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**THEN** – In the summer and fall of 1941, engineer officers played a central role in designing the Pentagon and overseeing construction. Ironically construction commenced on Sept. 11, 1941. In December, the Corps of Engineers took over construction responsibility from the Quartermaster Corps. The building was completed in a record 16 months and was the largest office building in the world. Visit [www.hq.usace.army.mil/history/vignettes/main.htm](http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/history/vignettes/main.htm)

**NOW** – The Corps' flag flies outside the section of the Pentagon damaged in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the United States. At the time of this photo, the Military District of Washington Engineer Company from Fort Belvoir, Va., was conducting urban search and rescue operations inside the Pentagon. The engineers were also assessing the damage to the structure and stabilizing it. Visit [www.army.mil/attack.htm](http://www.army.mil/attack.htm)

## TERRORISTS ATTACK

Corps joins in nation's response

## Special Note

The calamity that struck our nation on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, is one of the most barbarous acts ever initiated against the United States. We must all endeavor to persevere over the coming weeks, months, and years as we pursue those that committed or supported these vicious acts.

We must remain at a high state of security and readiness due to the potential for additional attacks. All of us must be vigilant in watching for unusual activities at our projects. We must also be prepared to support our Armed Forces as they pursue not only the terrorists but those that harbor them, too.

The commitment of America and more specifically the employees of the Tulsa District in these dark hours is most uplifting. We will prevail, and those that would extinguish the bright light of freedom shall be vanquished back to the abyss from which they have risen.

Keep your spirits high, continue your great work, and make the most of your family and personal time. Remember that these are individual groups and not all one faith or race. America is made strong from its diversity.

We will rise united as Americans to defeat our common foes.



**Col. Robert L. Suthard**  
District Engineer

strategy for informing stakeholders and congressman of our need for additional O&M funds. We also need to look hard internally to squeeze every last dollar in these times of reduced resources.

I need from each of you two things. First, ideas on how we can get the most bang for our buck – and the sooner the better. Pass these ideas up to your supervisors and feel free to copy me on them. I know that you have done this before, but as time goes on, other opportunities may exist to increase efficiencies. As good stewards of the taxpayer dollars, we must explore all options before requesting additional dollars.

Secondly, get our story out! The Corps of Engineers is vital to our country's defense and economy. The hydropower facilities keep rates down; the levees and dams save property and lives; reservoirs are vital for drinking supplies; recreation, in turn, supports many local economies; the navigation system makes America competitive internationally and reduces the cost of goods locally; HTRW clean-up efforts have significantly reduced environmental threats to our communities and the ecosystems; construction of our military infrastructure is vital to the defense of our country; and all of you are directly or indirectly involved in these efforts. Tell your friends, family, neighbors, and civic organizations about what we do. If the good work that you do is communicated to our fellow citizens, I am convinced that they will be our biggest advocates. There is no place in government (I may be slightly biased) where our fellow Americans get more out of their tax dollars than what you deliver to them each and every day.

Continue your great work, send in the ideas, and help me get our Corps' story out. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming months and working with all of you in the years to come.

*Essayons!*

*Bob Suthard*

## Commander's Column

Over the last month, during and off duty, I have been to Lake Oologah, Keystone Lake, Broken Bow Lake and Powerhouse, Lake Hugo, Webbers Falls Lock and Dam, Tenkiller Dam and Powerhouse, Chicken Creek Recreation Area, Bowie County Levee near Texarkana, Fort Sill, Tinker Air Force Base, Port of Muskogee, Tar Creek, and attended a Southwestern Division Hurricane Readiness Workshop in Galveston. During this same timeframe, I also visited with members of congress, mayors, congressional staffs, individual and citizen groups, and fellow government, military, and civilian partners.

What are my initial impressions? Tulsa District is an outstanding organization. One month in command has reinforced my initial view that the employees of the district are first-rate professionals dedicated to public service. The infrastructure of our military bases and civil facilities is in dire need of repair/upgrade. As seen in daily national headlines, the military infrastructure deficiencies are being well addressed by base commanders and their communities. The shortfalls at civil works facilities within our district need the same level of attention. Your individual efforts along with our civilian partners to stretch dollars and implement innovative ideas to get the most bang for the buck are amazing. Unfortunately, that has a limitation when it comes to maintenance of paved roads, maintaining antique electrical systems, etc.

The district headquarters will certainly be putting forward a comprehensive package to get the dollars necessary to maintain our vital government facilities to an acceptable standard for the citizens of our great nation. We are developing a new

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Army Corps of Engineers Photo

This and other shots taken by Peter Shugert, New York District's chief of Public Affairs, can be viewed at <http://army.firststrike.net>. He took some from the Brooklyn Bridge 10 minutes before World Trade Center Tower One collapsed

and others two blocks from the World Trade Center before being forced to evacuate. At the website, the New York District Public Affairs Office photos continue to chronicle the tragedy and its aftermath.

## Corps resources tapped in recovery efforts

**Editor's Note:** Although the nature and schedule of this publication don't lend it to being a "news" source, we wanted to provide "a snapshot in time" of the Corps' recovery role – cognizant of the fact that, as Lt. Col. Gene Pawlick in Headquarters Public Affairs said, "None of this is to suggest that the Corps is the story. The affected peoples, those who lost loved ones, and those who are working so determinedly to restore the city and the Pentagon are the story. We, the Corps, can take pride in the fact that we are a part of the solution. Thus, a part of the story. . ."

Following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, the chief of engineers, on behalf of the workforce, expressed sympathy for the families and victims and joined with the nation in the resolve to recover from the attacks as quickly as possible.

The agency would soon get official taskings, but on the morning of the 11th, several members of the New York District were already helping with firefighting efforts and the evacuation from lower Manhattan. In the days following the attack, New York District boat crews provided transportation and delivery support to aid firefighting and rescue efforts. Some personal stories are posted at [www.swt.usace.army.mil/Response.HTM](http://www.swt.usace.army.mil/Response.HTM)

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From the beginning, the Corps was heavily involved in the disaster recovery mission. On Sept. 15, Lt. Gen. Flowers stated, "The events of this week have tested our generation in ways that were unimaginable before Tuesday. The nation's response to the crisis has been truly inspirational."

On the 19th, he appeared on the season premiere of "60 Minutes II." The segment, titled "The Red Zone," presented some of the challenges facing the recovery effort, the role of the Corps' urban search and rescue personnel, and the role of the Corps in evacuating citizens from south Manhattan.



Army Corps of Engineers Photo

**Editor's Note: To provide the snapshot mentioned earlier, what follows is an excerpt from Headquarters' Mission Update for that same date by Lt. Col Pawlick:**

... The morning began with LTG Flowers accompanying the Secretary (of the Army Thomas E. White) to New York City to take a first-hand look at the destruction, the great job the Corps personnel are doing to support, and the continuing amazing performance of the citizens of NYC in their recovery effort. . . . He also stated that there is a premium on an organization such as the Corps with extraordinary capabilities to support and protect the infrastructure.

... As of 0900 this morning, 122 USACE deployed personnel from around the Corps were in support of the FEMA mission in New York City. Every Corps division is represented among the 122, as are the labs and the 249<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion.

There are also nine personnel deployed to support the Pentagon mission, seven in support of the Emergency Support Team, and 32 augmenting the headquarters. Twenty of the 32 in the headquarters support role have been provided by the United States Army Reserve Command.

Disaster Field Offices are at Pier 90, Manhattan, NY, and at Arlington, VA. Current USACE missions in New York City include debris removal planning, emergency power, structural safety assessment and technical assistance. The Corps is also providing technical assistance at the Pentagon.



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The Corps has completed a debris operations plan for consideration by New York City and FEMA.

By New York City estimates, debris removal to date will top more than 50,000 tons by the time today is over. . .

The 16 deployed structural analysts continue to assist the city in the urban search and rescue mission. Along with four deployed surveyors, they continue to assist the city's engineers in evaluating some of the more complicated building situations.

Seven Public Affairs personnel are also deployed to New York City to support FEMA and NAD/NAN public information efforts. These individuals have been providing the information being reported by the media on Corps involvement, and in providing the talking points and information for Corps members to use to ensure consistency of Corps messages.

Those messages continue to be that we are there to perform a mission for FEMA in support of the city. We have nothing but the greatest admiration for what the city has done to date. And, we are prepared to do more if needed. . .

. . . As I prepare to send this to the field, I have viewed the 60 Minutes II program . . . The segment did an excellent job . . . The segment that aired before it was about the true heroes of this story – the hundreds of fire fighters and police officers who rushed to save their fellow citizens in the critical moments following the planes crashing into the World Trade Center, only to lose their lives when the towers fell. The story also talks of the thousands of fire fighters who continue to dig through the debris 24 hours a day, determined to find and account for every one of their fallen brethren.

May they and their families be blessed for their sacrifice.

## Situational Awareness

# Southwestern Division CENTCOM Alignment

The Southwestern Division assists the Corps' Transatlantic Programs Center as it supports the Third U.S. Army and the U.S. Central Command located at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida.

The Transatlantic Programs Center, headquartered in Winchester, Va., provides quality, responsive engineering services to deployed U.S. military forces, U.S. government agencies, and friendly foreign defense forces overseas. Under U.S. Defense Department auspices, the work is carried out in the Middle East, Africa, and Russia. The center provides engineering, construction, and contracting services for U.S. military organizations during peacetime as well as contingency and wartime operations.

CENTCOM is responsible for U.S. security interests in 25 nations, from the Horn of Africa through the Arabian Gulf Region into Central Asia. CENTCOM accomplishes its mission with component military services, and uses the Corps to provide facilities at certain host nation bases in the region through government-to-government agreements. At all locations, the Corps works closely with host nation and customer officials.

The Transatlantic Programs Center also supports U.S. military contingency operations when called upon, deploying personnel to provide engineering and logistics support for deployments.



Medical/Dental Clinic, Bahrain



Logistics Facilities, Qatar



## Upcoming FY02 construction program

There for awhile, it appeared that there would be no new starts for O&M major work items in FY02. That was before congress stepped in and provided FY01 supplemental ice damage funds. Tulsa District will receive about \$7.54 million. Of that, approximately \$1.9 million will go to hydropower related items, with the remainder going to recreation and project office work items where funding was diverted to address the immediate ice damage needs.

In addition to the supplemental funding, the hydropower customer will be funding approximately \$1.675 million in additional hydropower related work for FY02. There is still \$2.925 million in FY01 customer-funded hydropower projects yet to be awarded.

The total O&M construction program has gone from zero to a \$12.2 million program for FY02. It looks to be another busy year.

## Recap of FY01 major work items execution

Another year is coming to a close in the O&M world. Kudos to those who played a part in making this past fiscal year successful in executing a \$5.4 million construction program. Here's a list of the projects constructed and/or finishing up this fiscal year:

- ☞ 300,000 cubic yard dredge disposal pit at Three Forks area on the Verdigris/Arkansas confluence – \$414,000
- ☞ 500,000 cubic yard dredge disposal pit immediately downstream of Newt Graham Lock and Dam No. 18 – \$378,000
- ☞ Repair of Fort Gibson Spillway Bridge – \$1.85 million
- ☞ Rehab/paint tainter gates at Eufaula and Keystone – \$3.2 million
- ☞ Six-lane boat ramp and 100-space parking lot at Texoma – \$322,000
- ☞ Shoreline erosion at Eufaula Lake – \$136,000
- ☞ Shower/toilet facilities at Eufaula and Fort Supply – \$235,000
- ☞ Stoplog lifting beam – \$41,000



People unloading at recently-completed six-lane boat ramp and 100-space parking lot upstream of the intake structure at Lake Texoma.

## In the spotlight

Congratulations to the **Canton Lake Office maintenance staff** for receiving the Outstanding Worksite Award from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Summer Youth Employment Program. The Corps received benefits from the youth performing a variety of tasks at the dam and parks, and the youth received valuable work experience from the staff.

**Johnny Bell, Lloyd Lewis, Jim Martell, Richard Murdock, Bob Thurman, and Dan Birnbaum and his son, Joe,** helped the Tulsa Weather Coalition install air conditioners in homes of the needy. Thanks for giving your personal time to help others in the community.



New shower/toilet facility at Fort Supply Park.

# Initiatives benefit persons with disabilities

Louis Holstead, Waurika Lake Manager

The staff at Waurika Lake is dedicated to providing a quality outdoor recreation experience for all, and programming for physically challenged persons has increased. The lake has many wheelchair-accessible facilities for the physically challenged including two fishing docks, five boat docks, a heated indoor fishing area at the marina, a campsite in each class-A park, and 30 restrooms. There are also new things in store.

In October, a two-day non-ambulatory controlled deer hunt will be held. Six drawn hunters will participate in this either-sex rifle hunt designed to help reach wildlife management goals and provide an opportunity for some handicapped sportsmen and women. It will also be a time of food and fellowship for the hunters, volunteers, and staff. The event wouldn't be possible without the help of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and many volunteers.

To increase the hunters' chances of success, we wanted to conceal them near a good hunting spot.

For concealment, we borrowed an idea from our partners at Oologah Area Office who had used a form of wooden blind to hold similar hunts. Dillon Foster, a local Boy Scout working towards his Eagle Badge, took on the challenge of constructing three blinds. We were extremely pleased with the quality and craftsmanship in his finished product, and are looking for other interested scout groups to volunteer to build the three additional blinds needed.

To ensure a quality site, we will place the blinds in supplemental food plot areas and in places frequented by deer going to and from bedding and feeding areas. Waurika Lake's deer population is rapidly increasing, and we are hoping for a successful hunt.



Waurika Project Office

**Dillon Foster, Boy Scout in troop 460, stands in front of the three blinds he built at Waurika Lake. They'll be used in the October deer hunt for nonambulatory hunters.**

We also recently completed a non-ambulatory hunting and fishing access area. This access road is available to any physically challenged person who would like to use it. It is open for specialized motor vehicle (all-terrain vehicle, golf cart, etc.) travel for physically challenged persons only. The area is gated, and users must sign up at the lake office to get the combination to the lock. This process ensures us that the user is eligible and gives us an opportunity to get contact and vehicle information. The eligible user will then be contacted by phone or mail when the combination is changed. Walk-in access is still open for hunting and fishing to the general public, but the non-ambulatory access road allows physically challenged persons an opportunity to enjoy an outdoor recreational experience they might not have otherwise. The ODWC has maintained a non-ambulatory access road on their leased lands for several years, but this is a first for us, and we are very proud to do our part to help others enjoy the outdoors.

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## *In the spotlight*

On a regular basis, our field offices provide valuable assistance and information to the public. Following is a small example of their many activities: Safe Kids Fairs, water safety programs, media interviews, Wild Turkey Day Festivals, safety health fairs, Girl Scout programs, and outdoor education workshops. Thanks to **all employees in the field** who on a daily basis exemplify true customer care.

**Clif Warren** was selected as the chief of HTRW Design Center in Engineering and Construction Division. Congratulations, Clif!

**Fort Gibson/Tenkiller Lake Offices and Oologah Area Office employees and volunteers** are commended for their outstanding efforts in TRASH-OFF 2001. Representatives from these offices accepted awards from Governor Keating during the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's 2001 Annual event. Thanks for a job well done.



*The Spotlight*

**Everett S. "Wade" Woodham III** completed requirements to be licensed as a professional engineer. Congratulations, Wade!

**Pam Wellman** received the 2001 Keystone Award at the Corps' Legal Services Worldwide Conference. This award recognizes significant contributions made by any member of the Corps that has enhanced the delivery of legal services. Congratulations on your achievement.

**Cathey Williams, Jennifer Price, Dana Linduff, his wife and daughter, Richard Murdock, John Tennery, Patti Frye, Steve Sanders, and Susan Satterfield** recently handed out information to children on water safety that included posters, coloring books, and stickers. This was an excellent tool in helping families become aware of water safety.

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From the Collection of  
Master Chef Paul C.  
Roberts

# Recipe for Operator Training, Oklahoma Style



When a boat driving school is being planned, one of the first considerations is finding a date that all 11 instructors and their supervisors can live with – a string of days not too early or too late in the year since hypothermia can be a factor, nor too close to the start of the recreation season because of all the work involved in getting the parks up and running, nor too close to any holiday, nor too close to any hunting season, and certainly not during a planned family vacation.

The previous district course was conducted during mid-April when we had to contend with water temperatures so low that Gummy suits were *de rigueur*. On the last day, atrocious weather moved in and ruined the practical boat test. Whitecaps were rolling through the buoy courses like waves of mounted Huns.

We resolved never to schedule a course for April again. There was a consensus amongst the instructors that the next course should be scheduled for June or July. Surely we could find three days of good weather and calm seas then. Surely either month would provide a recipe for success.

So, this past winter, the third week in July was chosen. Yes, it would be a little warm during the dog days of summer, but it was between holidays and there were no office or personal conflicts to contend with. Little did we know that we had ordered up a steamy cauldron of Mother Nature's best summertime fare:

## *Boatschool flambé*

*Mix* nine Top Prop, Red Hat instructors of equal measure with 21 students of unequal measure.

*Blend* nine patrol boats of different configurations, 80 red and white buoys set on 100 acres of tepid water, and a one-acre trailering course on the blazing asphalt parking lot.

*Combine* ingredients; *add* a dollop of emergency procedures, a pinch of along-side maneuvering, and a full measure of towing.

*Cook* at 115 degrees heat index for six to seven hours on two consecutive days. *Stir* occasionally. *Add* hydrocarbons, coconut oil, and electrolytes as needed.

*Test* for doneness by watching for improved student eye-hand coordination, correct vessel angle of attack, and by pinching exposed epidermis on the arm or cheek. If the topical red coloration persists and the ride is smooth and in the groove, remove student and set to cool in the shade.

**Caution:** Students may cook too quickly. If so, immerse body in lake for five minutes to return cerebral temperature to 98.6. Crispy on the outside and soft in the middle is best.

*Serve* with written pre and post tests. *Sprinkle* a dash of marlinspike seamanship over the top. *Graduate* with Certificate and License.

## **Ingredients:**

Instructors: Don Underwood, Gary Simmons, Phil Newton, Paul Shockley, Gene Goff, Darvin McClellan, Kelly VanZant, Grady Dobbs, and Paul Roberts.

Students: Ron Foster, Sheryl Townsend, Colleen Thayer, Aimee Jordan, Charles Howard, Patricia Gilbert, David Jobe, Craig Robbins, Charles Bell, Amanda Peters, Traci Robb, Aaron Dewlen, Rita Anderson, Heather Henson, Jim Ramsey, Clyde Morehead, Bill Stinebeck, Tony Clyde, David Gade, Travis Miller, George Ford.

# Report from an excellent conference

Margaret Johanning, Self Assessment Team Leader

The Corps Headquarters' Campaign Plan states goals in three areas – people, process, and communication. The “people” objectives are:

- ✧ Attract and retain a world-class workforce
- ✧ Create a culture of learning and empowerment
- ✧ Develop leaders at all levels

These objectives are firmly grounded in the human resource focus of the Army Performance Improvement Criteria. The “Human Capital Challenge” was one of the major topics at the Excellence in Government Conference in Washington, D.C. in early August.

Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio, a keynote speaker, addressed these issues and the need for quality management in government. He serves on four committees including the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and is dedicated to changing the federal workforce. Sen. Voinovich has prepared a report to the president, “Crisis in Human Capital.” He recommends that any reforms in this area need input from the federal workforce.

“Resources dedicated to human talent bring the greatest return,” the senator said, adding that the federal workforce is highly motivated, if given the tools and resources to do the work. He stated that federal employees have many unmet needs in this arena and that they deserve training, recognition, respect, and comparable pay relevant to the job performed. He is keenly aware of problems with pay issues, hiring, and the loss of institutional knowledge.

Hannah Sistare of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee said that “congress passed the first step by recognizing there is a problem.” He said the Bush administration, through the Office of Personnel Management, has made human capital issues a priority and is emphasizing workforce planning. The Office of Management and Budget chief, Mitch Daniels, is telling agencies to plan for a smaller, flatter government.

## Where is the Power in Business-Like Government?

Customer Loyalty is powered by Customer Satisfaction.

Customer Satisfaction is powered by Value.

Value is powered by Employee Productivity.

Employee Productivity is powered by Employee Loyalty.

Employee Loyalty is powered by Employee Satisfaction.

Employee Satisfaction is powered by Working Environment.

The Environment is powered by Management Stewardship.

Management Stewardship is powered by Leadership.

Jim Bagnola – “Thinking Like a Leader”  
Excellence in Government Conference  
August 2001, Washington, D.C.

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*Could employee satisfaction be more important than customer satisfaction? It is at the big five accounting firm of Ernst and Young. Jim Freer, vice president of human resources, reports that his company now places employee satisfaction as their top priority. “Every time we lose 10 professionals, it costs us about \$1.2 million. That’s a huge impact on our bottom line, and it gives staying power a whole new importance.” At Ernst and Young, losing an employee costs four times that employee’s salary. In their view, if their people are happy and satisfied, they’re going to do a better job of serving the customer.*

## More praise for people

At July’s Leading Change Symposium in Washington, D.C., Lt. Gen. John Pickler, director of the Army Staff, addressed about 200 participants. He said, “the most important part of any improvement program is the people – those that make it happen.”

“Any good organization is going to undergo constant change. We can’t be content with the status quo” he said. “A key element of leadership is to have a vision and know its mission.” Gen. Pickler

said the biggest challenges to a shared vision and leading change were how to communicate and get buy in and how to develop the metrics to gage success.

Steven Randol, director, Strategic Management and Innovations Division, provided the day’s wrap up with a forecast that in fiscal year 2002 metrics would have a greater emphasis in Army processes and better business practices.

At the President’s Quality Award ceremony, Secretary of the Army

Thomas White had said that government is a business. Col. John Rivenburgh of Huntington District asked how to define successful government business. “How do I know I’m tracking properly without any metrics, beyond our own Consolidated Command Guidance and our own quality initiatives?”

Randol responded that the secretary has begun an initiative to develop better metrics focused on results.

# Practice Preventive Ethics



**Martha Clingerman, Ethics Counselor  
Office of Counsel**

Practicing preventive ethics is a smart thing to do, and it is especially important for all government employees. There are many questions an employee may have during federal employment such as, "Can I accept a gift from a government contractor, and if so, is there a monetary limit?" Another might be, "I'm planning to leave the federal government and go to work for private enterprise. Is there anything I need to know about that?" Many resources are available for employees facing ethical unknowns.

John Roselle, chief counsel, is Tulsa District's ethics counselor. He oversees government ethics in the workplace and provides guidance to the commander, staff, and employees. Information on ethics is also available at the U.S. Department of Defense Standards of Conduct Office internet site. There you'll find an ethics resource library, a joint ethics regulation link, training materials, and the 2001 on-line ethics training. The training is mandatory for some employees, but it would be worthwhile for everyone. This year's topic is the acceptance of gifts from private sources, an area that gives rise to ethical questions on a regular basis.

Each year, both Headquarters, USACE, and the Office of Government

require information from Tulsa District in the ethics arena. To meet their requirements, two memorandums will soon be issued. The first goes to those employees required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report, and the second addresses mandatory ethics training.

As ethics counselor in the Office of Counsel, I encourage employees seeking advice or answers to specific ethical issues to contact me or Mr. Roselle. For general information or on-line training, check out the U.S. Department of Defense Standard of Conduct website.

## Questions?

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## Corps cleans up at clean-up event



From left, Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation Herschal Crow, Sandra Stiles, Marc Chester, and Governor Frank Keating at the Trash-Off 2001 Awards Ceremony.

On July 24, Don Dixon, lead ranger at Tenkiller; Sandy Stiles, Fort Gibson Area environmental specialist; Marc Chester, Fort Gibson lake manager; and Dan Bentley, Tenkiller Lake manager, journeyed to Oklahoma City to receive awards presented for participation in Trash-Off 2001, the annual event sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to help clean up litter around the state.

This year's awards were presented by Governor Frank Keating. Special thanks go out to Sandy Stiles for coordinating the Corps' efforts.



Dan Bentley, left, and Park Ranger Don Dixon accept a Trash-Off 2001 award from Governor Frank Keating.

## Personnel Notes

**Editor's Note: This TDR feature has finally returned after many months of absence. Thanks to Nancy Crenshaw, Engineering and Construction Division, and Linda McKay, Human Resources Office, for their perserverance in finding a way to gather the information.**

June 2001	Promotion	Goodbye
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hello</b></p> <p>Melinda Baker, Real Estate Division</p> <p>Chad Crase, OD, Eufaula Area Office</p> <p>Ricky Spears, OD, Webbers Falls Lake Office</p> <p>Douglas Beck, Office of Council</p> <p>Kimberly Payne, LMO, Supply Branch</p> <p>Stephanie Yarbrough, PPMD, Military Branch</p> <p>Heather Lawson, PPMD, Civil Works Branch</p> <p>Daniel Foyil, CT, Civil Contracting Branch</p> <p>Jamie Hyslop, OD, Eufaula Area Office</p> <p>Theresa Presley, OD, Tenkiller Lake Office</p> <p>Jessica Johnson, OD, Hugo Area Office</p> <p>Joseph Slepka, OD, Kaw Lake Office</p> <p>Nancy McClure, Executive Office</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Goodbye</b></p> <p>Chad Crase, OD, Eufaula Area Office</p> <p>Rickey Loyd, OD, Fort Supply Lake Office</p> <p>Paul Erdner, E&amp;C, HTRW Design Center</p> <p>George Aldeen, E&amp;C, Quality Assurance Branch</p> <p>Lula Patton, Real Estate Division</p> <p>Wayne Peck, OD, R.S. Kerr Lock &amp; Dam</p>	<p>Randall Moe, E&amp;C, H&amp;H Branch</p> <p>Patrick Beard, E&amp;C, Tulsa Area Office</p> <p>Teresa Broomhall, RE, Management &amp; Disposal Branch</p> <p>Eugene Goff, OD, Eufaula Area Office</p> <p>Craig Robbins, OD, Sardis Lake Office</p> <p>Traci Huddle, OD, Marion Area Office</p> <p>Lisa Oxford, OD, Oologah Area Office</p> <p>Gregory Barnes, OD, R.S. Kerr Lock &amp; Dam</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>July 2001</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hello</b></p> <p>Oscar Linebaugh Jr., E&amp;C, Fort Sill Resident Office</p> <p>Charles Foster, E&amp;C, Fort Sill Resident Office</p> <p>Melissa Brunner, OD, Marion Area Office</p> <p>Linda Mitchell, PPMD, Military Branch</p> <p>Kimberly Payne, LMO, Supply Branch</p> <p>Fred Suffridge, PER, Environmental Analysis &amp; Compliance Branch</p> <p>Charles Webster III, Office of Counsel</p> <p>Jessica Wright, OD, Keystone Area Office</p> <p>Debra Woodward, OD</p>	<p>Tonya Manry, Resource Management Office</p> <p>Ryan McKaskle, E&amp;C, Design Branch</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Promotion</b></p> <p>Mary Higgs, Executive Office</p> <p>Margaret Hellwege, Equal Employment Office</p> <p>Brenda Sutterfield, RMO, Budget/Manpower Branch</p> <p>Charles Wilson, PER, Planning Branch</p> <p>Shawneen Oneill, PER, Planning Branch</p> <p>Jeff Knack, PER, Regulatory Branch</p> <p>Allen Ryan, PER, Regulatory Branch</p> <p>William Jeffries, PER, Regulatory Branch</p> <p>Clif Warren, E&amp;C, HTRW Design Center</p> <p>Michelle Wilson, E&amp;C, Air Force Section</p> <p>Richard Spencer, OD, R.S. Kerr Powerhouse</p> <p>Jamie Caudle, OD, R.S. Kerr Powerhouse</p> <p>Joshua Wingfield, OD, Texoma Area Office</p> <p>Sheryl Townsend, OD, Webbers Falls Lake Office</p>

## ... Spotlight

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**Ida Lafayette** was selected as team leader of the Recreation and Realty Team, Management and Disposal Branch, in Real Estate Division. Congratulations, Ida!

**Rowe Wynn**, a retiree from Office of Counsel, coauthored an article entitled "Document Discovery in Construction Litigation" that was published in *Construction Briefings*. In the article, the authors expressed their thanks to **Angela Chavez** and **Doug Price** for their thoughtful contributions.

During an annual Potentially Responsible Party information exchange meeting, **Hank Iarrosso** received an On-the-Spot Award from the chief of Environment Division at headquarters for his excellent work on the Camden-Shumaker Project.

**Sue Haslett** was selected as chief of Planning Branch in the Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division. Congratulations, Sue!

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# Wellman Wins Worldwide Award

Pam Wellman of the Office of Counsel recently won the prestigious Keystone Award for her exceptional service. She traveled to West Point, N.Y., to receive the honor that was presented at this year's Worldwide U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Legal Services Conference.

She works as a paralegal specialist. The Keystone Award recognizes the fact that professionals supporting Corps' attorneys provide services that are constantly expanding and evolving, requiring versatility, sophisticated skills, and increasing responsibility. It honors the professionalism and valued service of Corps legal services community members who have significantly contributed to the mission.

John Roselle, chief counsel for the Tulsa District, said, "Pam is a great asset to the Office of Counsel and the Tulsa District, and we are all proud of her accomplishment in receiving this award." He said that as a paralegal, Wellman helps protect the integrity of the legal system and ensure that citizens receive the benefits that the Corps helps provide.



**Pamela Wellman, paralegal specialist in the Office of Counsel, was presented the Keystone Award at the Corps' legal services worldwide conference in West Point, N.Y.**



**American Red Cross**

**44 units were collected at the August drive.**

**Drives scheduled**

**October 19**  
**January 25, 2002**

# Safety centurion named

Texoma Project Safety Council announces the second "Texoma Safety Centurion."

On July 26, Justin Boyle, power plant mechanic, was presented the honored title, given for participating in the Texoma Safety Incentive Program.

A person who has passed 100 of the weekly safety tests given by the council is eligible for the award.



Courtesy of Texoma Project Office

**From left, Ray Andrews and Eva Sloan, Texoma Safety Council members, present the project's second Centurion Award to Justin Boyle.**

## From the Mailbox

To Chris Lynch, Texoma Project, from Jim Fontaine:

We met briefly at the Army Corps Shoreline Management workshop in May. To refresh your memory, my family owns two properties on Elm Ridge Peninsula, facing east towards Eisenhower State Park. I had requested approval to place a boathouse in front of the northern most property. As a result of the process, I was denied a permit to put a boathouse in front of my property.

Even though I was disappointed in the result, I was very impressed in the way that you and the team handled the process. I felt that I was fairly treated at all times, and that the Corps did everything within its power to satisfy my requests within your guidelines/limitations and needs of others who share the beauty and resources of Lake Texoma.

I understand that it is a difficult job for the Corps to balance the current desires of homeowners and marine operators with the original purpose of Lake Texoma. I thought that Mark Boling did an excellent job of explaining this to one of the attendees of the workshop. I must commend Mark on the manner in which he explained the Corps position on this issue. I thought he was educational in his explanation without being condescending or dictatorial.

I must also commend Cindy Buchanan on her excellent service and interface skills. I have been communicating with her over the past 18 months, and it has truly been a real pleasure. She is always responsive, pleasant, and knows what she is talking about. As I mentioned earlier, I am not always pleased with the answers I get to my requests, but am always assured that I have been dealt with fairly because I believe that Cindy has always done her best.

Sometimes our government agencies get a bum rap, and sometimes they deserve it. I can only say from my experience over the past 18 months that the Corps, at least the Texoma Corps, is an efficient and effective organization that has done a great job at balancing the needs of all concerned. I just thought that you would like to hear from one constituent that is impressed with your office and your leadership at that office.

**Excerpted from a letter to Sardis/Wister Lake Office from Beth and Lee Marquardt:**

... Tim Odaniel and Leo Garvin were angels in disguise on the afternoon of July 7th. In order to fully appreciate what they did for us I need to give you a little of the history that led up to that afternoon.

... My husband's health has not been good for the past year and we felt that the slower pace in Poteau as well as the fresh air and the proximity of family would do us both some good. I retired on May 31st, and we sold our home in Dallas very quickly. We scheduled the movers to pack and load our furniture on July 5th and 6th and deliver it to us in Poteau on the 9th.

Unfortunately, my husband's health did not cooperate with our move schedule, and we had to put him in the hospital on June 28th. . . It was an extremely stressful time for both of us, but he was finally released on the afternoon of July 6th. On July 7th, although my husband was still very weak, with the car loaded with all of our possessions that the movers wouldn't take, we headed for Poteau. We were doing just fine until we got about two-thirds of the way across the Sardis Dam when one of our tires blew out.

Knowing that the Corps of Engineers office was just at the end of the dam and not feeling comfortable stopping on the dam itself, I continued to drive very, very slowly on the flat tire until I reached the office. I left my husband in the car with the air conditioner running and walked to the office even though it did not appear that it was open. Sure enough when I tried the door, it was locked. However, as I was walking away, I heard a noise from the door and turned around to see Tim opening the door. He asked what I needed, so I explained the situation and asked if he could recommend a towing service that could come get us. He said that he doubted that any of the local services would be open but offered his and Leo's help to change the flat tire.

The first thing they did was to help me get the car to a shady spot. Then we had to empty the trunk which was absolutely full of stuff for our move. My husband had to stay in the car with the air conditioner running as the heat would

have been too much for him. After a lot of physical labor by Tim and Leo, they finally got the spare on the car. Since it hadn't been used in the 10 years we've owned the car, it had gone flat, but they had a solution for that. They asked me to drive the car around to the garage where they used a compressor to fill it up and then sent me on my way.

Now you know why we feel that these two gentlemen were angels in disguise. Had they not been there and willing to help us out, I truly do not know what we would have done. . .

P. S. After leaving the project office, I stopped at the convenience store just down the road to wash up and get a cold drink. As I was checking out, Tim pulled up to put gas in his truck. I paid for Tim's gas before he came into the store and tried to leave before he found out. However, he caught me and gave me my money back saying that he helped us out on his own and did not want to be paid in any way.

**To Margie Hamilton, Sardis/Wister Lake Office, from Dennis Schrock:**

Myself and friends from Idaho visited your facility p.m. 8/9 and I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated your hospitality.

It's very refreshing to be greeted by someone who is attractive, knowledgeable, and professional all in one person.

I am available to broadcast your facility at great lengths. . .

## Thanks

Marjorie Dunn, retiree, fell and broke her hip June 29. She sends her thanks for the many flowers, cards, and visits while she was hospitalized and recovering.

## Correction

**Editor's Note: Apologies are offered for the incorrect identification associated with some references in a July/August 2001 *Tulsa District Record* article. The piece concerned a Nashville, Tenn., singing contest Cheri Ferguson – not Fowler – entered. Any confusion caused is sincerely regretted.**



## Condolences

Jack Perry passed away July 27. He was a park ranger at Keystone and retired in 1985.

May Gilliam, retiree, died July 17.

Mary Guerin died Aug. 15. She was the mother of Kay Hoover, attorney in Office of Counsel.

Eldon Swaim, retiree, died Aug. 17 following a battle with cancer. He worked for the Corps from 1959 until 1990.

Floyd Fuss, retiree, died Sept. 2.

Victor Steinley, retired chief of Contracting Division, died Aug. 31.

Earl Hoskins, 77, retired maintenance worker at Canton Lake, died Aug. 25. He was a maintenance worker at Canton Lake until his 1985 retirement.

Thomas Wofford, brother of Dwight Wofford, Texoma Project Office, passed away Sept. 3. A second brother, Joe Wofford, passed away Sept. 17.

Daniel Smith, son-in-law of Carla Carrico, administrative assistant at Pat Mayse Lake, passed away Sept. 1. Smith was hailed as a hero for his selfless actions in a vehicle accident which eventually took his life. He swerved his fully-loaded truck to avoid directly hitting a car that pulled in front of him to make a turn. Local media reported that he very likely saved the two teenagers and 21-year-old man driving the car by swerving, but his rig turned over. His leg was mangled and an artery was severed. Smith survived 34 days and had 15 surgeries. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, and 11-year-old son, Antonio.

Katherine Danner, mother of Jack Danner, maintenance inspector at Kaw Lake Office, passed away Sept. 9.

# It's the great American pasttime

On a hot night in August, a hearty group of baseball, beer, and/or Buffet fans met for Jimmy Buffet night at Drillers' stadium. The outing was planned by Craig Wright, program assistant in Resource Management Office. The Tulsa team lost to the Wichita Wranglers 7-6, but, as shown in the photos, the Corps' group didn't let the Drillers' problems distract them from enjoying the evening.

Wright says it was such fun, he might organize a couple of hockey nights this season.



**Winter Olympics tap Stubbs for security** – Robert Stubbs, accountable property officer in Logistics Management Office, has volunteered and been chosen to serve on the security force of the upcoming Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Stubbs is a reserve police officer at Fort Gibson, Okla. (as shown), a marshall for the Cherokee Nation, and a command sergeant major in the Army Reserve. He spent 12 years as a special agent for the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division. He said he heard about the opportunity to join the security team from a friend in law enforcement in Salt Lake City.

Transportation to Utah is his responsibility, but once he arrives, food, transportation, lodging, and winter clothing are provided. The best part? "I get to go watch anything I want to for free," he said.



## Family Additions



**Amy Anne Commer, born Aug. 18** — daughter of Andrew and Mary Commer. Andy is a regulatory project manager in Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division.

**Bailey Nichole Dickens, born Aug. 16** – daughter of Andrea and Jonathan Dickens and granddaughter of Linda Calhoon. Linda is the support services specialist at the Skiatook Lake Office.

**Cale Douglas Glover, born Aug. 2** – son of Michelle and Chris Glover and grandson of Yvonne Brownrigg, administrative officer, Oologah Area Office.

# Retiree Roundup

**Editor's Note: Public Affairs Office conducted a mailing list update and asked retirees to tell us about their current activities or share memories of their time with the district.**

... My husband and I both worked for the Corps for many years. He much longer than I. When he retired in 1975, he was chief of the Survey Branch, Engineering Division. He was Clarence H. Anderson (Andy).

He was on mobile surveys for so many years and when our children were very young (before school age) we traveled with him. It was hard to move so often but at the same time very exciting. I often have to laugh now when I think of the consternation for some of the young couples at the prospect of a "move." Clarence would come in one evening and say, "We have to be in Denison, Texas; or Independence, Kans.; Pampa, Texas; or Texoma; Oklahoma; Fort Smith, Ark., etc., in the morning! We would pack up and be on our way by morning – then the women would be looking for apartments and the men would go to work. Sometimes the men would have to go ahead and leave the wives to pack up, give notice on the apartments, load up the kids, and go on their own. We were just glad to have a job!

When our two sons both began school, I finally had to settle down and stay behind. We bought a home in Muskogee, Okla. When our little girl was three I began working for the Veterans Administration. Everything rocked along smoothly with Clarence being a weekend father and husband. Then in 1962, they requested that he come into the office. He protested mightily, saying, "I can't afford it – I will not receive per diem – my wife is working and I am buying a home in Muskogee. I can't do it!" The Corps said, "Where does your wife work?" Clarence told them for the Veterans Administration and they said, "No problem, she can start work here on

Monday." So, all in a whirl, I quit the VA on Friday night and started working for the Corps on the following Monday. We drove back and forth to Muskogee until school was out in May 1962 when we moved to Tulsa. Clarence retired in 1975 after 38 years with the Corps of Engineers (having surveyed on nearly every dam in the Tulsa District, plus levees, plus auxiliary airports, etc.) I retired in 1980 after 20 years with the Corps. We both enjoyed so much our time with the Corps of Engineers. It was so hard for both of us when retirement time came – not for just the work, but for the wonderful people. Clarence often spoke of how fortunate he was. He would say, "Jean, it is not often that a man can work at something he dearly loved for as many years as I did, and it was all pure luck!" He had taken a Civil Service Typing Test and was asked to come to work. We left Woodward, Okla., thinking that we would be working in the Tulsa Office (because he had taken a typing test). We reported in the Tulsa office and were immediately sent to Sallisaw, Okla., where Clarence was axeman on a survey crew. The crew chief was Lawrence A. Martin who still resides in Cleveland, Okla. When I say the Corps was good to us, I can say it with heartfelt meaning. Clarence loved every minute as hard as the work was – cutting brush, fighting weather of all kind, ticks, chiggers, swamps, etc.

I worked in Operations Division all the time with the exception of my first year in the Engineering Division. I will never know as many fine people ever again as I knew in Operations Division. My first boss was Robert F. Hunter. I loved him. He often laughed and said people called him "S.O.B.," meaning "Sweet Ole Bob!"

There was never any subterfuge with Mr. Hunter. What you saw was what you got. One of the most remarkable qualities about him was that he would back his people 100 percent whether they were right or whether they were wrong. You knew you could count on him. He cut through red tape like a hot knife through butter. I recall once they were agonizing over what color brick to put on a project office. I think it was Broken Bow. Engineering and Construction had three or four different color bricks and came down and put them on his desk wanting

him to select one for the project. He called me in and said, "Jean, which one of these bricks do you like the best?" I pointed to one and he picked it up and said, "Here, make it this one." Needless to say, I was a little terrified that I had picked a brick for the project office! Not too terrified though because I knew that he would say it was his selection also.

My husband passed away July 25, 1998. No other wife in the world can have as many good reminders of their husband as I. There is hardly a project that I visit that I cannot say, "Clarence helped build this." Oh yes, even the navigation system which we surveyed many, many, many years before it was constructed.

One more exciting event. When the big tornado blew away half of Woodward, Okla., and killed so many people, Clarence, along with a large survey crew headed up by Lawrence A. Martin, happened to have been sent out there on a survey job. They arrived at 4:00 in the afternoon and the tornado struck at 9:00 that night. Martin and Clarence were renting a hotel room together, but Clarence (who had relatives there as I did also) was visiting his sister. So, when the storm struck, nobody knew where he was. Martin drove to Alva (all the telephone lines were down) and called his wife Maude and told her to come over and stay with me because they could not find Andy. It was a day and a half before we found that he was safe. I remember one very poignant fact. "Preacher Coleman" – not a preacher, a surveyor – had his wife with him. Her name was Virginia and she was a nurse. As soon as the storm was over, she was out with all the medical people working – but she took time out to take a flashlight and go look at all the bodies (they took them all and laid them out on the lawn at the Woodward Library until they could be taken care of) to see if any of them was Clarence. We were living in Madill, Okla., at that time. That will give you an idea of how fast our lives changed and the places we lived changed.

Well, I've probably told you more than you care to know, but if you say anything at all of the things I have written, be sure and say, "The Corps of Engineers was mighty good to us."

*Jean Anderson, Tulsa*



Army Corps of Engineers Photo

## Today I saw an Eagle fly

*Today I saw an Eagle fly  
Proud and free and soaring high,  
I saw him in the faces of  
The people passing by.*

*I saw him in the actions  
Of the men and women true,  
Who toiled amidst the rubble there  
Beside our men in blue.*

*I saw him in the soldiers  
And the men who fight the flames,  
I saw him in the children who  
Will never be the same.*

*He flew throughout America,  
This great land, strong and free,  
And swelled with pride among us as  
We stood in unity.*

*Today I saw an Eagle fly  
Proud and free and soaring high,  
And as he flew I heard him say,  
God bless the USA.*

by **Glenna M. Wheatley**