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2004 Proves To Be Busy Year for SAD

2004 proved to be a very busy year for the South Atlantic Division. The biggest event to involve SAD were hurricanes Charley, Frances, Jeanne and Ivan. Never could anyone believe that the southeastern coast could be hit with 4 hurricanes in almost as many weeks. The Corps of Engineers was waiting to respond as soon as it became evident our Districts would be hit by the impending storms. SAD saw round-the-clock operations for several months with many dedicated employees volunteering to step-up and take the call to help. The Corps was responsible for ensuring ice and water made it to residents of the affected areas as quickly as possible. We were there to provide emergency generators to places such as hospitals and nursing homes. We also took the task of emergency temporary roofing and housing for those whose homes were damaged during the storms. This continues to be a currently on-going operation. Several of our people deployed to

provide hands-on assistance to those affected by the storms, while those here on the home front continued with the behind the scenes support.

2004 also saw the departure of BG Castro and COL Held, and the arrival of COL Walsh and COL Butler.

The year also brought about many moves due to USACE 2012. We also dove into P2 and the SAD Campaign Plan. We are, however, still awaiting the full implementation of both.

On a sadder note, we saw the passing of Paul Robinson not long after joining the SAD team. We saw many folks retire and added many new ones to our team. We also had several to deploy to Iraq. We currently have two, Kertz Hare and George Condoyiannis, still deployed.

Indeed, 2004 proved to be a year in which the SAD Team became a Team of Teams serving the Army and the Nation.



Damage from Hurricane Ivan, Mobile County, AL



Kertz Hare assisting with water and ice delivery in Lakeland, FL after Hurricane Charley

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Some Came While Others Went

The 2004 retirees are:

Roland Blanding

Pat Burgess

Dennis Calbreath

Jim Chestnut

Bob Johnson

John Sanders

Roger Tyler

Pam Webb



Nick Baggett, PDS-O

Bill Baugh, RBR-B

COL Benjamin Butler, DD

Geoff Chatfield, RBM

George Condoyiannis, RBT

James Dalton, RB

Petina Doddy, IM

Jean Ellis, CEEO-SAD

Allison Felsher, PDS-O

Kelley Gilhooly, RBM

Antwinette Goodman, CESB-SAD

Laura Harrell, RBT-C

Tracy Hendren, PDD-J

Tommy Kyzar, PDM

Virginia McNary, RBR-M

Brian Newman, RBR-F

Derek Santos, CECC-SAD

Shelton Sapp, PDS-O

Eric Thompson, PDM

COL Michael Walsh, DE

Carmetta Wallace, RBR-B

We also had several new faces around:



In memory of Paul Robinson



Paul Robinson, a member of the Senior Executive Service with 38 years in the Corps of Engineers, passed away April 25 2004 after a courageous battle with leukemia.



A Chat With Dot



Dot Camp, F&A Officer

"The Corps decided it couldn't handle both of us, so one of us had to go. I decided it was him."

Dot Camp retired on 14 January 2005 after 30 years with the Corps. Dot was born in Graceville, Florida, the 5th out of 6 children. She graduated from the University of South Florida in 1968 with a degree in Accounting and joined the Corps on 13 January 1975.

Upon graduating from U of SF, Dot decided, on a whim, to move out west. She went to Albuquerque, NM to be a cook for a friend who was in grad school. It was there that she had her first introduction to the Corps of Engineers. Dot visited the Jemez Canyon dam and there discovered the first ever handicapped parking space she had ever seen. She also had a friend whose father was a Republican politician and lobbied when the Albuquerque District was going to be shut down.

After deciding she was a better accountant than cook, Dot took jobs with various private sector companies before coming to the Corps. She worked for a manufacturer (who defaulted on a contract with the government), a florist, a country club and a construction company. She then was selected for a position with the Savannah District as a GS-05 Accounting Technician in January of 1975. While at the Savannah District, Dot applied for and was accepted into the DA Intern program for accounting. From there, she progressed to the Chief of Civil Accounting Section. In approximately 1979, she did a lateral move to become the Chief of Manpower. She was promised that if she took this position, she would know anything and everything about the Corps. She was very disappointed to find out that was not the case. Therefore, she came to SAD in March of 1984 as a Staff Accountant. She was later promoted to the F&A Officer in 1989, the position she holds

upon her retirement.

During Dot's time with the Corps, she has seen the introduction and ultimate destruction of COEMIS, Funds Control, automated T&As and CEFMS. When she first started with the Corps, Finance in the Savannah District consisted of 50 people in one large room, without cubicles. Those came many years later.

Dot's most frustrating time with the Corps was actually a government-wide problem. In the days before the Americans with Disabilities Act, there were no handicapped parking spaces. Every day upon her arrival at work, she would have to park her car on the curb in front of the building, go to her desk and have someone go out and park her car for her. She would have to reverse the procedure upon her departure every day. This was a daily routine for the first 20 years she was with the Corps. A friend of hers in the Savannah District even tried to lobby for a reserved metered parking space for her. She was told that if they did it for her, then they'd have to do it for everyone with a disability. It wasn't until SAD moved to the old MLK building that she was finally able to get a handicapped spot and come and go as she pleased.

When asked what her favorite or most pleasant memory is with the Corps, Dot said she couldn't really pinpoint one or two events. As she said, "When you have a group of people that, for 30 years, you laugh with them, cry with them, celebrate with them, share each others sorrows, it's hard to pick just one or two events. There are people here today who danced at my wedding 20 years ago." The thing she is most thankful to the Corps for is her husband. "Kenny Lamarca likes to take the credit for introducing me to my

husband," says Dot. He was, at the time, a Corps employee at SAD. "The Corps decided it couldn't handle both of us, so one of us had to go. I decided it was him."

Her most treasured memory is of an award she received from Jerry Canupp and Dennis Calbreath. "Used to be," said Dot, "we had an employee recognition program. We were able to select a fellow employee and present that employee with a coin. Jerry and Dennis presented me with a double sided, mounted coin for helping them during year end close-out. That meant a lot to me because it came from my counterparts."

Dot has had a very fulfilling career with the Corps. The highlight was when she was accepted into the DA Intern Program. She stated that her career always went up and she enjoyed her time with the Corps and the people she worked with.

Upon her retirement, she and her husband plan to move to Dahlonega. She hasn't figured out yet what she will do with all of her free time. Between a husband and a granddaughter, I'm sure she'll find many ways to fill the time.





A Final Word From Roy Harvison

Roy Harvison retired on 31 December, 2004 after 41 years in government service. Roy was born in McLain, MS and spent his formative years living in the Gulf Coast city of Mobile, AL. After graduating from high school in 1959, he served in the United States Army. In 1962, after being discharged from the Army, he returned to Mobile and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering, with a major in electrical engineering, from the University of South Alabama in 1969.

After graduation, he started his career with the US Army Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division, in the Corps of Engineers rotational training program and was assigned to the Mobile District. Upon completion of the training assignments, he was assigned to the Millers Ferry hydroelectric project in Camden, Alabama. While there, he served as an operations and staff electrical engineer during the final stages of construction and the

subsequent repair of the three generators.

After the completion of this repair in 1971, Roy moved to Mobile into the Mobile District's Operations Division and the Hydropower Branch. In 1978, Roy moved to the South Atlantic Division Office here in Atlanta to the Hydropower Division of the Construction-Operations Division. He served his entire career, except for brief engineering and operations assignments, in the management of the operations and maintenance of hydroelectric projects.

Roy's most frustrating times during his career was in dealing with budget shortfalls to repair and install generators in a timely manner. "There seems to be a general lack of concern for generating equipment," says Roy, "People don't seem to understand the value of generating equipment to the electrical system of the United States."

Roy stated that his most cherished award came from the Mobile District. He was given an award for his assistance in putting four generator units on line for the Mobile District. "That award meant something to me. I worked hard on that project. The citation was written by someone I worked with on the project," states Roy, "He wrote that citation from the heart, and that meant a lot."

At the time of his retirement, Roy was the Hydropower Program Manager for the South Atlantic Division, Operations and Regulatory Division, Programs Directorate. He is now looking forward to having plenty of time for the things he loves (outside of generators); fishing, boating; hunting, golf and University of Alabama sports.



Roy Harvison, PDS-O

"People don't seem to understand the value of generating equipment to the electrical system of the United States."



The Following Individuals Were Deployed To Or Left For Iraq During 2004

Jerry Anderson-Jacksonville District

Henry Blake-Jacksonville District

Jason Boothe-Mobile District

Pat Burgess-SAD

Eric Bush-Jacksonville District

Vernard Cleveland-Charleston District

Glen Coffee-Mobile District

George Condyiannis-SAD

John Crooke-Mobile District

Robert Dennis-Wilmington District

Ken Derickerson-Savannah District

Patrick Duffney-Mobile District

Billie Fagan-Charleston District

Angela Futrell-Mobile District

Wendell Hardwick-Savannah District

Kertz Hare-South Atlantic Division

Don Hendrix-Mobile District

Leo Hickman-Mobile District

Rod Hill-Savannah District

Elizabeth Hilliard-Savannah District

William Huxford-Savannah District

Marlene Judy-Charleston District

John Kasbar-Jacksonville District

Chris Kline-Jacksonville District

Deloras Lucious-Mobile District

Schappi Marsh-Savannah District

Willie Ann Mays-Jacksonville District

John McMillin-SAD

Ingeborg Miller-Savannah District

Edward Morente-Jacksonville District

Gene Morisani-Mobile District

Donald "Chip" Nieman-Jacksonville District

CPT John Panhorst-Savannah District

Douglas Plachey-Savannah District

David Schmidt-Savannah District

Carolyn Seaman-Mobile District

John "Bobby" Simpson-Mobile District

Amanda Smith-Mobile District

MAJ Erik Stor-Jacksonville District

Gabriele Supon-Savannah District

Milton Switanek-Jacksonville District

Roy Vaughn-Jacksonville District

Nancy Wallace-Wilmington District

Terry Williams-Mobile District

Roger Wilson-Mobile District



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SAD Year In Review



OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE
GULF REGION DIVISION
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