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District Bids Farewell to Colonel Baldwin; Welcomes Colonel Craig



Incoming district commander, Colonel Richard W. Craig, accepts the Corps flag from Brigadier General Jude Patin, NCD commander, during the Change of Command ceremony on July 9 as Colonel Roger L. Baldwin, retiring commander, looks on at left.

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Colonel Baldwin Retires

500 Attend Ceremony; Meet New DE

An estimated 500 people were on hand July 9 for the St. Paul District change of command ceremony held in the main ballroom at the St. Paul Radisson Hotel.

During the ceremony, Brigadier General Jude Patin, NCD commander, officiated in transferring command of the district from Colonel Roger L. Baldwin to Colonel Richard W. Craig. Baldwin also retired as part of the ceremony. He had served more than 27 years on active duty and had been the St. Paul commander since July 1988.

Baldwin received several awards during the ceremony including the Legion of Merit Medal, the Marquis de Fleury Medal from the Engineer Regiment and a certificate of appreciation from the president. His wife, Jane, also received a certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Army to mark

the occasion of their retirement. The Baldwins plan to stay in the Twin Cities.

The new St. Paul commander is originally from North Carolina. He graduated from Maryville College, Tennessee, in 1968 with a bachelor of arts degree in history. He later earned a master's degree in political science (public administration) from Western Kentucky University.

Craig has commanded several engineering units during his career including the 72nd Combat Engineer Company at Ft. Benning, Georgia; the 567th Atomic Munitions Demolition Company, Hanau, Germany; and the 5th Combat Engineer Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

He came to St. Paul from a staff assignment as the chief of the Operational Testing Division, Force

Development Directorate, Office of the Deputy chief of Staff for Operations and Plans at Headquarters, U.S. Army in the Pentagon. Other key staff assignments held by Craig include senior engineer instructor at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Kentucky; assistant professor of military science at Auburn University, Alabama; and chief of the Engineer Branch, Combat Maneuver Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans in the Pentagon.

His military decorations include two awards of the Bronze Star Medal, four awards of the Meritorious Service Medal and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Star. He is an Army Ranger and Parachutist.

Craig and his wife, Mary, have two children. They live in Burnsville.



General Patin presents Mrs. Baldwin a Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation marking the Baldwin's retirement from active duty as Colonel Baldwin looks on.



The official party during the Change of Command Ceremony on July 9: Colonel Craig, General Patin, Colonel Baldwin.



Holly Stoerker, executive director of the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association, greets Colonel and Mrs. Craig during the receiving line following the Change of Command ceremony.

Minneapolis Police Honor Four Lock Operators For Rescue Effort

Four lock operators from St. Anthony Falls Locks and Dam were recently honored for their efforts in rescuing boaters following a boating accident above St. Anthony Falls in which one boater died.

During a May 31 ceremony at Minneapolis City Hall, Chief of Police John Laux presented the department's Citizen Award of Valor to Jim Nelson and Chris Granum and the department's Certificate of Appreciation to George Rodriguez and Jeff Anderson. The four lock operators were among 14 people honored by the Police Department for their efforts in the May 11 rescue.

One boater was killed in the accident after a cruiser lost power above St. Anthony Falls and was pulled by the fast current over the 11-foot-high horseshoe weir above the falls. Four other passengers in the 24-foot cruiser were rescued through the combined efforts of the four lock employees, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department, Minneapolis Police, Minneapolis Fire Department rescue teams and a contract helicopter crew.

Nelson was cited for making his way out the overflow wall connecting the lock guide wall to the horseshoe weir after the cruiser was drawn over the weir. The concrete overflow wall is narrow and had about a foot of water flowing over it. Getting to the accident site in the middle of the river, he worked with other rescuers to lift one woman from the wrecked boat to the top of the weir. However, they were unable to lift a second accident victim against the strong current to top of the weir. A third passenger was swept from the wreck and carried by the current over St. Anthony Falls.

Finally, a helicopter, which happened to be on the scene, was called down to lift one boater at a time out to safety. The helicopter crew, which



Minneapolis Police Chief John Laux presents Department's Citizen Award of Valor to lock operator Jim Nelson.

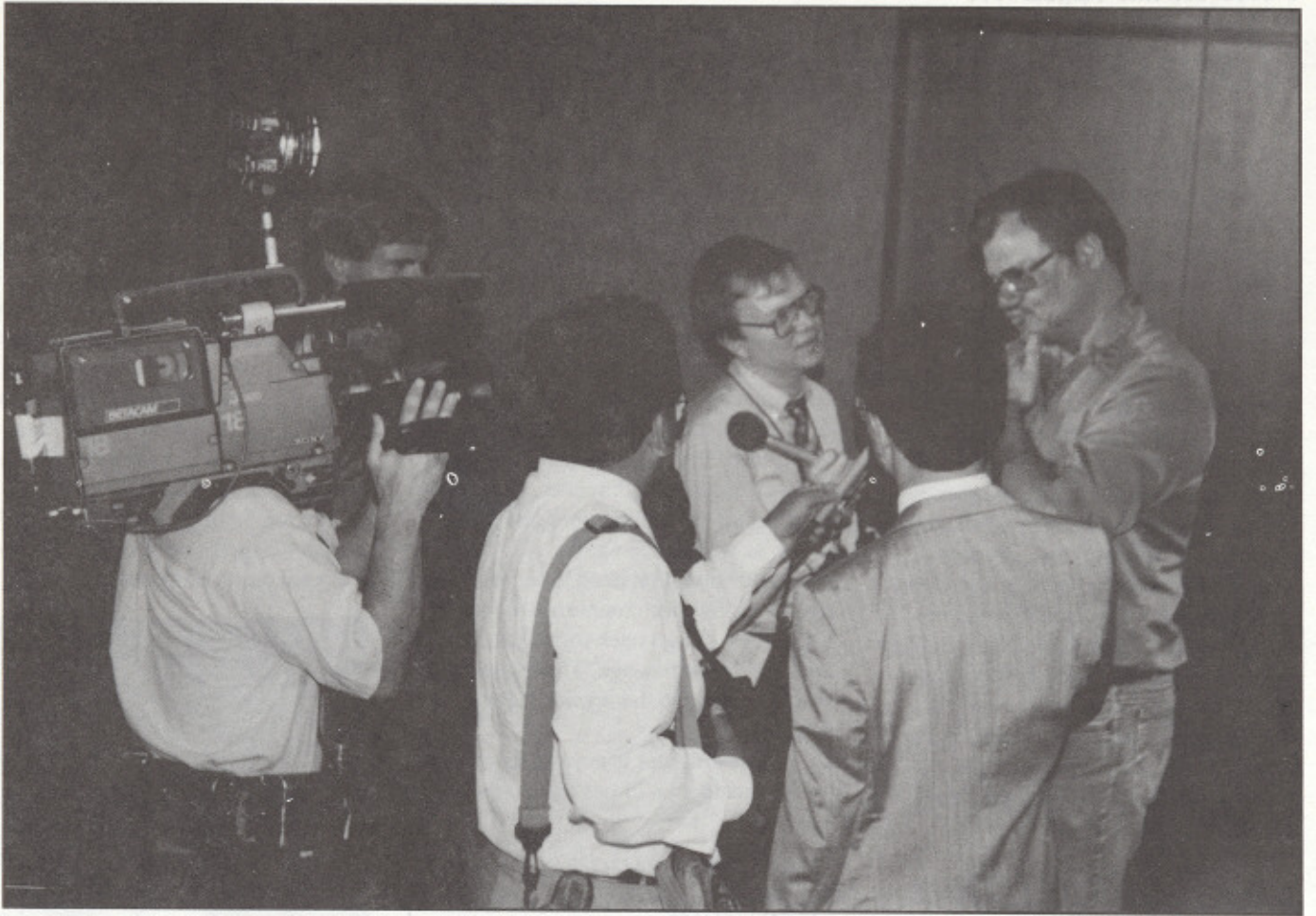
contracts to a local television station, was also honored at the ceremony for their efforts.

Granum, who was working at the lower lock at the time of the accident, was cited for rescuing the woman who had been swept over the 50-foot high St. Anthony Falls and was carried by the 32,000 cubic-feet-per-second current downstream toward the lower dam, less than one-half mile away.

Piloting a rescue boat against the strong current, he pulled the woman into the boat just before reaching the lower dam structure. However, one of the twin outboard motors stalled after he had the woman in the boat and the remaining motor didn't have enough power to allow the boat to move against the current.

At this point, Rodriguez, who was on duty at the lower lock, saw Granum's boat struggling against the current next to the dam structure. He was cited for this quick thinking and response in closing the dam tainter gates, which decreased the flow right at the dam and allowed the boat to pull away from the dam to safety.

Anderson was presented the department's Certificate of Appreciation for assisting the various emergency units which responded to the accident and rescue. The Certificate recognized the importance of his efforts in coordinating, assisting and helping to maintain communications between Police, Fire, Sheriff and ambulance crews during the hectic rescue.



Top: Lock operator Chris Granum is interviewed by Twin Cities' reporters after receiving the Citizen's Award of Valor from Chief of police John Laux. **Right:** Police Chief John Laux congratulates lock operators Jeff Anderson and George Rodriguez after presenting them Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts in the May 11 rescue operation at St. Anthony Falls.



Corps Reorganization Still In BRAC

Congress recessed in early August following a successful move in the Senate to include a provision in a major defense bill which would remove the Corps' civil works activities from the Base Realignment And Closure (BRAC) proposal.

The BRAC recommendations cover closure and realignment of military installations and include the Corps reorganization plan. The Corps reorganization plan calls for realigning and consolidating a number of support activities and closing three division offices and 14 district offices and downgrading the New England Division to district status. The St. Paul District is one of the districts scheduled to be closed under the plan.

In the Senate, the Armed Services Committee added language to the National Defense Authorization Act

which would remove the Corps from the BRAC process. The bill was later passed by the full Senate. However, the House version of the bill was passed in May and did not have the Corps provision.

When Congress reconvenes on September 9, one thing on their "do list" will be to convene a joint House/Senate conference committee to work out differences in the House and Senate versions of the defense bill. There are a number of major differences, such as funding for the B-2 bomber and Star Wars, as well as the Corps reorganization, that need to be resolved by the conference committee before the legislation can go back to the full House and Senate for passage. The legislation would then go to the president for signing.

If the bill that is eventually signed by the president still has the Corps

provision, the Corps reorganization would be removed from the BRAC process. Congress could then come up with a different reorganization proposal on their own schedule.

If, on the other hand, the Corps reorganization provision is removed by the conference committee, the Corps reorganization would continue to be part of the BRAC proposal, which has become law. In that case, the Corps reorganization proposal would be implemented beginning July 1, 1992, unless Congress develops an alternate reorganization proposal before that date.

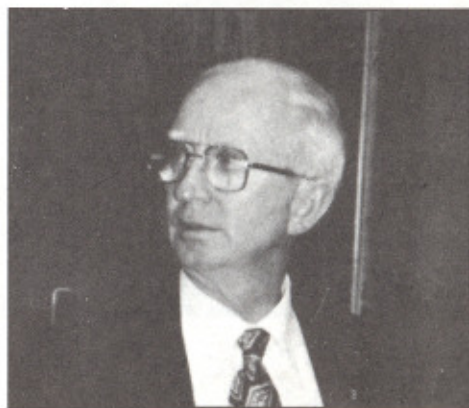
Copies of Rare River Photos To Be Shown at State Fair

This year's exhibit at the Minnesota State Fair will focus on the 125th Anniversary of the founding of a permanent Corps office in St. Paul. In addition to historical information on the district, the display will include the first public showing of copies of rare photographs made more than a century ago along the Mississippi River. The original photos, which are too rare and valuable to display at the fair, were taken by a Corps "draughtsman," H. Bosse, under the direction of Corps Major A. Mackenzie between 1883 and 1891. Three similar sets of the photos are known to exist. The St. Paul set was kept on the Dredge Thompson for more than 50 years until the district became aware of its value earlier this year. A second set is in Rock Island District. A third set is in private ownership and has been sold several times this year.

The district exhibit will again be in the Education Building near the main entrance to the fair grounds. The fair opens on August 22 and runs through Labor Day, September 2.

Retiree Luncheon Planned

The 16th Annual Retiree Reunion will be held on Thursday, September 12, at the Kelly Inn near the State Capitol. Social hour starts at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 1 p.m. Colonel Richard Craig, the new district commander, will present an update on district activities following lunch. Information and reservation forms are available in Public Affairs. Reservations must be paid for not later than September 6. Contact Ms. Connie McGinley at (612) 698-9561 for additional information.



Jim Nicholson was named chief of Construction-Operations Division recently replacing Bill Goetz, who retired last November. Nicholson comes to St. Paul from Vicksburg District where he was assistant chief of the Construction Division.



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