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NEW DEPUTY PICKS UP REINS

Our new Deputy District Engineer is no stranger to Civil Works nor to the Lower Mississippi Valley Division.

Major James E. "Bud" Brown, Jr., served as Assistant District Engineer in Vicksburg prior to his departure for Germany in 1983. He was assigned to the 8th Infantry Division and to the 12th Engineer Battalion, returning to stateside duty with St. Louis District in June of this year.

Brown is a native of Georgia and a graduate of the University of Georgia. He entered the Army in 1969 and obtained his commission through the Officer's Candidate School, Fort Belvoir, the following year. He later earned a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Florida.

His recent tour in Germany was his second, his first duty assignment having been there in the early '70s. Other overseas assignments were in Korea, where he commanded the 2nd Engineer Group, and the Middle East, where he was Resident Engineer in the Sinai Construction Management Office.

The major is also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Engineer Officers Advanced Course.

Among his awards and decorations are the Meritorious Service Medal, with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal.

Brown now resides in Chesterfield with his wife (and fellow Georgian) Gail and their two children: Jeb, 14, and Mandy, 10.

Brown holds memberships in SAME and AUSA.

LOCKS & DAM 26 - A MILESTONE

At about 10:30 a.m., on July 29th, the towboat Hawkeye began locking through Locks and Dam 26, southbound with twelve barges loaded with grain. The Hawkeye had come and gone nine times before in 1986, but this time was special. The boat was pushing the 1,500,000,000th ton of commercial goods through Locks and Dam 26, the first time this milestone has been reached by any lock and dam on the Mississippi River System.

The event was suitably recognized by the St. Louis District with a ceremony and presentation of a plaque to Frank Bertrand, captain of the Hawkeye.

On hand for the ceremony were the first lockmaster at 26, Roy Elliott, the present lockmaster, Don Schrader, the District Commander, COL Wilson and representatives of the Coast Guard and towing industry.

One-and-a-half billion tons is a lot of cargo. The barges necessary to transport that much tonnage would stretch for 36,000 miles, or one-and-a-half times around the world if they were put end to end.

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DISTRICT SLATES ETHNIC EVENTS

St. Louis District has scheduled observances honoring two branches of our American ethnic heritage during September.

Hispanic Week is September 14-20 and Native American Week is 22-26.

The formal program for Hispanic Week is to be held on Wednesday, September 17, at 10 a.m., in Room 1040. The featured speaker for this program is Ms. Anita Gomez-Bennett, the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She will also be addressing the St. Louis Metro Area Hispanic Council, the following day.

The national theme for Hispanic Week, this year, is "Hispanics: An Economic and Electoral Influence."

There are also plans for a display in the 8th Floor elevator lobby during the week. (See related article elsewhere in the Bulletin).

A second display is scheduled, in that same location, during Native American Week.

NATIVE AMERICANS

By Karando Harris, EEO

Surprisingly, most Americans don't know how much the founding of this country owes to the great intuitive ideas of the Indian. The Five Nations of the Iroquois, for example, were the inspiration for the federation of our original 13 states, and Benjamin Franklin drew up his constitutional plan on the advice of Chief Canassatego. Indian ideals of democratic equality and generosity were also major influences on the shaping of American character and values.

Effective Indian leadership is developing. An increasing number of Indian men and women hold positions within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (B.I.A.), although, frequently, higher government authorities are culturally insensitive in relating to that Indian leadership.

Within the past 18 years more than 500 Indian men and women have become lawyers. More have established themselves effectively in the business and professional world.

Now we see a second flowering of Indian thought and find a new appreciation of Native American ideas.

Examples:

1. Educators are currently looking at the Indian emphasis on intuition and emotion as primary ingredients in the learning process.
2. Indian healers are providing models of holistic health which acknowledge the psychic components of disease.
3. American Indian artists, among our greatest visionaries in the arts, are providing new inspiration in painting, sculpture, literature and dance.
4. In our current ecological crisis, we are also turning back to Native American concepts of the land.
5. And businessmen are creating new, non-hierarchical organizations based on Indian ideals of personal independence, equality, and open forums.

Indian experts believe native faculties, such as intuition, imagination, and emotional insight, are crucial to the advancement of American culture. In short, Indian ideas aren't just for Indians. They have an importance for us all.

CAC EVENTS

Watch for the Taco/Nachos salad sale on 17 September 1986.

Happiness is not a matter of good fortune or worldly possessions. It's a mental attitude. It comes from appreciating what we have, instead of being miserable about what we don't have. It's so simple--yet so hard for the human mind to comprehend.

HISPANICS

By Karando Harris, EEO

About 14-1/2 million Hispanics live in the United States, and they make up the nation's second largest minority group. (The largest minority consists of the approximately 26-1/2 million black Americans.) Hispanics form the fastest-growing minority group in the United States. Their population is increasing rapidly because of heavy immigration, as well as a high Hispanic birth rate.

Many Hispanic groups live throughout the United States; about 85 per cent of them live and work in cities. Most Hispanics have close, extended families, which include grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, as well as parents and children. Partly because of this family attachment, Hispanics form strong communities and prefer to work in or near their communities.

Hispanics face major problems in education and employment. As a group, Hispanics have less education, hold fewer jobs in the professions and management, and earn less money than most other Americans. Also, despite the large Hispanic population, few Hispanics serve in high levels of government. Discrimination and language barriers are among the factors that have slowed their progress in all these areas.

Hispanics are making major efforts to increase their educational and employment opportunities. For example: Antonio Sanchez, Sr., and Antonio Sanchez, Jr., a father and son team who work closely together. Antonio Sanchez, Sr., as a little boy, lived in Laredo, Texas, where he searched along the railroad tracks for coal that might have fallen from a train, so he could help heat his parent's home. Antonio, Jr. is a lawyer who first worked as an assistant to the Lieutenant Governor of Texas and then joined his father in business 18 years ago. They had a dream that their small business, International Bank of Commerce in Laredo,

Texas, would become a big and powerful business. It became a big and powerful business.

The Laredo bank is not the only business the Sanchez's have. Sanchez, Sr. started a holding company called International Bancshares. That holding company now includes four banks -- IBC, Commerce Bank of Laredo, International Bank of Commerce of Zapata and International Bank of Commerce of Brownsville. They also own car agencies, a daily newspaper in Laredo, a savings and loan firm and real estate, among other things.

This is to show that Hispanics, too, can make it under the American Dream.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK



SEPT. 14-20

Inflation is when you never had it so good or parted with it so fast.

The clock that strikes the loudest doesn't always keep the best time.

RULES ON POLITICAL ACTIVITY FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

You **may** register and vote as you choose

You **may** assist in voter registration drives

You **may** express your opinion about candidates and issues

You **may** participate in campaigns where none of the candidates represent a political party

You **may** contribute money to a political organization or attend a political fund raising function.

You **may** wear or display political badges, buttons, or stickers

You **may** attend political rallies and meetings

You **may** join a political club or party

You **may** sign nominating petitions

You **may** campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, municipal ordinances, etc.

You **may not** campaign for partisan candidates or political parties

You **may not** work to register voters for one party only

You **may not** make campaign speeches or engage in other activity to elect a partisan candidate

You **may not** be a candidate or work in a campaign if any candidate represents a national or State political party

You **may not** distribute campaign material in a partisan election

You **may not** organize or manage political rallies or meetings

You **may not** hold office in a political club or party

You **may not** circulate nominating petitions

You **may not** campaign for or against a candidate or slate of candidates in a partisan election

CIVIL SERVICE REGISTER OPEN FOR ENGINEERING TECHNICIANS

The Office of Personnel Management will be accepting applications for Engineering Technicians, grades GS-4 through GS-7, during September from the 2nd to the 30th.

Applications may be obtained by calling, writing or visiting the Federal Job Information Center, Room 400, Old Post Office Building, 815 Olive Street, St. Louis, MO 63101. Telephone (314) 425-4285 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

GRADUATING CIVIL ENGINEERS WANT TO WORK FOR THE CORPS

The Corps of Engineers is the most favored Federal employer among graduating civil engineers, according to a recently

published 1985 survey conducted by Graduating Engineer magazine and Deutsch, Shea & Evans, a New York City human resources consultant.

Slightly more than ten percent of the graduating civil engineers who responded to the survey listed the Army Corps of Engineers as their first choice as an employer. The Corps was second on a list of 100 top employers, including construction, engineering and design, architect-engineer firms, and government agencies named by the graduating engineers. The first place on the list was held by Bechtel Group, Inc., with nearly 24 percent of the respondents choosing that company as their preferred employer. Boeing Co., a non-construction industry company, tied with the Corps of Engineers for the number two spot on the list.

(DAEN-PAI)



DOWNTOWN CHILDREN'S CENTER ADDS INFANT TODDLER PROGRAM

The Downtown Children's Center has expanded its professional child care services to include infants and toddlers ages six weeks to three years. Located at 507 N. 13th St., the infant-toddler program hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Joan Murray, Executive Director, explains that this is not a baby sitting service. "The infant-toddler program was designed in cooperation with parents, child development experts and downtown business leaders to provide a learning experience for the children and to benefit working parents in the downtown St. Louis area," she stated.

Operated by the fully accredited not-for-profit Downtown Children's Center, the infant-toddler program is staffed by professionals with college degrees and training in early childhood development. The child-to-staff ratio is three infants or toddlers to each professional. The staff includes a registered nurse.

Parents may obtain applications from the infant-toddler location, 507 N. 13th., or at the Downtown Children's Center, 1210 Locust. Scholarships are available based on financial need.

The Downtown Children's Center provides quality child care for children through the age of nine.

RETIREE NEWS

The August luncheon attracted an overflow crowd! Unfortunately, the overflow was not due to a flood of people--Pietro's moved us to a smaller room!

The regular meeting room was needed, on short notice, for a funeral luncheon of some 50 people. So, Pietro's set up a semi-private dining room for us on the main floor, to seat 36 people. You guessed it--40 showed up.

Special guest that day was Mrs. John C. Gotwals, widow of the St. Louis District Engineer in 1927-30. Major Gotwals went on to become a general officer and served on General MacArthur's staff during WWII. Mrs. Gotwals resides in Frontenac and remains quite active.

Also attending, for the first time, was our new Deputy DE Major James "Bud" Brown (story elsewhere in this issue).

Most of the regulars were in attendance, as well as several who had not been seen for awhile (like the Stalders, who we mentioned in passing last month).

Forty is the highest attendance we have had at a regular luncheon in the past several months. Let's hope that, with the end of the vacation season, we will see an even larger crowd at the next one:

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THE ARMY FLIES

The Army has more than 8,500 aircraft and needs twice as many aviators as the country's largest airline. What Army aviation offers graduates is a chance to learn one of the most sophisticated and exciting high-tech skills anywhere. What it takes to qualify is aptitude, patience, a desire to learn, the ability to keep cool, and a strong sense of leadership. For those who make it, aviation promises an exciting and rewarding career.

To keep today's Army flying, there's also a great need for well-trained Ground Support. Army aviation training spans careers from Air Traffic Control to all phases of Aircraft Maintenance and repair. Army Air Traffic Control training is recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration, and in fact, all Army aviation careers have direct application in the civilian job market. Open to both men and women, Army aviation offers a range of excellent high-tech career opportunities that could well be of interest to students.

DISTRICT DOINGS

Lake Shelbyville

Sean Dooley presented an Animal Tracks & Signs program for 50 Cowden 4-H'ers.

Beth Connors gave a talk and slide show for the Shelby County Historical Society on the Lithia Springs Chautauqua at the visitor center.

Cathy Smith presented a boating safety program to 50 members of the St. Elmo Exxon Oil Company.

Energy Awareness Week was featured during August. Mary Ann Crawforth and Brian Coleman presented programs on the uses of solar energy.

The Interpretive Display Van was featured at the Windsor Picnic with approximately 1200 people viewing the exhibit.

Mark Twain Lake

Park Aid Sharon Elmore presented the program "America" to a summer reading group at the Laddonia Library.

Hannibal summer school children were presented a program on how animals communicate by the "Singing Ranger" Jon Graznak.

"A Friend for All Seasons" was presented to the New London Study Club by Park Aid Mary Anne Story.

Dale Russell gave a tour of the dam for the Lake Shelbyville Interpretive Staff.

The 6th Annual Salt River Folklife Festival, co-sponsored by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the Friends of Florida and the Corps of Engineers, drew a crowd of 5600 visitors to the historic village of Florida overlooking Mark Twain Lake. The two-day event included artistic workshops, demonstrations of traditional crafts and living skills. Bluegrass, gospel, march and fiddle music was performed by area artists. Two local TV stations covered the big event.

The Mark Twain Lake staff welcomes the new Assistant Park Manager, Mr Dave Berti.

Carlyle Lake

Park Technician, Francis Walton, led 8 boys from Cub Pack 259 on a hike of the Little Prairie Nature Trail.

Ten 4-H'ers from Greenville, Ill. were given a dam tour and visitor center presentation by Park Aid Ken Filbeck.

Indian Culture Day was held in the visitor center where 772 people came to view the trapping, dancing exhibition, and Indian ornaments.

The lake staff presented an overview of the Visitor Assistance Program to six Law Enforcement Explorers, sponsored by the U.S. Customs Service. The scouts patrolled with rangers later in the afternoon.

Park Aids Julie Loepker, Ken Filbeck and Tammy Pfister instructed a hunter safety course at the visitor center. Park Aid Julie Loepker organized the event.

Rend Lake

A Hunter Safety Course, which enabled the 80 participants to obtain a hunting license, was organized and presented by Keith McMullen and Gary Sims along with other Park Aid staff.

Smokey Bear (Keith McMullen), Woodsy Owl (Marti Schramm), and Park Ranger Rachel Garren helped to spread fire prevention and anti-pollution messages to 2,000 visitors at the Whitting Gun Creek Days Festival.

Park Aid Greg Olwig presented two outdoor and water safety programs to 70 members of Dunnes Boys home from Florissant, Mo., while they were visiting Sleepy Hollow Group Camp.

Park Aid Keith McMullen wrote a campground rules and safety skit called "Twilight Zone". The skit, performed by the interpretive staff, was presented to 140 campers.

Wappapello Lake

Wappapello Lake volunteer Carolyn Damron gave a presentation on the history of Wappapello Lake at the August meeting of the Wayne County Historical Society. Carolyn has been a volunteer for more than two years. Besides delving into the local history, she has served as a volunteer receptionist on the weekends.

Park Ranger Lawrence Williams and Park Aids Tony Martin and Karen Watwood report that the 2-day water carnival was a big success. Activities included fishing derbys, a sand scavenger hunt and a sand castle building contest. The carnival closed with the interpretive staff giving a beach safety program on how to have a safe and fun time at the lake.

The Wappapello Lake Cleanup and National Hunting and Fishing Day Celebration is scheduled for September 20th, and plans are well underway.

LC26 (Replacement)

Ed Berghoff led tours for 25 students from the SIU-Carbondale Continuing Education Program and for 17 Rolla Geotechnical Engineers.

Farrell Burnett hosted a group from the Cannon Dam Association.

The Alton-Collinsville Telephone Pioneers, 125 strong, and 47 members of the Triangle Fraternity, an engineering group, visited the project and were briefed by Berghoff, Keen, Herr, Bissell, Roskilly, O'Connor, Williams, Embley and Schweiger.

Jim Bissell gave a presentation to a group of Value Engineering officers who were attending the LMVD-NCD VE Officers Coordination Conference in St. Louis. A field inspection of the site followed. Bissell also gave a tour for 6 Madison County Circuit Judges.

Around the District

Major James Brown, Deputy District Engineer, spoke at the groundbreaking

ceremony for the concession development at Eagle Creek State Park, Lake Shelbyville.

Gary Dyhouse spoke to a class of engineers and study managers on the hydraulic design of interior flood control features at a Waterways Experiment Station training course.

Ken Koller gave an update on the L&D26(R) project to 30 members of the Southside Kiwanis.

Terry Norris lectured to the staff of the Illinois State Museum on "Recent Archaeological Investigations on 18th Century French Colonial Period Sites in the Middle Mississippi River Valley." He also spoke at the first annual Illinois Historic Sites Division Conference at Illinois State University (Bloomington), and lectured during the Native America Heritage Day at Carlyle Lake.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

September is National Sight-Saving Month.

LABOR DAY, Sept. 1.

EMERGENCY CARE WEEK, Sept. 1-7

Purpose: To educate and instruct the public in the performance of emergency medical techniques, to enable individuals to administer immediate life saving care before medical help arrives, and to pay tribute to those practiced in the medical skills required in the care of people in emergency situations.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY, Sept. 7.

NATIONAL COURTESY WEEK, Sept. 14-20.

A reminder for everyone that we can enjoy life more when we practice the common courtesies.

WORLD PEACE DAY, Sept. 21.

YOM KIPPUR or DAY OF ATONEMENT, Sept. 25.

Holiest Jewish observance. A day for fasting, repentance, and seeking forgiveness.

NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY, Sept. 27.

NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY, Sept. 28.

Purpose: To build a nation and world that cares. To increase appreciation and understanding of our fellow man beginning next door.

THE ARMY IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

The story goes that in 1910 the Army chain of command worked like this:

A Colonel issued the following directive to an executive officer: "Tomorrow evening at approximately 2000 hours, Halley's Comet will be visible in the area, an event which occurs only once every 76 years. Have the men fall out in the battalion area in fatigues and I will explain this rare phenomenon to them. In case of rain we will not be able to see anything, so assemble the men in the theatre and I will show a film of this."

Executive officer to the Company Commander -- "By order of the Colonel, tomorrow at 2000 hours Halley's Comet will appear above the battalion area. If it rains, fall the men out in fatigues, then march them to the theatre where the rare phenomenon will take place, something which occurs only every 76 years."

Company Commander to Lieutenant -- "By order of the Colonel, in fatigues at 2000 hours tomorrow evening the phenomenal Halley's Comet will appear in the theatre. In case of rain in the battalion area, the Colonel will give another order, one which occurs every 76 years."

Lieutenant to the Sergeant -- "Tomorrow at 2000 hours, the Colonel will appear in the theatre with Halley's Comet, something which happens every 76 years. If it rains, the Colonel will order the comet into the battalion area."

Sergeant to the squad -- "When it rains tomorrow at 2000 hours, the phenomenal 76-year old General Halley, accompanied by the Colonel, will drive his comet through the battalion area theatre in his fatigues."

Anon

TELEPHONE TECHNIQUES AND TIPS

WHEN YOU RECEIVE A TELEPHONE CALL...

Answer as PROMPTLY as possible. Try to answer before second ring.

IDENTIFY YOURSELF when answering. "Mr. Brown's office, Miss Andrews."

SPEAK DISTINCTLY and PLEASANTLY. Hold mouthpiece well up in front of your lips.

AVOID TRITE OR ABRUPT PHRASES. "Who's calling?"..."He isn't in."

VOLUNTEER THE WHEREABOUTS AND WHENABOUTS of an absent person. "He is out of the building until 3 o'clock."

VOLUNTEER YOUR OWN ASSISTANCE. "Is there anything I could do?"

Request identity of caller ONLY WHEN NECESSARY and in a TACTFUL MANNER. "May I have your name, please?"

EXPLAIN off-the-line DELAYS "It's in the files...Can you wait a moment?"

TAKE A MESSAGE WILLINGLY. Write essential details on a suitable message form and deliver promptly.

TRANSFER ELSEWHERE ONLY WHEN YOU KNOW DEFINITELY THE CORRECT PERSON OR NUMBER. Give caller these facts before transferring.

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FOR HUNTERS THE EYES HAVE IT

The National Society to Prevent Blindness reminds hunters that while poor safety practices are frequently to blame for many shooting accidents, poor eyesight is often a contributing factor.

"Investigations following these accidents, compiled by state authorities, show that many shooting mishaps in the field occur as a direct result of deficient eyesight," said Virginia S. Boyce, executive director of the NSPB. Hunters, especially, need good vision and color perception.

In an effort to cut these tragic accidents, the NSPB advises hunters to have their eyesight checked before the season opens. It could help eliminate target mistakes.

Safety glasses or goggles are also recommended for hunters whether or not they have vision problems. Guns can toss debris back out of the chamber when a shell is fired, and tree and bush branches snapping back can badly injure unprotected eyes when hunters file through thickets.

Inexpensive safety glasses with non-corrective lenses are available from opticians, eye doctors, or suppliers of industrial equipment, the NSPB notes. Those who need corrective glasses can order their safety eyewear with lenses made up to their prescriptions from their usual source for eyeglasses. Lenses can be tinted to reduce glare.

A driver with a blood alcohol content of .10 per cent, the legal definition of intoxication, is 25 times as likely to be involved in a fatal collision as a sober driver.

BACK TO SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 2ND
DRIVE WITH CARE



GUN SAFETY CHECKLIST

Hunting season is here, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation offers this checklist to remind hunters always to be cautious while handling guns.

- 1) Keep all your guns and ammunition in locked storage whenever they are not in use.
- 2) Know how far your gun will shoot.
- 3) Always know where your hunting companions are, and be absolutely sure of your target before you shoot.
- 4) Keep the muzzle of your gun pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- 5) Load your gun only when you are ready to use it, and unload as soon as you are finished hunting. Also, unload whenever you face a situation in which you could lose your balance, such as crossing a fence or stream.
- 6) Check again to make sure your gun is unloaded before you take it back in the house. Also, check your hunting coat for loose shells and make sure they get put back in locked storage.