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District prepares for seasonal flooding

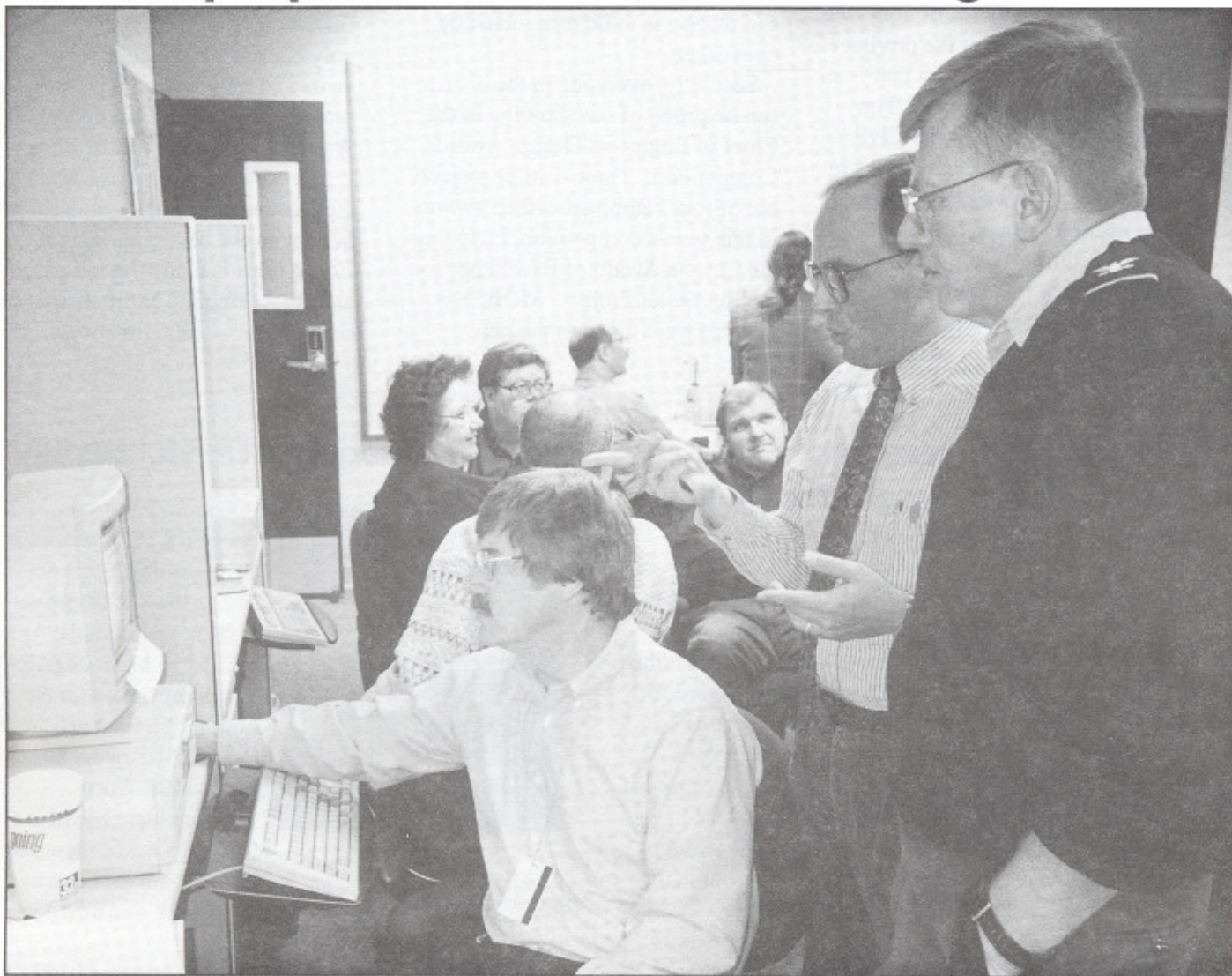


Photo by Ken Gardner

Readiness Branch conducted an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) exercise on March 8 to prepare for seasonal flooding. Dave DePoint, center, explains

to COL J.M. Wonsik, district commander, how Dick Beatty (at computer) tracks incoming and outgoing messages on the EOC computer system. See page 3.

Recognizing individual and team efforts

By COL J.M. Wonsik
District Commander

Acknowledging individual and organizational accomplishment is always a pleasure for a commander. I am pleased to be able to do both at this time.

First, we have three new Civil Servants of the Year in the district. The committee made their selection; I get the enjoyable duties of notifying the selectees. And I get the privilege of announcing to the district that Dave Loss, Jenny Yager, and Tim Bertschi were selected as the Civil Servants of the Year. Dave works in Management and Evaluation Branch (PE-M) as chief of the Technical Support Section. He is probably best known in recent months for his efforts as over-all coordinator of the Floodplain Management Assessment

which was completed last June.

Jenny also works in PE-M as branch secretary. Tim is the project manager for the Western Flood Control Project in Fargo.

Being named one of the Civil Servants of the Year is a distinct honor—even more significant because the nominations come from fellow employees and supervisors. One of the highest honors a person can receive is to be recognized by co-workers.

Secondly, everyone in the district can be proud of our showing in the Chief of Engineers Design Awards Competition. Three district projects out of four submitted earned awards in this year's competition, including the Chief's Award of Excellence for the Rochester Project. Merit Awards were given to the new

Central Control Building at Lock and Dam No. 4 and for the Floodplain Management Assessment. Truly an outstanding accomplishment and another indicator of the super job you all do in your day-to-day work.

By the way, the Rochester Award is the third Award of Excellence earned by St. Paul District projects. A remarkable record—especially when you consider that the Chief of Engineers design competition has only been in existence for about 30 years and only one civil works project can earn an Excellence Award during each competition.

To earn the Award of Excellence, the Rochester project went head-to-head with the best projects in the Corps. This is a prestigious award and something the entire district can be proud of. Congratulations.

EEO manager receives Commander's Award for Civilian Service



Marianne Price, at left, EEO manager for the St. Paul District, received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service this March. The award recognized her exceptional contributions from December 1992 through

July 1995 while serving on the USACE Task Force for the development of a Corps-wide model for implementing and testing the Corps of Engineers Early Resolution Program (CEERP), which offers mediation as the alternative dispute resolution to resolve EEO pre-complaints. Her duties included the development and publication of all CEERP training materials needed for field implementation.

de Fleury Medal for District Deputy



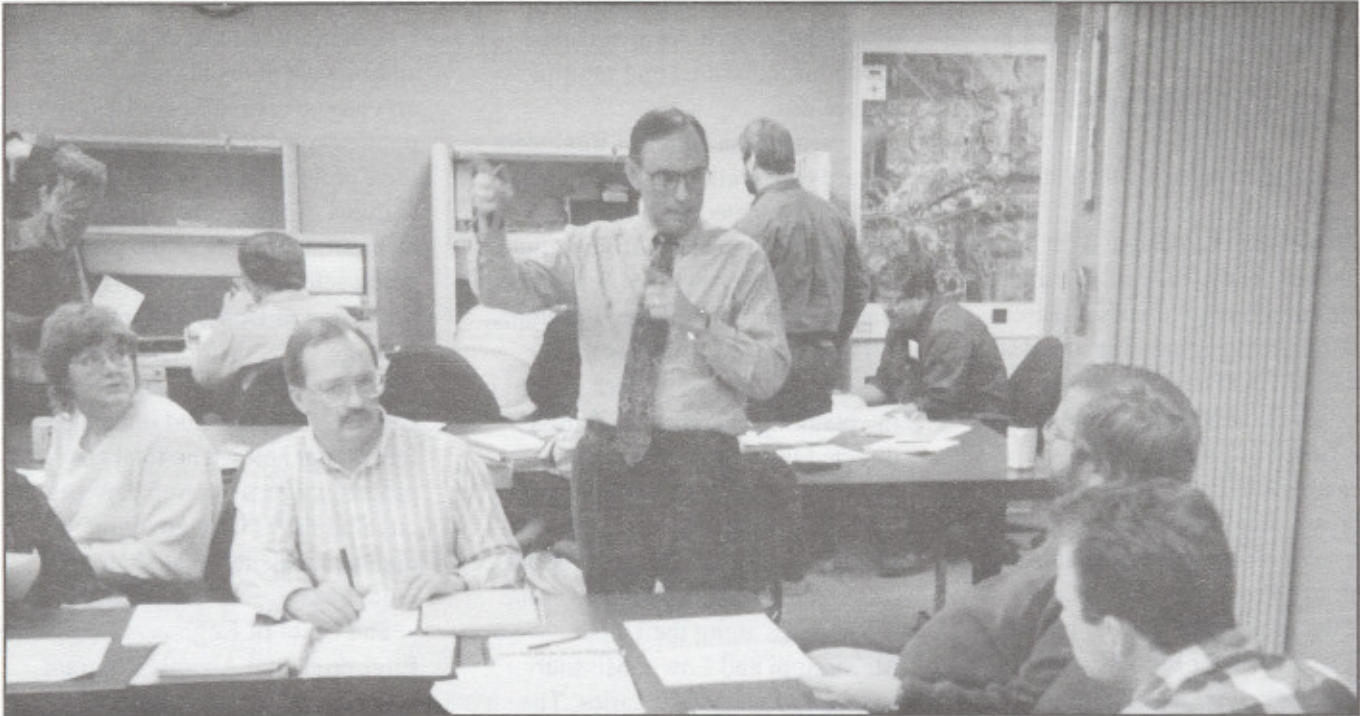
COL J.M. Wonsik presented LTC William Breyfogle, deputy district commander, the bronze de Fleury Medal from the Army Engineer Association (AEA). He was nominated for the award for his accomplishments at his previous assignment at Fort Leonard Wood.

The de Fleury Medal is a replica of a medal presented by

Congress to LTC de Fleury for his actions at the battle of Stony Point during the Revolutionary War. The medal was presented to de Fleury in 1779.

In the 1960s the AEA struck replicas of the de Fleury medal. The new de Fleury medals are presented to military and civilians who have rendered significant support to more than one element of the Corps of Engineers.

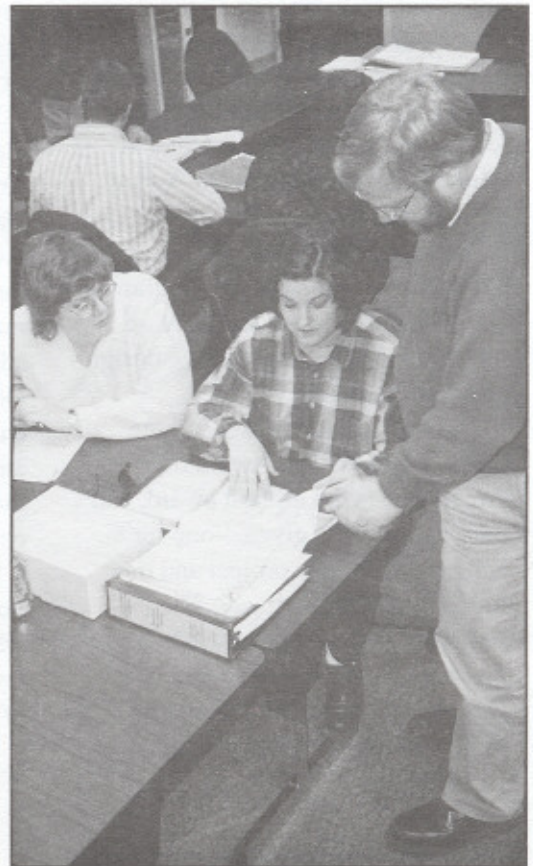
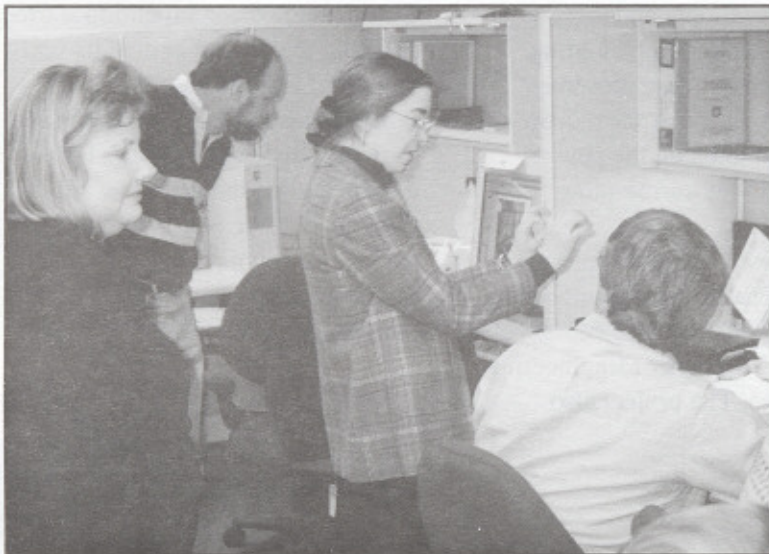
Exercise readies district for flood season



Photos by Ken Gardner

EOC Activities

Top, Dave DePoint, standing at center, discusses EOC operations with (from left) MaryAnn Miller, Darrell Morey, Roland Hamborg and Dave Studenski. Photo at right, MaryAnn Miller, Kris Wagner and Hamborg review EOC procedures at the beginning of the exercise. Below, Teri Alberico, center, explains a computer procedure to Dick Beatty, right, while Denise McCarthy and Marc Krumholz look on.



District projects earn top honors

by the Public Affairs Office staff

Three projects designed or managed by the St. Paul District have earned high honors in an international engineering and design competition. The competition was sponsored on March 11 and 12 by the Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C. Out of 67 entries Corps-wide, 25 projects were chosen for recognition in Civil Works and in Military Programs. (See "Civil Works projects honored," page 5.)

The Rochester Flood Control Project received the Award of Excellence—the only top award presented this year. The Floodplain Management Assessment released last June earned a Merit Award in planning. The new Central Control Station at Lock and Dam No. 4 at Alma, Wis., earned a Merit Award for architecture.

Two categories of competition, Civil Works and Military Programs, were judged independently by an interdisciplinary panel of five design professionals each.

The competition presents three types of award. The Award of Excellence is the highest award, and only two may be given—one for a Military Programs project and one for a Civil Works project. The Award of Excellence can only be given by unanimous decision of the jury, which may decide that no project in the category will receive

the award. Honor Awards are for projects which demonstrate excellence in multiple design disciplines. Merit Awards can be given for individual and multiple disciplines.

In earning the Chief of Engineers Award of Excellence, the Rochester Project competed with the best Corps of Engineers' projects from around the nation. No Award of Excellence was awarded for Military Programs.

The Floodplain Management Assessment earned a Merit Award in the planning category. Congress directed the Corps of Engineers to assess the '93 flood, the role and operation of flood control projects and floodplain management issues. The assessment area covered some 3,500 miles along the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Rivers and major tributaries. The district served as overall coordinator for the 18-month project, managing the efforts of the five Corps districts in the assessment area.

The third award this year was in the architecture category. The new Central Control Station at Lock and Dam No. 4 in Alma earned a Merit Award. The new facility consolidated lock and dam operations, maintenance, supply and administration into one building. Design of the building presented challenges because of the narrow site and the need to blend the new building with the surrounding community.

Earlier this year, the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers named the Rochester Project one of the "Seven Wonders of Engineering" in Minnesota. The project also

received a design award from the Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

A 6.5 mile system of walkways and bicycle paths through the downtown area, along with improved public access to the South Fork of the Zumbro River, were important features of the project. These elements were key in the project being selected for the top honors, according to Deb Foley, project manager. The district developed the project in close cooperation with the City of Rochester and other state and federal agencies. The total cost of the project was cost-shared between the city and the federal government under established cost-shared guidelines.

The Chief of Engineers Design and Environmental Awards Program began in 1965 to recognize and promote excellence in design and environmental achievement by the Corps and its professional contractors. It is part of the Federal Design Improvement Program and is held every other year to coincide with the Secretary of Defense Design Awards Program.

The Rochester Project is the third Award of Excellence earned by the district since the competition started. In 1983, the district earned its first Award of Excellence for the rehabilitation of Lock and Dam No. 1 on the Mississippi River. The district earned its second award in 1989 for the Weaver Bottoms backwater restoration and channel maintenance project on the Mississippi River.

Civil Works projects honored

Civil Works Award of Excellence

Flood Control Project, Rochester, Minnesota
 Wallace, Holland, Kastler, Schmitz & Co., Rochester
 Short, Elliot, Hendrickson, Inc., Vadnais Heights
 Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff, Minneapolis
 U.S. Army Engineer District, St. Paul

Honor Awards

Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana and vicinity Hurricane Protection

Floodwall Vicinity, Williams Boulevard, Kenner, Louisiana
 U.S. Army Engineer District, New Orleans

United States Coast Guard Gretna Navigation Aid Tower

Gretna, Louisiana
 U.S. Army Engineer District, New Orleans

Brush Creek Flood Control Project

Kansas City, Missouri
 U.S. Army Engineer District, Kansas City

Romano L. Mazzoli Belvedere Connector

Louisville, Kentucky
 Senler Campbell & Associates
 Louisville, Kentucky
 U.S. Army Engineer District, Louisville

Shoreline ReLeaf Program

Fort Worth District
 U.S. Army Engineer District, Fort Worth

The Jadwin Building

Galveston, Texas
 Lockwood, Andrews & Newman, Inc.
 Houston, Texas
 U.S. Army Engineer District, Galveston

Awards of Merit

Floodplain Management Assessment for the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Rivers
 U.S. Army Engineer District, St. Paul



Photo by Ken Gardner

Dave Loss (above) prepares to send out the Floodplain Management Assessment. There was widespread public interest in the assessment.

New Central Control Station, Lock and Dam No. 4, Major Rehabilitation, Mississippi River

Alma, Wisconsin
 Sverdrup Civil, Inc., Maryland Heights, Missouri
 U.S. Army Engineer District, St. Paul

McNary Juvenile Fish Facility

McNary Lock and Dam
 Umatilla, Oregon
 U.S. Army Engineer District, Walla Walla

Santa Ana River Greenbelt Channel

Orange County, California
 U.S. Army Engineer District, Los Angeles
 John M. Tettermeyer & Assoc., Ltd.

Prairie Restoration Program

Fort Worth District
 U.S. Army Engineer District, Fort Worth

Beaver Dam Cutoff Wall Rehabilitation

Beaver Lake, White River
 Carroll County, Arkansas
 U.S. Army Engineer District, Little Rock

Bits and Pieces

Three from district to be honored

Three individuals from the St. Paul District will be among 100 outstanding federal employees to be honored as federal Civil Servants of the Year in the Twin Cities.

Representing the St. Paul District are Tim Bertschi, Dave Loss and Jenny Yager. Bertschi is operations project manager at the Western Flood Control Project Office in Fargo, N.D. Loss works as a supervisory civil engineer in Management and Evaluation Branch (PE-M). Yager works as a secretary in PE-M.

The awards luncheon is May 10 at the Radisson Hotel South, 7800 Normandale Blvd, Minneapolis, near the intersection of I-494 and Highway 100. The awards luncheon begins with a social period at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon and keynote address begin at 12 noon. The awards presentation is at 1:30 p.m.

Tickets for the luncheon must be purchased in advance.

For further information, please contact Mary Street in Human Resources at 290-5492

Street requested that individuals with special needs inform her at the time they make a reservation.

Spitzack and Geisen move to new jobs

Charles P. Spitzack, former chief of Design Branch (PE-D), is now chief of Management and Evaluation Branch (PE-M). Al Geisen is filling in as acting chief, PE-D. Geisen has been chief of Cost Engineering and Specifications Section. Spitzack replaces Charles Crist, who was named Deputy District Engineer for Project Management (DDPM).

B-Bop Day is May 16

B-Bop, Bike, Bus or Pool day, is May 16. "The Fitness Committee encourages everyone who drives alone to reconsider your habits and try a different way of getting to

work," said Karen Cassidy, B-Bop coordinator. "Simply put, those who B-Bop are helping to make our world a better place. Just one full bus replaces 40 cars and tons of pollution," she said. Cassidy urges district employees to watch cc:Mail for further information.

Kowalski retires

Lou Kowalski, Deputy District Engineer for Project Management (DDPM), retired this April after more than 39 years of federal service, including two years of active military duty as an engineering officer. As DDPM, Kowalski was responsible for managing federal water resource projects throughout the district. The DDPM is the top civilian position in the district. As well as being DDPM, he was also the Chief of Programs and Project Management Division.

Awards Ceremony set

The 1996 Corps Day Awards Ceremony and Picnic will be held at Eau Galle Recreation Area near Spring Valley, Wis., on Friday, June 21.

Navigation season

The Twin Cities navigation season opened on Friday, April 5 when the MV Lainey Jones locked through Lock and Dam No. 2 at 5 p.m. Navigation opened March 17 at Lock and Dam No. 10 at Guttenberg, Iowa when the MV Gold Cup locked through at 4:50 p.m bound for Mc Gregor, Iowa. The Twin Cities opening is the latest since 1978.



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