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**Cover: The Puget Sound and some of its surrounding areas were visited by a team of scientists, biologists and chemists in an attempt to provide a framework of information on its health. The team, including the district's Dredged Material Management Office, were treated to beautiful views like the pictured above.**  
(DMMO Photo)



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## *Who else knows how to do what you do?*

**A**s 2008 winds to a close, I look forward to a new year full of great district accomplishments. I've been here a few months now and continue to ask questions and remain impressed with this district. I have seen first hand how you all pull together as a team to accomplish great work under stress, and I want that success to continue in both day-to-day operations and in emergencies. Two examples I've seen of outstanding work under pressure are fiscal year end and flood fighting.

At the end of the fiscal year, many of you worked long hours and weekends to make sure that the district's work was awarded on time and that our financial actions were completed for the year. On Sept. 30 alone, Contracting awarded more than 108 actions worth \$33 million. In the entire fiscal year there were 2,198 contract actions (143 more than last year), obligating \$608 million.

During the post Veterans' Day flood, the district provided more than \$1 million worth of direct flood fight assistance to state and local officials including levee repairs and reinforcement, sandbags, material, technical advice and construction oversight. At the peak of the event more than 50 district personnel were deployed and a dozen others supported them from the district office. Our water management team and operations managers also operated the reservoir control center around the clock to control outflows on five rivers for flood reduction. Mud Mountain Dam on the White River stored water to reduce peak levels in the Puyallup River at Puyallup more than five feet. The Corps' Howard Hanson Dam on the Green River held flood waters down more than seven feet.

What allows us to be successful during these times of pressure are highly capable people, experienced leaders and team members, and a strong will to get things done and serve our customers and partners. We have also

established some processes that allow repeat success.

However, it appears that we may not have enough of our critical processes and procedures well enough communicated or documented to allow us to continue our success into the future. While I want us to be focused on execution, creating and documenting our processes allows better execution in many cases.

In some areas we are one person deep, and in others we are working to bring new and enthusiastic employees into the fight. To set up our new team members for future success, we need to share the processes and techniques that have enabled past successes. The best process in the world can break down if only one person knows about it. I'd like you to take a look at the job you do routinely, and in more strained circumstances, and ask yourself, "If I wasn't here, who else could do this?" If you find that you are the only person who knows a how to do something, the process needs attention.

Let's keep up the good work by sharing with others how we get it done - through mentoring, on-the-job-training or in documenting processes in a format that is readily accessible to everyone who may need to know about them.

In 2009, you can look forward to my continued pride in all you do. You also can expect more of my questions - one to expect from here on out is, "Who else knows how to do what you do?"



**Col. Anthony O. Wright**  
District Commander



This issue is dedicated to Amanda Ogden, project manager, who in her short time here has helped to make the district's work much more efficient. She has written a Civil Works Authority brochure that has received kudos from division leadership. She also served as an assistant project manager for the Twin Cities Flood Damage Reduction Project and will soon lead the mitigation part of the project. She's easily tackled cross-training in Emergency Management and even managed some smaller levee projects. Thanks for jumping in feet first and being a super star, this **Flagship** is for you.

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# Viewpoint

## Afghanistan mission, now Seattle mission

Up until sixteen months ago, I had never served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or in any other largely civilian unit or organization. I was surprised to learn that the Department of the Army Civilian swears an oath strikingly similar to the oath that Army commissioned officers take.

It occurred to me months later that the DA Civilian and the Soldier share one very important characteristic – an undying loyalty to an altruistic value that is difficult, if not impossible, to find out there in the real world: duty, country, selfless service, the defense of the United States' Constitution.

This conclusion resonated with greater fidelity two weeks ago when Col. Miroslav Kurka, the Northwestern Division deputy commander and former Afghanistan Engineer District (AED) commander, briefed us all on volunteering for service in Afghanistan.

As of Oct. 1, 2008, NWD has the lead in supporting AED with manpower. The division operations order is enormous, but part of it includes the authorization to create some administrative support positions to assist volunteers with AED assignments and support to their families.

Your response to Kurka's briefing has been overwhelming. Within 24 hours, I had no less than seven volunteers and a few more in my Email inbox requesting an AED assignment. I've even had to put some volunteers on a wait list until the position they want comes open again. There is much work to be done both in AED as well as here in the district.

My hope is that before the end of the calen-

dar year, I will have a strategic recruiter position filled. I will charge the individual in this position



**Lt. Col. Matthew Cadicamo**  
Deputy District Commander

with district-wide recruiting programs and AED recruitment. This person will be your touchstone for finding an AED job, coordinating deployment dates, personnel actions, etc. – essentially matching a "face" to a "space."

Working for them will be a family readiness group coordinator. This employee will coach the deployment volunteer through all the steps

of actually deploying. They will coordinate everything from recruitment personnel actions, orders production, appointments with medical and dental, checklist completion, etc. This employee also will have the responsibility of coaching both you and your chain of command through the family readiness group process.

Your family will not be ignored while you are "down range." We will ensure that your family knows that their USACE family is a phone call away, and will assist in any way possible during your deployment.

Currently, your supervisors have the most accurate listing of all positions available in the Afghanistan Engineer District. Lisajoy Lazo is the interim AED coordinator and has a Vulcan mind-meld with NWD. For those non-Trekkie folks – it means she's on point.

While it is a new system and, by default, replete with discovery learning, rest assured that we are all committed to assisting you with serving the Corps and the nation. I cannot thank you all enough for your tenacity, courage and commitment.

**ESSAYONS!**



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, headquarters building, in Afghanistan. This is where many deployees serve while working in the Afghanistan Engineer District. Talk to your supervisor about jobs available for you in AED. (File Photo)

# Getting the repairs done before things get wet again

As November fell upon the tried and true Pacific Northwest, communities waited anxiously — wondering when and where the floods would strike.

Knowing Mother Nature remains unpredictable, Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, along with local sponsors, prepared well in advance of flood season to ensure area levees received needed repairs.

Seattle District's Emergency Management (EM) Branch, through Public Law 84-99, provides assistance to local authorities by repairing eligible flood protection structures damaged during a flood. Under this law, EM repaired 15 levees, totaling more than 18,000 linear feet and \$27.5 million in construction costs

"This is the most linear feet of levee repairs Seattle District has ever completed in one year," said Doug Weber, natural disaster program manager for the district. "The 2008 levee rehab program also expended the largest amount of construction dollars in the history of the district's Public Law 84-99 program."

Due to hard work and coordination, the teams restored flood protection to all 15 levees — located in Idaho, Montana and Washington — prior to the start of the 2008 flood season.

Out of all of the levees, the Kent Shops-Narita and Meyers Golf levees on the Green River in Kent, Wash., accounted for the highest percentage of the district's repairs, both with cost and linear feet — 5,300 linear feet at a total cost of \$13.4 million.

Repairs to Kent Shops-Narita and Meyers Golf required extending the levees into the Riverbend Golf Course, which meant a 55-foot loss in property for Washington's busiest golf course.

"The Riverbend Golf Course is owned by the City of Kent, and the city counts on that revenue," said Bill Graney, Seattle District's project manager for the Kent Shops-Narita and Meyers Golf repairs. "We worked closely with the City of Kent and the Riverbend Golf Course director to ensure minimal impact to the golf course. Riverbend actually took advantage of the opportunity to remodel the 20-year old golf course concurrently with the levee repairs."

The project team took extra steps to make sure construction efforts didn't hinder business at the golf course, Graney said. When choosing grass seed for the levees, the contractor, Frontier, purchased seed that blended in with the grass on the golf course. Frontier's crew also moved construction fences



**Repairs at the Kent Shops-Narita levee consisted of re-grading the existing levee and armoring the riverward slopes over the damaged lengths of 3,900 linear feet.** (Patricia Graesser Photo)

continuously to keep fairways open.

"Looking at the 'big picture' the levee improvement projects were a positive for both the City of Kent and the community," said Pete Petersen Jr., superintendent of golf operations, Riverbend Golf Course. "The impacts to the golf course were painful at times from a customer stand point; however, most of our customers were understanding and look forward to playing the remodeled holes next spring. The biggest success of the levee project was final outcome — the City of Kent and the community benefit from the new levee and come next spring the golfers will benefit with a remodeled front nine."

With such a massive amount of construction taking place, the project team also mitigated for the environmental impacts.

"When we designed the project, we looked at all of the potential environmental impacts — from fitting silt screens properly to placing large woody debris without changing the flow of the river," Graney said. "The goals were always to not significantly affect the hydraulics and hydrology of the river and

*Protection isn't just sandbagging; it's preparation, too*

Protecting thousands of people across 17 basins requires the hard work of dedicated volunteers from the Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

In preparation for the 2008 flood season, Seattle District's Emergency Management Branch trained more than 40 district flood responders on flood fighting techniques Oct. 28 in Burlington, Wash.

This event provided important training to new and seasoned flood responders. The hands-on training included sand bagging exercises, identifying levee failures, executing solutions and a tour of a local equipment yard.

Emergency Management established this training day to give the responders a baseline of what to do when they actually respond to a flood event.

With that goal in mind, the flood engineers provided these important tips:

Set up your gear bag in advance of flood season. The bag should include a class three reflective vest, hard hat, reflective gloves, rain gear and boots. If it all fits in the bag, it will be easier when a flood happens.

Wear adequate clothing – dress for the worst case scenario.

Make sure to layer your clothing.

Try to stay out of the flood water. There are a lot of "unknowns" in the water.



**Cathie Desjardin, Seattle District flood engineer, explains how to properly install a ring dike during the October flood responder training.** (Andrea Takash Photo)

Wear gloves when sand bagging.

Be very safety conscious around heavy equipment.

Make sure you are situationally aware — look out for the safety of everybody else, especially the community volunteers.

Don't feel intimidated — ask questions.

For more information on the flood responder program, contact Doug Weber, natural disaster program manager for the district, at 206-764-6936. If you are interested in volunteering please speak with your supervisor. — Andrea Takash



Seattle District restored flood protection to the Kent Shops-Narita levee in Kent, Wash, prior to the start of the 2008 flood season. (Bill Graney Photo)

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provide a two-to-one horizontal slope, which provides 100-year flood protection. We worked with all of the appropriate environmental agencies, and they agreed with the design."

Graney explained that some local authorities wanted to design the project for a two to three year process because they were concerned about the impact to the local communities and the potential for the work to go unfinished.

"By completing the repairs in one year, we got the flood protection back," Graney said.

"Some thought we couldn't do the large amount of in-water work during the 10-week 'fish window,' where we were allowed to do in-water construction work in a timeframe that wouldn't negatively affect the endangered fish species in the river. But we planned down to the minute details and got the job done. When people visited the site, they were amazed at how well orchestrated the construction was going." —Andrea Takash

# Grappling with tough contaminants



**ABOVE:** David Fox, Seattle District environmental engineer, prepares Puget Sound sediment samples for transport and testing. **RIGHT:** Lauran Warner, district biologist, accepts another sediment sample from Fox, while Jennifer Fitchorn of the Environmental Protection Agency readys sampling equipment. **FAR RIGHT:** Dr. David Kendall, chief DMMO (with book in lap), reviews the sampling operation plan with fellow sampling cruise team members, (clockwise) Laura Inouye of Washington Department Ecology, Fox, and Valerie Partridge, WDE. **FAR CORNER:** Puget Sound sunset. (DMMO Photos)

Chlorinated dioxins and furans (together, called PCBs) are a class of contaminants that can have a profound effect—physical or emotional—on people. They are found in the Puget Sound region and other marine environments. Concerns about dioxins in the Puget Sound region—especially the Seattle District—does business in the Sound. Recently a clamor over dioxin levels in the Sound, dredging and, alerted federal and state agencies that so much of the Sound sediment is a critical need.

“It was clear that there were levels of concern—there were questions that needed answering,” said Dr. David Kendall. “An evaluation needed updating; this is the first step.”

Enter the interagency Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMMP), an elite team of scientists and engineers from the Seattle District, Washington Department of Ecology and Natural Resources, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

So the crew of scientists, biologists and engineers went to work the clock in, on and around the Puget Sound waters—collecting samples from the basin and certain “reference bays.” There were 70 sites where multiple samples for careful analysis to evaluate the relationship between the collected samples in generally recognized clean reference areas (e.g., Holmes Harbor, Samish Bay) and areas of Puget Sound including San Juan Islands, Central Puget Sound, and areas that are moved from or distant from contamination sources.

“It was really a collaborative effort,” said Lauran Warner. “It gave us a great exercise in team work, but it showed that we didn’t need special equipment and blue ice, chain of custody records, and so on. It was intense, but enjoyable and satisfying.”

“Our hope is this survey and sampling will provide us with a better understanding of the health of the Puget Sound,” said David Fox, DMMO engineer.

Because assessment of potential sediment toxicity to shellfish suggests the need to understand the distribution of contaminants within the DMMMP hope to identify the concentration of contaminants.



# Contaminants in Puget Sound

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is any correlation between dioxin concentrations in sediments and the type of sediment.

The DMMO said that they realize their research will be not only helpful to improving and main-  
taining the health of the Puget Sound, but that even entities like Environment Canada and academic  
institutions all up and down the West Coast are awaiting the results of this effort.

Kendall said that only part of the problem is to understand the distribution of compounds;  
to test for dioxins is very expensive and this cost, if applied universally may hinder some dredging  
projects. Therefore, the DMMP is evaluating several alternative testing methods using cell based  
reactions and DNA, in tandem with traditional methods of sediment evaluation. He said. "We're  
hoping that the alternative methods will prove to be just as accurate and will give those in charge of  
dredged-material and other sediment management some alternative methods to use."

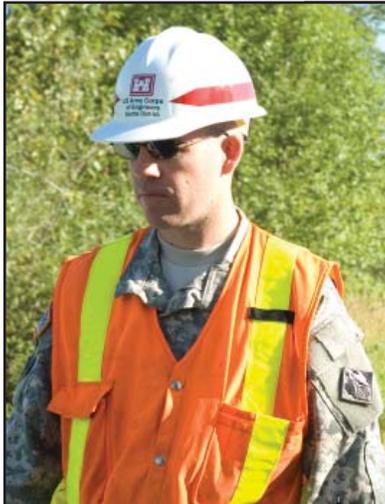
Warner added that the DMMP has always been ahead of the curve anticipating scientific needs  
and with recommendations for the Puget Sound Partnership to make improvements by the year  
2020, she thinks this survey is a step towards total West Coast / Pacific Ocean protection.

"Our goal is to optimize both environmental and economic mandates," Kendall said. "This  
research will provide pivotal background data needed to help the DMMP agencies develop a regula-  
tory framework for evaluating dioxins."

That framework – the conclusions of the samples, analysis and study – will be unveiled at the  
annual Sediment Management Meeting in the spring of 2009. — *Casondra Brewster*



# Photo year in review: A busy 2008



From public outreach, levee repair, environmental sustainability, a change of command, hail and farewells, national media coverage and new navigation purchases, Seattle District had a noteworthy year. Bring on 2009! (PAO File Photos)

*Being “Green” eats well*

**W**hat happens when you combine a bit of thinking “out of the box” with a dollop of “green thinking” and add a splash of water?

“You get goats,” according to Lake Washington Ship Canal Natural Resources Management section.

When it needed English Ivy, blackberries and other invasive weeds and brush removed along the hills and waterway at Montlake Cut, the staff partnered with longtime supporter, the Seattle Garden Club, to plan, clean and renovate a portion of Montlake Cut.

Additional groups were contacted and signed on. The Seattle Parks Department, an adjoining property owner, Discover Your Northwest, a nonprofit that operates the gift store at the locks and the Boy Scouts of America, were all eager to join the project.

Natural Resources Management staff members determined that the close proximity to water and salmon habitat made the use of pesticide to control the weeds and brush a non-viable option.

Seattle Garden Club members secured funding and hired Goattrimmers, a local company, and 146 of their hungriest employees to organically remove ivy, clematis, black berries and brush in an environmentally friendly way.

The goats and sheep are rescued animals and apparently find this line of work very appealing.

Goats can't compete with herbicides for speed but they can safely work on steep slopes, around wetlands, along stream and lakes with minimal threat to water quality or salmon habitat.

If allowed to return to an area for a couple of years, they can almost entirely remove ivy, broom and blackberries.

After three days the goats had finished eating their part of the job. The natural resource staff and Seattle Garden Club hosted a volunteer weekend early in November.

Partnering agency volunteers and



**The Natural Resource Management Department has joined forces with the Seattle Garden Club and their network to tame the vegetation at the west end of the Montlake Cut. Through meetings with Brian Carter, district ranger, and Seattle City Parks, the club has proposed removing English Ivy and other unwanted weedy plants in certain areas at Montlake Cut.**

**The club has brought on board for this project Will Romano, a member of Boy Scouts of America, working on his Eagle Scout project. The team of volunteers also have herded up a crew of 140 four-footed workers. This new tool is called the Goattrimmer. These workers have an uncanny ability to work quietly 24 hours a day. They also can work while lying down on the job. While the Garden Shop staff is sheepishly seen in the slide show drinking coffee, munch work is being done, and we hope that the goats will not eat us out of a job.**

**This is a great opportunity for the Corps' continued efforts to be fish friendly and aware of our impact on the surrounding environment.**

*—Marian Valentine*

over 50 additional volunteers showed up to cut, prune and remove debris and trash from the park.

Finally the volunteer crew covered the area with recycled cardboard, fol-

lowed by installing four-inches of wood chips. Next fall, they will plant the area to prevent future erosion, stop re-growth and beautify the area. — Brian Carter

**Sharpshooters needed!**

**We need your photos! Have you taken a unique shot of some Corps projects or employees? E-mail the digital images to the *Flagship* editor with information, and we'll publish them here! If there's a story to go along with your photo, even better; we'll publish that, too.**

## Around the district

### Kudos

Seattle District congratulates **Adrienne Murphy** for graduating in June 2008 from the University of Washington with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. Murphy spent several years attending classes while working in Construction Branch as a student employee. Due to her perseverance and diligence, she ultimately triumphed and accomplished her goal. Since her graduation, Murphy has been accepted into the Department of the Army Intern Program and began rotating through different functional areas of Seattle District with a target position in Construction Branch. Her first rotation was with the Small Projects Team, helping to administer construction projects on the Green River in King County, Wash., as part of the PL 84-99 Levee Rehabilitation Program.

**Ginny Dierich** has accepted an interim appointment as the chief of Military Branch. Congratulations!

### Reaching Out

On Dec. 15, Seattle District at Federal Center South concluded participation in the annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) fund-raising event. Historically, the consistent generosity of the **Seattle District employees** and particularly the employees at Federal Center South, has placed the district in the top echelon of philanthropic contributors in the country for CFC's nation-wide fundraising campaign. This year, even during a time of recession; the employees of Seattle District gave generously in support of non-profit charities. As of press time, employees had contributed \$80,831.54 towards 125 charitable organizations.

This past summer, construction supervisors, **Laura Wilson, David Muellerleile, and John Harem**, chief, Contract Administration Section; helped paint a home as volunteers for Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful.

Kudos to the **Albeni Falls Dam Natural Resources staff** who successfully contacted nearly 44,000 people this year through

campfire programs, project tours, visitor center exhibits, and water safety presentations and events. You tell the Corps story every day and your efforts are commended.

A district high-five goes out to **Jeanette Fiess** who hosted 30 representatives from the U.S. Green Building Council to show off our sustainable buildings and projects that are currently under construction at Fort Lewis.

### Thank You

Dear fellow District Corps' family members:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your thoughts, condolences and prayers for my wife, Terry's passing. I know how hard it is to put such things into words. But just know that in trying, you have been very successful. I appreciate more than I can tell you, what it means to myself and my family. I cannot say thank you to each and everyone of you but let this be my attempt at trying. ~ **Les Soule**

### Moving Forward



**Laura Wilson** painting the exterior of a home during the Paint Tacoma Beautiful event this summer. (Courtesy Photo)

**Yvonee Viane**, Operations Division, Chief Joseph Dam

**Claudia Webb**, Engineering and Construction, Construction Branch,

**James Jones**, Operations Division, Libby Dam

**Ken Hiratsuka**, Engineering Construction, Design Branch

### Welcome Home

**Julie McLeod** returns to Emergency Management after serving 17 months for the Corps in Afghanistan and Iraq.

### Departures

**Lisa Neuman** left Seattle District on Nov. 5 to pursue other opportunities. Neuman stated that it'd been "Eleven and a half years since I started at the Corps. I started out as a student hire and in recent years have worked in Information Management Office as a government contractor. I've enjoyed working with the employees at the Seattle District and keeping the computers running." Neuman and co-workers had the opportunity to share memories and cake at a going-away party held at Federal Center South on her last day on the job.

**Casey Ehorn**, regulatory, has transferred to Mobile District.

### In Memory

**Bruce M. Rice**, 72, a 1996 Seattle District Retiree, passed away Oct. 22, in Spokane, Wash. For 32 years, Rice was employed with the federal government in various agencies including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In the 1970s Rice worked for the Walla Walla District and for USACE in Heidelberg, Germany.

Former Corps' employee **Barbara ("Bobbie") Ray Alberts** passed away Sept. 28 in Seattle. In the 1980s, Alberts worked for the Corps on the Madigan Medical Center. — *Compiled by Beth Townsell*

# Welcome to the district family



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**The Seattle District will be celebrating Engineers Week (Feb. 16 to 20) with a special "Bring your Child to Work Day" on Thursday, Feb. 19. The day will feature activities aimed at school-age children and provide insight into the Corps' mission via interactive displays, like the Lego Model, Meteorology, National Resources, Seismic Investigations, and many other special treats. Help to coordinate this event is needed. If you're interested in helping plan, participate, etc. please contact Casondra Brewster, Public Affairs Office, 206-764-6958 or E-mail [casondra.brewster@us.army.mil](mailto:casondra.brewster@us.army.mil).**



*Who's your future engineer?*

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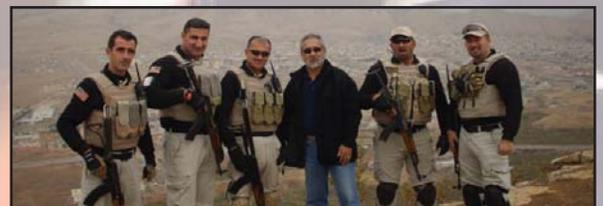
# Postcards From the Front....



*Seattle District:*

*I came for selfish reasons, but  
was touched by the Kurdish people  
and my life was forever changed.*

*—Jim Hilario*



Send your 'Postcard' submission — photo and note — to: [casondra.brewster@us.army.mil](mailto:casondra.brewster@us.army.mil)