

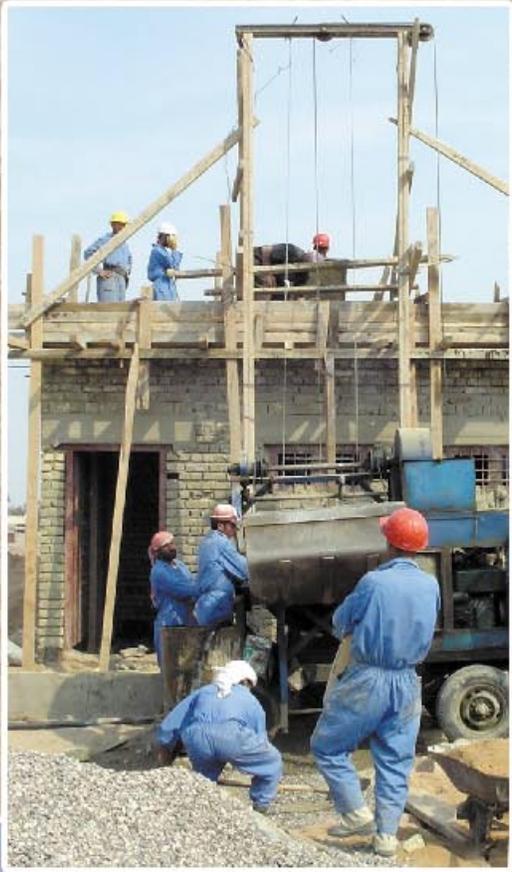
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On the Cover:

These photos taken by Project Management's Chris Frabotta from southern Iraq are a few of the projects he worked on and people he worked with during his year-long deployment to the Gulf Region Division. Story on pages three and eight.

Up Front Critical Period

It's crunch time again, folks, which means that we're juggling a few different things with one hand tied behind our backs. It's a challenging situation where we're trying to get money in from Washington to get our missions accomplished before we enter the environmental window that will close in March. On top of that we're trying hard to get projects going out and awarded so contractors can begin their work. That's a monumental effort. And at the same time we've got the release of the President's Budget for FY 07 and all of the preparations for our USACE leadership to testify before Congress to justify that budget. So, we're at that point of the year where we're living two budgets at the same time; we're living projects that we were given in the 06 budget, and now we're trying to get the 07 budget understood by the congressional leadership. Ticking underneath all of that is the clock that's counting down to hurricane season in four months. That adds urgency to everything else we're doing right now.



COL John Pulliam, Jr.

Yes, we're at a critical period right now. Everybody's working very hard, and I appreciate your efforts. And the people of North Carolina really appreciate what we're doing, regardless of the budget situation. Our reputation is solid, and we need to keep giving 100 percent each and every day. HOOAH!

On another note I'd like to welcome home Chris Frabotta and John Hazelton from their deployments. Chris spent a year in Iraq, and John completed his second deployment to Afghanistan. On behalf of the District I'd like to thank them for their service overseas. And let's keep our other deployed District folks in mind: Mamie Anderson, Cheryl Parks, and Robert Dennis in Afghanistan, and Ron Roberts in Iraq. Also, don't forget hurricane recovery deployee Jeff Richter and everyone else who volunteered their time. All of these folks will appreciate an email message. Don't forget them. "jp"

Year-Long Deployment Yields Numerous Accomplishments

If you volunteer to help with USACE reconstruction efforts in Iraq it means putting your life on hold for at least four months. A lot can be accomplished in that time, but there are far better results for the Corps if the deployment is lengthier. Chris Frabotta of Project Management spent a year in Iraq as the Resident Engineer for the Basrah South Resident Office of the Basrah Area Office. While unfathomable for most people to understand why he spent that long overseas, his answer is simple; there was simply too much work that needed to be done that wasn't getting done.

"Of course I felt sad when I left because several projects that I had started were not complete," he said. "My Iraqi staff members and I got along well and we accomplished a lot, but it was time for me to come back."

The accomplishments he made with a fellow USACE civilian and his seven-man Iraqi team were impressive. 35 construction projects were awarded to his office totaling about 180-million dollars. Those projects included everything from dredging at Khor Az Zubair Port to the renovation of a local court house to construction of an ammunition supply point for the Iraqi Navy. By far the largest project was Khor Az Zubair Power Generation which pro-



Chris Frabotta, right, poses with two of his bodyguards.

vided an additional 250 megawatts to the 400 kilovolt Iraqi nationwide power grid.

Frabotta said that being flexible and having common sense was part of the equation of heading up a resident office. Supplies were scarce, and he relied on wits to get the basic needs of an office.

"We were starting from scratch. We had to find desks and a few computers to support two Americans and seven Iraqi engineers. We horse traded and we borrowed to get more supplies."

Frabotta and his newly-formed crew hit the ground running. Contracts were sent to him from Gulf Region South Headquarters in Talill, and he soon juggled his time and energy between dozens of site scattered throughout his area of operation, south of Basrah.

"Here in Wilmington you have the project delivery teams, inception through completion. Everybody brings their expertise to the table. Over there, the first time we saw a contract it had already been awarded. So we didn't get to offer our expertise. We'd receive a scope of work, sometimes all at once. And that was after never having visited the project site. All of that among the nine of us."

Once he adapted to the situation things began to smooth out. He admired the loyalty of his Iraqi workers who, despite threats, dedicated themselves to rebuilding their country.

"We paid these guys a lot of money. We paid them as much as some of the director generals in the municipalities or more than a police chief. But in the



Members of the Iraqi Navy benefited from a new ammunition supply point built by Frabotta and his team.

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If it Looks Like a Duck...it's Probably One of Dave Lekson's

Story and Photos by Hank Heusinkveld

10 years ago, Dave Lekson saw a waterfowl carving in his town of Washington, NC and decided he'd like to replicate it. Although he played several musical instruments and dabbled in woodworking, he had no decoy carving experience and little inclination to try his hand at it.

"I'd worked before with wood, everything from carving hiking sticks to building the hourglass-shaped stringed instrument dulcimer," he said. "I also did a little bit of drawing trees on t-shirts and painting lighthouses on slate."

With a newly found passion, he got involved with local woodcarvers and within a year had learned enough to enter his first competition where he received an honorable mention. It got him hooked, and little did he know that nearly 10 years later he'd be one of the best waterfowl woodcarvers in the world.

"It didn't happen overnight and I'm still learning," he said. "I mean I'm giving the big boys a run for their



This block of wood will soon transform into a bird of Dave's choice.



Dave Lekson smooths the breast of a wooden drake with fine-grained sandpaper.

money! Most of them are either retired or do it full time, so it's hard to compete as you can imagine. I can only produce two or three birds a year of this quality."

His talent has caught the eyes of people in some very high places. He was recognized and later commissioned by the National Audubon Society to carve an Ivory-billed Woodpecker for the organization's 100th anniversary celebration held in November in New York City. Lekson and his wife attended the ceremony where former NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw presented his carving to the Audubon CEO John Flicker. According to Lekson, a project of this scope normally takes at least six months, but he was given just 30 days.

"Luckily, I had some excess leave time and I was able to cobble together several three-day weekends to do it," he explained. "One weekend I worked 26 out of 48 hours. My project tally...14 days, 140 hours, bloodshot eyes and a permanent hump in my back!"

As a competitor, Lekson carves to win. He has consistently placed first in state competitions and first in national competitions that are often held in Washington, NC.

"I got third in the world at Ocean City, Maryland in an international competition. There were carvers from all over world, including Europeans, Canadians, and Japanese."

The competition itself is cutthroat. Officials put the wooden birds in upside



Master of Ceremeony Tom Brokaw presents Audubon CEO John Flicker with Dave Lekson's Ivory-billed Woodpecker during the 100th Anniversary of the Audubon Society.

down in a tank of water and they've got to flip over correctly. To make it more intense for the competitor, the water literally has to drip off the wooden duck's back and then float properly "to convey the essence of the species." They're judged from 20 feet away, then the judges come closer to look at the

level of detail in the painting. They then remove the birds one at a time from tank. "You're hoping that your bird's the last one left in the tank!"

According to Lekson, some consider waterfowl carving to be more of a craft than an art form. But it takes an artistic eye to see a beautiful bird within a block of wood.

"Carvers get short shrift sometimes. When people think of art they think of a painting on the wall. Well, think about that a little...that's flat work, two-dimensional. Not to diminish the art behind that, but carving is sculpture and then



Carving is not only part of an artistic outlet for Lekson, but a stress buster, too.

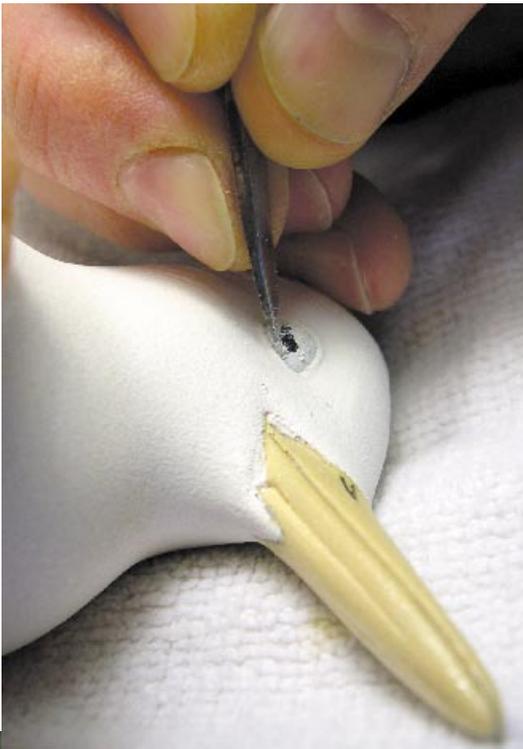
painting and it's three-dimensional. And to be three-dimensional it has to be correct from all angles. You can't hide it."

Lekson's "canvasses" are various types of wood found in and around Washington, NC. He favors swamp tupelo "because it holds the very fine details and it's very light." He said because of its fragile properties it doesn't stand up to weathering very well and if unprotected it will accumulate dents and other blemishes.

"For hunting decoys you can't beat Atlantic white cedar. It doesn't rot, it's relatively light and it carves fine and that's been the traditional wood of choice for decoys for eastern North Carolina."

Dave's workshop is his own refuge. When he's there he can let go of the hectic day-to-day activity of running the Washington Regulatory Field Office. He has the challenging job of managing the field office team as they oversee all regulatory actions within the 21 northeastern counties of North Carolina. But when he's lost in his work time stands still which allows him to bring out the intricate details of a male wood duck's beautiful plumage, or refine the shape of a Hooded Merganser drake's delicate head. He'll never call this work. It's first and foremost a hobby.

"If it ever seems like work, then the fun part will wear off. I do commission birds and I do sell them, but I derive more pleasure out of giving birds away. It's a lot of fun."



Attention to detail is required for competing at the world level.



A bird like this can take months for lekson to complete. Note the detail in paint which brings this wooden object to life.

FUDS Work Resumes at WWII Training Installation

Contractors continue to look for potential unexploded ordnance and other munitions at the Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) at the World War II training installation known as Camp Butner. The site currently being addressed is called Area 1A and is roughly 20 acres in size and it's located within the town of Butner, NC just north of Durham. Area 1A was chosen because an EE/CA or Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis indicated that the former range was used not only to train Soldiers for flamethrowing, but it may also have been used for grenade and mine training. Workers found a non-explosive practice mine during a the response action of the site in late January.

Ray Livermore, a member of the Wilmington District's Camp Butner FUDS Project, said urban sprawl is uncovering much of the former Camp Butner's training areas that were at one time isolated areas. Land is less expensive in Butner than in areas like Raleigh and Durham which has meant an influx of people looking for more affordable homes and real estate. One key point for this project, he said, is assuring the public that safety is first and foremost on everyone's mind.

"The contractors working on this job have performed many similar projects



Workers scour plots at the flame throwing range at the former Camp Butner.

in other locations," he said. "A lot of these folks are former military ordnance specialists. There's enough confidence in them to use their military experience combined with the best technology and techniques for handling this sensitive issue."

Livermore said proactive community involvement has helped keep residents in Butner and those who live within



The area that was searched is located just outside the town of Camp Butner.



Soldiers training at Camp Butner during World War II.

the former Camp Butner informed about the project.

"We are getting information out to the public and one of our target groups is children. We've produced a safety video that helps explain to them what Camp Butner was during World War Two and to call police or get an adult if they ever find a piece of ordnance or any type of munitions."

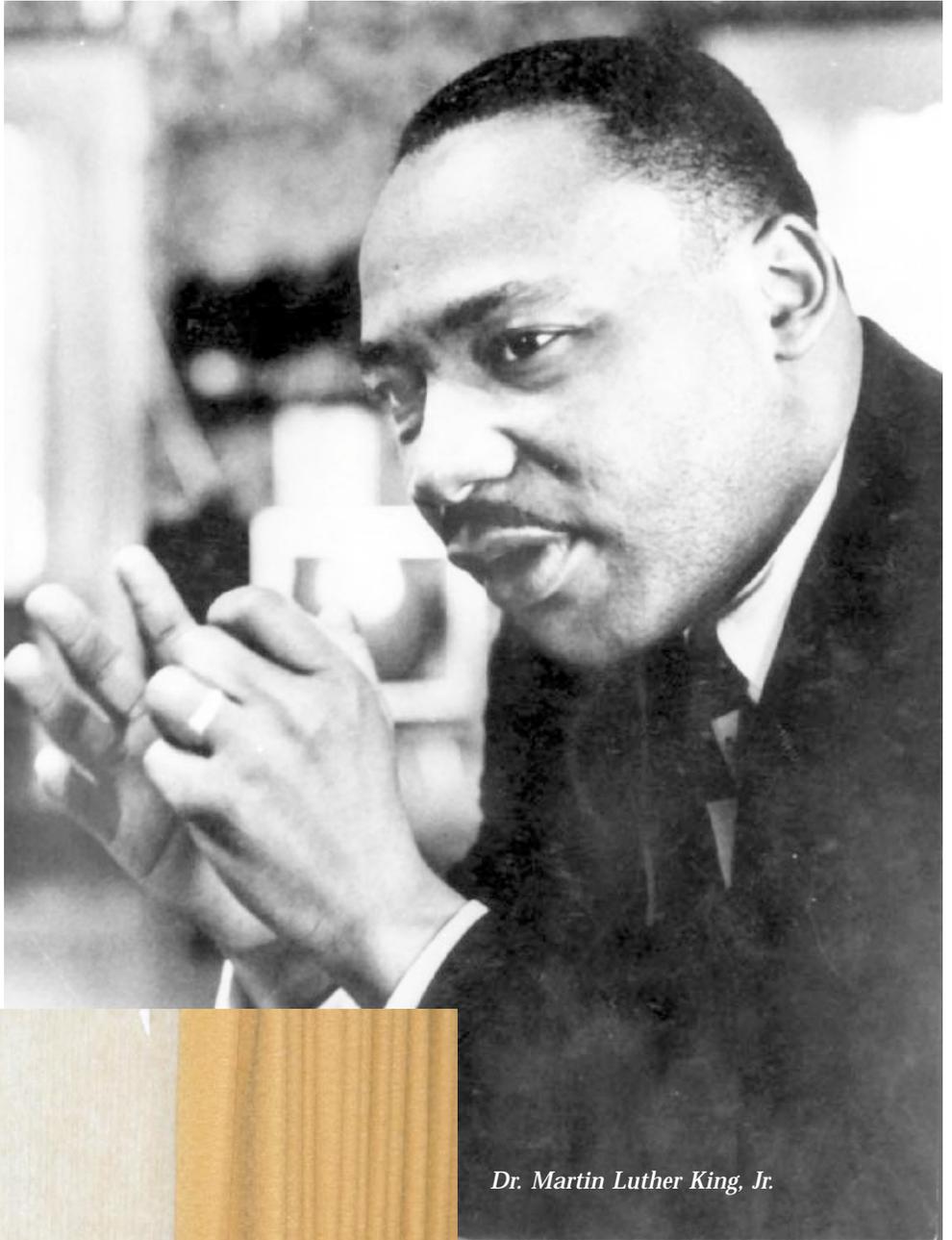
The Department of Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) funds cleanup of sites like Camp Butner under the FUDS program. The US Army Corps of Engineers acts as the Defense Department's agent to get the job done. The Wilmington District is the organization assigned to be project manager for the Camp Butner FUDS project.

Former District Member Guest Speaker at MLK Breakfast

Annie Nixon Sidberry, a former Wilmington District member, was the guest speaker at the annual commemorative breakfast honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sponsored by the Black Employment Program, Sidberry talked about the greatness of Dr. King and his many contributions to helping further race relations and creating opportunity for African Americans. Her speech focused on a Native American tale called "Two Wolves". Ms. Sidberry used it after a suggestion by her husband, Minister Willie Sidberry, Jr. who said the story is short, sweet and to the point. Furthermore, it gives people something simple, yet very complex to think about.

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside every individual. He said, "My son, the battle is between two 'wolves' inside us all.

One is evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego. The



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

Annie Sidberry gives her speech as Deputy District Commander LTC Bud Jones looks on.

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eyes of the Islamic fundamentalists they were working with the ‘infidels’ and one guy who worked for me received a threatening letter.”

One on one, Frabotta’s Iraqi workers openly told him about life under Saddam Hussein. He grew to understand why they risked their lives to work with him to take part in reconstruction efforts.

“Every one of them knew multiple people that Saddam Hussein killed, reportedly, for no reason. Whole families...grandmothers, uncles, children... killed them all. And based on their demeanor they weren’t lying.”

Frabotta’s workload kept him busy every day, including weekends. He said a typical workday averaged between 13 to 15 hours with little time off. He lived in a “man camp” that housed 35 men which was protected around the clock by 50 guards per shift. A former Soldier who was a scout in the Army for two years, he knew that he was in good hands once he knew the impressive resumes of his bodyguards.

“They would pick me up in an armored vehicle. All of them were former military members, mostly from Great Britain and South Africa. There were



Contract workers take a breather in front of a new building they’re renovating.

also former members of the French Foreign Legion, Navy SEALs and Army Rangers.”

Touring about southern Iraq Frabotta increased his motivation for putting in long hours every day. He saw first-hand parts of Iraq that haven’t changed since Saddam Hussein was taken out of power.



Frabotta and COL Geoffrey Gerber pose with Ali, the son of a contract worker, during celebration of the completion of the Umm Khayyal Police Station renovation.

“Seeing how people live...rock and mud huts, filthy conditions, open sewers...it was heart breaking to see that. There was no time to not be motivated.”

Frabotta said that if given a chance he’d go back for another year in Iraq. As an engineer he said that there’s enough work to last a lifetime, but he’d like to see more commitments made within the Corps.

“Yeah, I’d go back because not many people want to do it. It’s a job that needs to be done. The order was to rebuild so I want to rebuild “



Luqman Salmen, left, one of Frabotta’s workers, gather information for a contract and solicitation package.

African American Inventions We Take For Granted

By Kathy Taylor Dejoie

I came in on the tale end of a rerun of "The Parkers" recently, and was sorry that I had missed the beginning. Kim and her best friend, Stevie, were sitting in a cold apartment, hair uncombed, wrinkled clothing and barefoot.

When asked by Nikki what was going on, they replied that they were participating in a class project on what the world would be like without African-American inventions. [They were barefoot because Jan E. Madeline invented the shoe lasting machine, uncombed because Walter Sammons invented the hair comb, wrinkled because Sarah Boone invented the ironing board and George T. Samon invented the clothes dryer]

So, that got me to thinking....what would the world be like without African-American inventions? Let me share with you a humorous list that has been circulating along the Internet for a few years now. I have no idea who started it, or who compiled it. But, here it is for your enjoyment.

Well, for starters, you can forget your penthouse view, because without Alexander Mils' elevator, buildings wouldn't be very tall. The roads would be less crowded because Richard Spikes invented the automatic gearshift, Joseph Gambol invented the super charge system for internal combustion engines. Talk about traffic jams! Imagine the number of accidents without Garrett A. Morgan's traffic signal.

Forget a Sunday ride on the Canal Street Car Line or the world-famous San Francisco cable cars – remember, the electric trolley was the creation of Albert R. Robinson. And imagine how long it would take to clean up after Mardi Gras without Charles Brooks' street sweeper!

Writing would be a challenge without John Love's pencil sharpener, William Purvey's fountain pen, and Lee Barrage's typewriter. How would we print our magazine without W. A. Love's advanced printing press? Even if Americans could write letters, articles and books, they would have to hand-deliver them because William Barry invented the postmarking and canceling machine, William Purveys invented the hand stamp, and Philip Downing invented the letter drop.

But, you couldn't read after dark anyway, because your home would be really dim without Lewis Lattimer's electric lamp, Michael Harvey's lantern. Once on, how would you turn your lamp off without Granville T. Woods' automatic on/off switch? The advantage to the darkness is that you wouldn't be able to see the dirty floors. You see, Thomas W. Steward invented the mop and Lloyd P. Ray invented the dust pan.

Forget the beautifully manicured golf course greens. They'd be brown, overgrown and wilted without Joseph Smith's sprinkler system and John Burr's lawn mower.

Summers in New Orleans would be unbearable without Fredrick Jones' air conditioner, and who could survive winter in Boston without Alice Parker's heating furnace?

Finally, forget all our famous southern dishes. They'd all spoil without the refrigerator, which was invented by John Standard.

I challenge all history teachers to follow the lead of the Parkers and have their students live one day without the inventions of Black Americans. To help you get started, click the link below for a [partial] listing of African-American inventions.

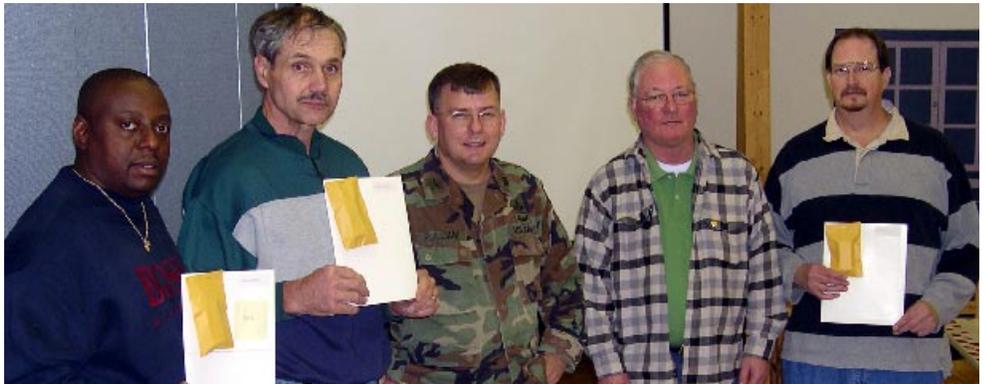


Numerous Awards Presented, Recognition at All Hands Meeting

It's a rare occasion when our fellow SAW members from the vessels can find the time to assemble at the same place at the same time. But that's what they did when District Commander COL John Pulliam handed out Service Awards, Commanders Awards and Certificates of Appreciation in January at the All Hands Meeting. Special recognition went to the crew of the Merritt for helping rescue a drowning Marine from the New River Inlet last July after being caught in the swift ebb tide current. Most of the time they are out of sight, but they are not out of mind. Congratulations to our hard working captains and their crews who give their all when on the open water, in narrow river channels or in areas hundreds of miles away from their home base of the Wilmington District. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.



Commander's Award for Merritt Repair - Rob Paige, Willie Blackman, Van Sellers, Captain Ray Bleam and Tommy Bourbeau.



Service Awards - George Tootle, Captain Ray Bleam, Captain Ed Evans and Captain Bud Gaskins.



Commander's Award for Merritt Repair - Lester Gaughf, Ken Bailey, Tim Feith, Jim Mann, Eddie Reese, Clay Tatum, George Loveless and Glenn Davis.



Commander's Award for Civilian Service - Captain Billy Cutthrell, Keith Fulcher, Paul Allen, Donald Fulcher, Tommy Bourbeau, Ed King and Manuel Baeza.

Gillette Crew Rescues Retired Corps Employee on Cape Fear



Allen Fryar and Mike Shrekengost stand before the Gillette at the Engineer Yard.

On Saturday, January 28, Allen Fryar, Mike Shrekengost and Wayne Sprye were doing routine surveys on the Cape Fear River near the Port of Wilmington when they heard a distress call on their radio. A panic-stricken man was yelling that the operator of a 32-foot recreational boat was possibly having a heart attack and acting strangely. When the man said the name of the boat the Gillette crew members noticed it was roughly 50 feet ahead of them. Alan Fryar, who was piloting the Gillette, decided to pull alongside the boat. He jumped onboard and saw a man in his mid-sixties with a long ponytail babbling incoherently.

"I thought he was on drugs," said Fryar. "He was rolling his eyes. He could sit up, he was breathing fine and he could talk, but he was just talking nonsense. I really thought it was recreational pharmaceutical drugs or a stroke."

Mike Shrekengost also jumped on board, while Sprye took over the controls of the Gillette. Trained in adult CPR and first aid, Shrekengost checked the delirious man's vital signs while Fryar took control of the boat.

"The other guy was scared to death yelling 'I don't know what's wrong with him!'," said Fryar. "Mike was checking the vitals, and I'm trying to figure out how to drive this boat. I finally got it in gear and I'm trying to power it up and it won't power up. It was running about four knots and sputtering. I heard an

alarm, too. The guy's friend said not to worry about it because it had been going off all morning."

The alarm was a clue that Fryar and Shrekengost wouldn't discover until after they brought the man to safety. They eventually found out that it was activated when carbon monoxide was released.

"Fortunately, we had the window open on top so everybody was getting fresh air," Fryar explained. "It didn't even go through my mind that it could have been carbon monoxide. All I was worried about was getting him from where we were by the port up to a dock by the Marietta where we could get him to an ambulance."

The man was eventually taken to New Hanover Regional Hospital. Shrekengost happened to be at the hospital and found the wife of the stricken man.

"She asked me who I worked for and I told her the Corps of Engineers. She laughed and said what a coincidence. It turns out that her husband was a former District Commander in two dif-

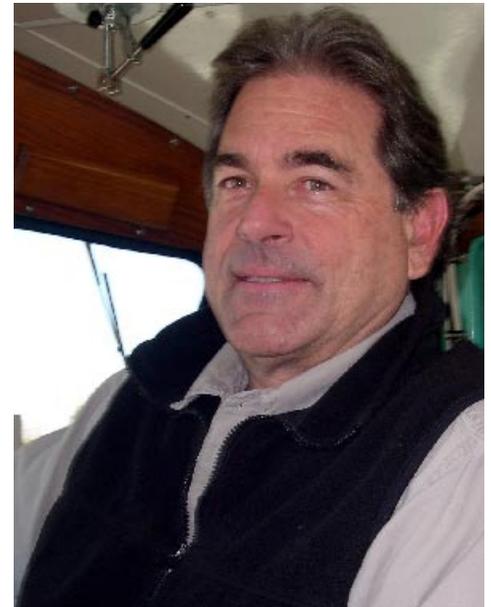
ferent districts of the Corps!"

The identity of the man remains anonymous because his last name is not registered in telephone directories.

According to Fryar, situations like this are not uncommon. While vessels like the Gillette are required to keep open channels for maritime emergencies they're not obligated to provide emergency assistance to distress calls.

"We see a lot of things out there. When the calls do come in you have to make the determination for yourself if someone's really in trouble or if they think they're in trouble or lost, whatever the situation. We have to consider whether we keep working or relay the message, or help out."

In the Gillette crew's case it was the latter. And although they don't know more about the man they helped save they say it doesn't really matter. All they know is that they did what they simply thought was right; help out a fellow mariner.



Wayne Sprye on board the Gillette.

"One important lesson learned is to know your safety equipment. In this case, not knowing the alarm that was sounding was a carbon monoxide detector could have been tragic for both people on board the boat. The detector did what it was supposed to do. Unfortunately, the victims didn't. Again, knowing the equipment cannot be overemphasized."

- SAW Safety Manager Bill Harris

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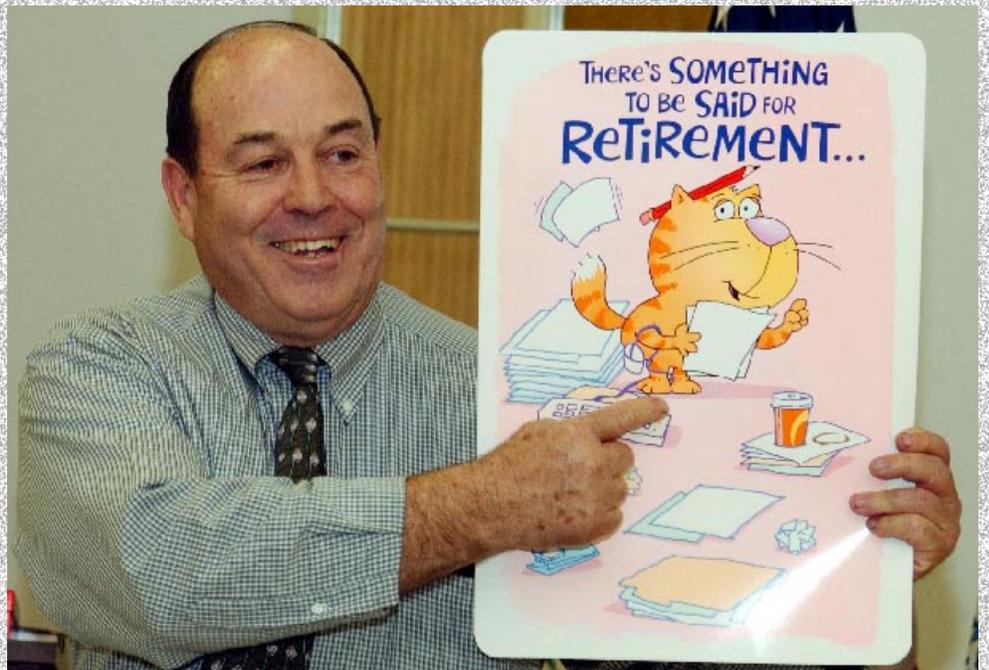
Allan McDuffie



Fred Lehman



Trudy Wilder



Billy Lee

Our Retirees...



Gary Pennington



Bob Snijer



Diane Borwell



Dan Keir



Jan Wutkowski

Website Highlights

North Carolina General Assembly—
January 1, 2006 Effective Date—Laws

http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/LegislativePublications/2005effectiveda_jan2006/jan2006.pdf

This six-page PDF site lists laws North Carolina General Assembly passed or changed in 2005, laws that went into effect January 1, 2006. A brief synopsis of each law is displayed, as well as a list of changes to existing laws. Hyperlinks take users to the full text of each law as well as a list of sponsors, vote history, attributes, and history. Laws of interest may be: Implement CRFL/Amend Fisheries Laws, Clarify Clean Water Funding and Procedure, City/County Planning Clarification, and the 2005 Appropriations Act.

Hard To Find 800 Numbers

<http://www.hardtfind800numbers.com>

Put this one in your bookmarks right away, as you never know when you may need it. Ever try to find contact phone numbers for such elusive companies as eBay, PayPal, Microsoft, Amazon, or Google, to name a few? Most of these companies want their customers to contact them by email, but as we all know, this process can be exasperating when you need to explain a situation to a human. This site also give numbers for companies that DON'T have toll free numbers, as well as helpful tips such as 'keep pressing 0 until a person answers,' special contact numbers, hours of operation, etc. An excellent source for the frustrated.

Coastal Inundation Visualization Tool

www.csc.noaa.gov/cspPNW/

Although developed for a stretch of sandy shoreline in Tillamook County, Oregon, this tool could be applied in coastal areas with similar environmental conditions to evaluate erosion potential. By using near-real-time ocean observation data users may be able to identify property that is susceptible to coastal erosion.

FirstGov

<http://www.firstgov.gov/>

One of the ways the aforementioned E.Gov site implements its mandate is through this, 'the official U.S. gateway to all government information.' This well laid out site offers numerous ways of finding information: by organization, by search box, as a Federal employee, private citizen, or government-to-government. Also see the Reference Center and Contact Your Government sections.

E.Gov

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/>

This website serves as an overview of President Bush's goal of 'utilizing technology to improve how the Federal Government serves you, citizens, businesses and agencies alike.' Current topics, such as Expanding E-Government Results Report, The President's Management Agenda and Performance Measures, is presented prominently on the page.

Hurricane Planning and Impact Assessment Reports

www.csc.noaa.gov/hes/

Another NOAA site offering 60+ documents covering many aspects of hurricanes: post-storm assessments, planning and response, evacuation planning and studies, among other topics. Users may download reports or order a hard copy, although report summaries are viewable on the website.

Implosion World

<http://www.implosionworld.com/>

What a blast this site is! Pardon the pun but this site is "the explosive demolition industry's worldwide source for news and information on building implosions, blowdowns and all other types of structural blasting projects." Here you will find a Photo Gallery, World Records, Blasts From the Past, and Implosions Live (developed so that all can see actual implosion video). A section called Did You Know explores some of the planning that goes into these spectacular events.

Coastal Storms Program

www.csc.noaa.gov/csp/

This program, from NOAA, brings together many capabilities to focus on easing the impacts of storms on a particular coastal region or community. Products developed through regional projects cover such storm related issues as community risk and vulnerability assessment, flood response, and improved weather forecasting.

ArchiveGrid

<http://archivegrid.org/web/jsp/index.jsp>

ArchiveGrid is a service of RLG, a not-for-profit membership organization of over 150 universities, libraries, archives, historical societies, and institutions with remarkable collections for research and learning. They have contributed almost a million collection descriptions including historical documents, personal papers, and family histories. Many of North Carolina's universities contribute to this archive.

Kerr Scott Signs MOU with “Friends of The Lake Association”

Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir announces the official signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with a local non-profit group called “Friends of W. Kerr Scott Lake”. The MOU was signed by Col John Pulliam Jr. on January 20, 2006 and now brings the number of Kerr Scott Reservoir cooperative association to two. Both cooperative associations serve as partners with the Corps in improving the reservoir’s natural resources and recreation facilities.

Kerr Scott’s Operations Manager Terry Ramsey has asked the new Friends of Kerr Scott Lake to assist in five major areas of improvements where funding is currently unavailable. These include:

1. Completion of the renovation of Ft. Hamby Amphitheater
2. Extend water and electric utilities to Dark Mountain Park

3. Raise funding for Waterfowl impoundment EA and construction
4. Raise funding for Environmental Education Center Development
5. Improve Kerr Scott trail systems

The new organization exists solely to improve Kerr Scott reservoir. In October 2005, non-profit 501 (3c) status was obtained by the group thereby making donations tax exempt. The group is actively identifying possible grants, fund raising campaigns, and corporate sponsorships all aimed at Kerr Scott improvements. “We are expecting great things from this partnership. We are asked to do more with less of a budget each year. It is simply refreshing to have a group of concerned citizens willing to help”, said Terry Ramsey.



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