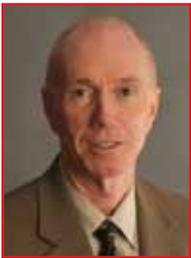


Corps Day 2010 Savannah District Annual Awards Ceremony

Fort Pulaski served as the backdrop for Savannah District's Corps Day activities on June 18. Savannah District Commander Col. Jeffrey M. Hall opened the program and recognized the accomplishments of employees, including Team Member, Supervisor, and Student Team Members of the Year. The Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees also gained an inductee, with family members on hand to celebrate the achievement. Savannah District employees who completed 30, 35, and 40 years of federal service were recognized during the Annual Awards Ceremony with a Longevity Service Award.

District Team Member of the Year Awards

Team Member of the Year, Engineering and Scientific



Thomas Brockbank, chief, Center of Standardization (COS) Section, Design Branch, Engineering Division, has been named Savannah District's 2010 Team Member of the Year, Engineering and Scientific Field. Brockbank applied new concept developments that led his team in the preparation of 70 task orders for \$1.38 billion in construction projects throughout the world. More importantly, Brockbank led and taught the other Centers of Standardization (COS) throughout the Corps in the methods and procedures they needed to follow in developing adapt-build models. The impact of this achievement has established Savannah District as the model for other COS districts to emulate. Brockbank's success has been widely recognized by Corps Headquarters, his peers, and other Corps commands.

Supervisor of the Year



Cynthia Turner serves as the Deputy Chief of Real Estate Division. As a supervisor, Turner not only leads her section but steps in as a true team player. She encourages her team by presenting them with opportunities to learn and grow within the Real Estate Division. She builds trust by verbally recognizing her staff in public, and nominating them for monetary awards for their exceptional work. Turner sets the standard and exemplifies leadership that shines through to her staff.

Team Member of the Year, Other than Engineering and Scientific



Barbara McComb, former budget analyst, Engineering Division, was honored posthumously as the District's Team Member of the Year, Other than Engineering and Scientific Field. Because of her perseverance and efforts, the Savannah District submitted the most efficient Consolidated Departmental Overhead budget in the region and exceeded all Command Management Review metrics. The respect McComb earned from her friends and co-workers is not new-- but developed over her 30 years with the Corps. Her actions will be remembered for years to come by those who knew her.

Student Team Member of the Year



Jeannine Dukes of the Equal Employment Opportunity Office was recognized as the District's 2010 Student Team Member of the Year. A student at Savannah State University, Dukes juggles her work and class schedule and still maintains a high grade point average. Her attention to detail has resulted in quick response to people seeking EEO advice. Her excellent assistance to the Special Emphasis Program is motivated by a drive to do not just a good job, but a great job. Her exceptional support has ensured that EEO is in full compliance with all regulatory requirements.



Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees



Gloria Williams, former Finance and Accounting Officer, Resource Management Division, was inducted posthumously into the Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees. Each year the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recognizes one retired or deceased employee who rendered distinguished and exceptional service to the Savannah District and the Corps.

Williams was honored for her long and dedicated career which includes more than 31 years of federal service, 16 of which were with the Corps. Her portrait will hang in the Employee Information Courtyard in the District headquarters building throughout the next year.

During her tenure, Williams spent countless hours working across functional lines developing processes, and standard operating procedures, facilitating training and coordinating with external auditors. She served on the P-2 Project Development Team and also played a major role on the Cost Sharing Clean-up Team which helped eliminate adverse impacts to district customers, and paved the way for the current Corps of Engineers Financial Management System enhancements. Williams' innovative efforts to train numerous accountants and develop processes led the Corps of Engineers to become the first Department of Defense Activity to obtain an unqualified opinion on its financial statements in 2008 and 2009.



2010 Charles F. Trainor Team Awards

Charles Trainor was assigned to Savannah District as a civil engineer in 1929 and became the first Chief of the Engineering Division. He served the District with distinction for almost 40 years, retiring in 1968. Some of his notable accomplishments include widening the District's design experience and organizing the Construction-Operations Division. The Trainor Team Award recognizes any team or group of team members who were significantly involved in executing programs, projects, or improving processes.

Military Project Team of the Year Infantry Brigade Combat Complex

The Military Project Team of the Year goes to the Infantry Brigade Combat Team Complex, a \$400 million, 457-acre site complex at Fort Stewart, Ga. The team overcame several hurdles including the Army's decision not to locate a fifth Brigade Combat Team at Fort Stewart. The project team developed a detailed plan to complete construction in phases allowing the District to turn over facilities to the customer as each building was completed. This helped balance the installation's facility shortages and troop occupancy dates. The site plan included a reverse osmosis water treatment plant not originally in the initial design to meet water and environmental concerns. Fort Stewart's Directorate of Public Works and the A-E firm remarked on how well Project Management timelines were met.



Infantry Brigade Combat Team Complex at Fort Stewart, Ga.

Civil Project Team of the Year

Savannah Harbor Disposal Area Dike Protection

This multi-organizational team faced a challenging time constraint of six months to analyze site conditions, then design the project, award a contract, and begin construction of six stimulus-funded projects without any negative environmental impacts in sensitive wetland areas. The construction required placement of 15,400 linear feet of armor stone along the banks of the Savannah River, construction of haul roads, plus mining and placement of 580,000 cubic yards of earthen dike construction and a four-acre bird-nesting island. The completed projects will protect three critical disposal areas in the Savannah Harbor from storm and ship wake damage while improving the environment and saving future dredging costs.



Excavation and placement of rock at Savannah Harbor disposal site

Special Project Team of the Year

The National Security Agency, Georgia Regional Security Operations Center

Because of the nature of the project, the Project Delivery Team for the National Security Agency, Georgia Regional



Harry Kye, area engineer, Fort Gordon, accepts the Charles F. Trainor Team award for the Special Project Team of the Year from Savannah District Commander Col. Jeffrey M. Hall.

Security Operations Center had to manage unique and rigorous security concerns on the construction site. The success of the project can be attributed to the team's use of innovative solutions to improve requirements in the contract, such as three-day, look-ahead construction meetings, and daily interaction with the NSA on-site project manager, the contractors, and other key players. The team's best practices in construction management and innovative critical thinking resulted in a finished project three months ahead of the scheduled contract completion date.

Environmental Project Team of the Year

Fort Drum Surfactant Enhanced Aquifer Restoration Design Optimization Investigation

The Fort Drum Surfactant Enhanced Aquifer Restoration Design Optimization Investigation Team was selected as the Environmental Project Team of the Year. The team needed to develop the fastest, most efficient and ecologically feasible way to identify the impact zone of spilled JP-8 fuel. They developed a unique tool assemblage and project execution plan, expedited contract acquisitions, and rapidly responded to site conditions that significantly impacted their progress. They mobilized people and equipment more than 100,000 miles apart, and successfully completed an essential design optimization investigation where other attempts proved to be either too costly or ineffective. The team used complex electronic tools, allowing them to receive detailed data in half the time and cost of other efforts. They developed a process unique to contaminant delineation in sand aquifers. The field team successfully completed the investigation and allowed the customer to minimize the treatment zone by 17 percent, for an immediate savings of a minimum of \$750,000 for the \$4.5 million project.



The Site Characterization and Analysis Penetrometer System collects soil type and contaminant distribution data at a site in Fort Drum, N.Y., using Cone Penetrometer Testing and an Ultraviolet Optical Scanning Tool.