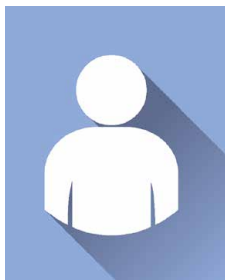
Kent Limberg



Jon Sobiech



Tim Tabery



Kristopher Taverna



Kyle Zibung

Length of Service Award **15 YEARS**



Daniel Anderson



Ben Cox



Keith Davenport



Lee Ann Glomski



Aaron McFarlane



Renee McGarvey



Joe Minnis



Elizabeth Moriarty



Clarence Mrozek



Adam Rasmussen



Kory Warrington



Bobby Wunderlich

Length of Service Award **10 YEARS**



Trevor Blake



Travis Brantner



Peter Burke



Paul Fleming



Troy Frank



Joshua Isakson



Branden Johnson



Nicholas Lorenz



Samuel Smith



Daniel Teigen



Michael Trotter



Kyle Turner



Joseph Ward



Molly Wezel-Peterson



Dean Zwiefel



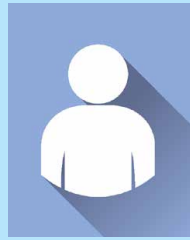
New Employees since January 2022



Marianna Aho
Student Trainee
Mathematics/
Statistics
District Office
Programs and
Project
Management



Daniel Anderson
Mechanical
Engineer
District Office
E&C



Thomas Anderson
Construction
Control
Representative
Hastings, MN
E&C



Wayne Arnold
Construction
Control
Representative
Fargo, ND
E&C



Calvin Aulwes
Lock and Dam
Operator
Eastman, WI
Operations



Justin Bernau
Marine
Machinery
Mechanic
Fountain City,
WI
Operations



John Biederman
Lock and Dam
Operator
Red Wing, MN
Operations



Matthew Bieniek
Electrical
Engineer
District Office
E&C



Trevor Blake
Lock and Dam
Operator
Alma, WI
Operations



John Boyle
Small Craft
Operator
Dredge Goetz
Operations



Cameron Brock
Regulatory
Specialist,
Green Bay, WI
Regulatory



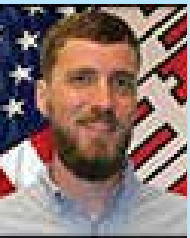
Mark Buringa
Student
Trainee (Civil
Engineering),
Winona, MN,
E&C



Darcy Calabria
Archaeologist
District Office
Regulatory



Cheyenne Carlin
Hydrologic
Technician,
District Office,
E&C



Jarrett Cellini
Lead Project
Manager
District Office
Regulatory



Joshua Clark
Civil Engineer
District Office
E&C



James Cook
Civil Engineer
District Office
Programs
and Project
Management



Michael Demars
Civil Engineer
(Structural),
District Office,
E&C



Kaleb Doerr
Deckhand
Fountain City
Service Base,
WI
Operations



Dan Dzwonkowski
LD5A Operator
Fountain City,
WI
Operations



Jason Ellefson
Cook
Dredge Goetz
Operations



David Elmstrom
Public Affairs
Specialist
District Office
Support Offices



Benjamin Everson
Civil Engineer
District Office
E&C



Tyler Fabian
Lock and Dam
Operator
Red Wing, MN
Operations



Justin Fisher
Biologist
Fargo, ND
Programs
& Project
Management



Jordan Fluekiger
Deckhand
Fountain City
Service Base,
WI
Operations



Levi Gieseke
Lock and Dam
Operator
Guttenberg, IA
Operations



Landon Hill
Park Ranger
Valley City, ND
Operations

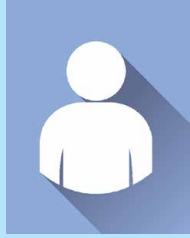
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Brett Hoff
Lock 6
Operator
Trempealeau,
WI
Operations



Justine Hunt
Realty
Assistant
District Office
Real Estate



Mason Huth
Lock 4
Operator
Alma, WI
Operations



Gage Jaeger
Student
Trainee Civil
Engineering
Fargo, ND
E&C



Jacob Jandl
Deckhand
Fountain City
Service Base
Operations



Joseph Jandrich
Lock 2 Operator
Hastings, MN
Operations



Melissa Johnson
Administrative
Support
Assistant
Grand Rapids, MN
Operations



Brett Kaber
Lock 8
Operator
Genoa, WI
Operations



Heather Kern
Cabin
Attendant
Dredge Goetz
Operations



Keith Kirkey
Welder
Fountain City,
WI
Operations



Samantha Kitchen
Biologist
Brookfield, WI
Regulatory



David Klocker
Civil Engineer
District Office
E&C



Ben LaCount
Project
Manager
Green Bay, WI
Regulatory



Chengho Lee
Civil Engineer
Geotechnical
District Office
E&C



Steven Lee
Civil Engineer
District
Engineer
E&C



Kaden Lisowski
Deckhand
Fountain City
Service Base,
WI
Operations



Thomas Loechler
Deckhand
Fountain City
Service Base,
WI
Operations



William Long
Hydrologic
Technician
District Office
E&C



Wake Madsen
Deckhand
Dredge Goetz
Operations



Stephanie Mann
Mechanical
Engineer
District Office
E&C



Dylan McCullick
Lock and Dam
Operator
Alma, WI
Operations



Alex Meincke
Project
Manager
District Office
Regulatory



Thanri Meyers
Civil Engineer
Geotechnical
District Office
E&C



Timothy Moenck
Lock and Dam
Operator
Genoa, WI
Operations



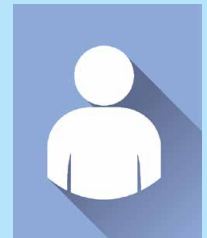
Valeshka Mussenden
Ferdinand
Civil Engineer
District Office
E&C



J. Mark Nesvig
Supervisory
Facilities
Operations
Specialist
Watson, MN
Operations



Elisabeth Payne
Student
Trainee (Civil
Engineering),
District Office,
E&C



Bryce Pellock
Lock and Dam
Operator
Genoa, WI
Operations

New Employees since January 2022



Dan Reburn
Regulatory Specialist
LaCrescent, MN
Regulatory



Hannah Richerson
Student
District Office
Regulatory



Arash Shams
Civil Engineer
District Office
E&C



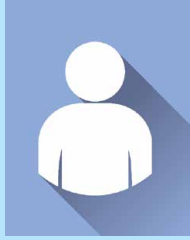
Robert Stanick
Supervisory Civil Engineer
Fountain City Service Base,
WI
Operations



Trace Strahle
Regulatory Specialist,
Stevens Point,
WI
Regulatory



Thomas Schmit
Supervisory Civil Engineer,
Fargo, ND, E&C



Donald Strittmater Jr
Lock and Dam Operator
La Crescent, MN
Operations



Nikita Sumbry
Cook
Dredge Goetz
Operations



Ellen Tabako
Park Ranger
Cross Lake, MN
Operations



Richard Tollefson
Civil Engineer
Fargo, ND
E&C



Joseph Toth
Student
District Office
Regulatory



Cynthia Ward
Civil Engineer
Hastings, MN
E&C



Caroline Weston
Civil Engineer
Structural
League City, TX
E&C



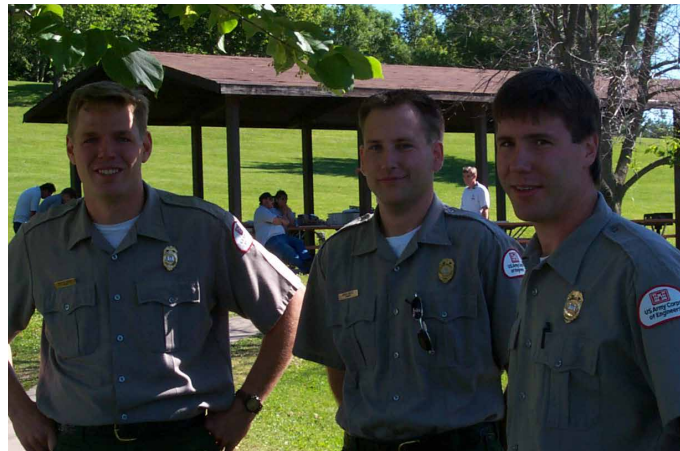
Robert Zappia
Emergency Management Specialist
District Office
Support Offices





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