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Mission

The Rock Island District's mission is to deliver vital engineering and water resource solutions in collaboration with our partners to secure our Nation, reduce disaster risk and enhance quality of life, providing value to the region and Nation.

Vision

A premier public service, engineering organization of trusted, talented professionals delivering innovative and sustainable solutions to the region and Nation.

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Nathan Shanley, land surveyor, poses at the bottom of dewatered Lock 12 in Bellevue, lowa, with new 3D terrestrial LiDAR laser scanner. *Photo by Kelcy Hanson*

Do Districts Have New Year's Resolutions?

G reetings once again from the Executive Office of the Rock Island District. As always, it is an absolute privilege to be a member of this amazing team and is my great honor to serve you as the Commander and District Engineer. With this being the first Tower Times of 2023, I thought it would be a good opportunity to share my thoughts on some District "resolutions" for this year (and maybe beyond).



Col. Jesse T. Curry District Commander

To answer a likely first question, yes, the Rock Island District does have resolutions and we do take the time to create, review and refine them every year. We don't typically call them "resolutions", we call them strategic goals and objectives. Regardless of the name we give them or how big or small they are, it is important to begin with a quick "why" we (and other effective organizations) do this.

As emphatically as I can express, it is NOT because something is broken, or the team isn't working hard enough already. The reason we take time to develop resolutions is 100% because every good, even great organization, knows that it can always be better. The "why" is one of my most important responsibilities. Every District Commander must guide and lead the organization into a better version of itself, regardless of how good they already are. Of course, I can't do it alone, so I also believe that it is OUR responsibility as proud members of the Rock Island District to work together to:

- 1. Safeguard what makes us who we are as a District; OUR history and unique identity
- 2. Constantly strive to improve how we care for our own as we grow in the District of the future
- 3. Deliver on the missions and responsibilities given to us by the American People TOGETHER

This time last year, we worked on a statement that was an attempt to communicate a unifying purpose that all 900+ members of the Rock Island District could be inspired by and stand behind. The purpose statement has gone through some revisions but states that WE are a District that "PROVIDES selfless service to the Nation, to this region, to our communities, and the fellow members of our District; LEADS to create, prepare, and sustain this TEAM with the ability and opportunity to make a positive difference towards the health and prosperity of the American People and our Environment for generations to come; and continuously RENEWS its dedication to care for each other and our families in a way uniquely special to the Rock Island District."

If I had to boil it down to something less wordy, the bottom-line up front would say "Work together to make the greatest positive difference we can with Work together to make the greatest positive difference we can with the time and resources we are given and make it possible for EVERYONE with a desire serve to join us in something greater than ourselves

the time and resources we are given and make it possible for <u>EVERYONE</u> with a desire serve to join us in something greater than ourselves." That describes what makes me excited to come to work every morning and I'm hopeful it does the same for you.

This March, probably about the time you are reading this, the leaders of the Rock Island District

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN (Continued)

are gathering again to make "resolutions" for the future of the Rock Island District. They have already gathered input from across the District and once again have the task of pointing us in the strategic direction that WILL make us better so that we can "make the greatest positive difference we can" and continue to be a part of something "greater than ourselves". I look forward to what goals and objectives we are going to set and the whole District should be excited about the future. More good news to come.

Before I close, I once again want to say thank you to all those across the District doing great work and taking care of each other. Safety is more than just hard hats and life jackets and I appreciate so many that are watching out for their coworkers physically and mentally. I encourage everyone to accept that on some days we will be the ones lending a helping hand and on others, it will be our turn to need someone to lift us up.

That's what GREAT teams do and we are all part of a GREAT team.

As always, my door (physical door, phone, email, text, etc) is always open to the members of the Rock Island District and their families. Thank you for all that YOU do for your team, the entire Rock Island District, and all those who we serve together. WE ARE ONE DISTRICT and along with the rest of MVD and the Corps, we will CONTINUE BUILDING STRONG!

Appreciate You,

COL Jesse T. Curry 50th Commander of the Rock Island District US Army Corps of Engineers





Answer : Veteran's Trail at Coralville Lake Winner: Jerry DeMarce

Can you name where this photo was taken? If so, send your answer to Kelcy.C.Hanson@usace.army.mil to be featured in the next issue of the Tower Times.

PEOPLE FLOCK TO SEE EAGLES SOAR

By Sam Heilig, Public Affairs Specialist

agle watching has become a popular pastime for many people in the upper Midwest during the winter. Thousands of bald eagles migrate each year to open water areas, like the locks and dams, to find food during the colder months.

The large birds, which have an average six-foot wingspan, can easily be spotted when perched in a tree or swooping down for a catch from the river. Their signature white heads and dark brown bodies make them distinguishable from other raptor species however the young, which are all brown with white spots, are often mistaken for hawks or other types of eagles.

Organized eagle watching events are held in many locations along the rivers with most taking place in January and February to optimize viewing potential.

"The colder, the better," said natural resource specialist Mike McKean who organizes several of the events for the Rock Island District's Mississippi River Project. "When more of the river is frozen, the eagles are forced to congregate by the locks to find food. Their primary diet is fish."

During these events, people of all ages have the chance to view eagles in the wild but in some cases, indoor viewing is also an option. During this year's Quad City Bald Eagle Days nearly 700 students and educators got an up-close look at a live bald eagle during the kids' day event, organized by the Mississippi River Project.

"Each year, staff from a rehabilitation facility near St. Louis, Missouri, called the World Bird Sanctuary, brings multiple species to the show," said McKean. "It's great because they get to see the birds up-close, learn about their differences, and get an idea of what they will be looking for when they go outside to the viewing location.

Although viewing eagles during an organized event may be interesting for some, others may prefer to wildlife watch without a crowd. The USACE Rock Island District has an online resource to help those interested in finding the largest congregations of eagles on any given week. During the months of December, January and February eagle count surveys are conducted each Wednesday results are posted to the web for public viewing. This year's highest numbers were found at Lock and Dam 18 near Gladstone, Illinois, on the Mississippi River. On Dec. 28, 2022, a total of 680 adult and 130 juveniles were counted at the site.

For more information about eagle watching in the Rock Island District visit: <u>www.mvr.usace.</u> <u>army.mil</u>.

WORKSHOP BRINGS LOCK MAINTENANCE PROFESSIONALS TOGETHER IN ROCK ISLAND

By Kelcy Hanson, Editor

he U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Lock Maintenance Workshop is an annual event, originally started by the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division. It started out as a way for leadership from surrounding USACE divisions to meet and talk

about best maintenance practices. What was once a gathering of about 30 people has grown to a workshop with more than 100 attendees with representing all USACE districts, including those overseas.

"When working on maintenance, it doesn't always go as planned but by hosting events like these and talking through difficulties, what worked well, what didn't work well, it builds a stronger knowledge base across all the locks and dam systems," said Matt Thurman, maintenance supervisor for the Rock Island District's Mississippi River Project.

Topics discussed during the 2023 workshop included lock component and maintenance

standardization, root causes of miter gate issues, wicket maintenance, miter gate repairs, and many more.

"The intent of this workshop is to network and learn from one another," said Todd Kimery, Great

Lakes and Ohio River Division maintenance program manager.

Each year, a different USACE district is selected to host the workshop, based on significant maintenance or rehabilitation work taking place near the meeting site. This year, the Rock Island District was chosen due to the dewatering project at Lock and Dam 12 but due to unsafe weather conditions, the in-person tour of the dewatered lock had to be canceled. Workshop attendees still got a short boat ride

on the Mississippi River at Locks and Dam 15 and a tour of the Rock Island District's Quad Cities Heavy Lift Crane which is a critical resource used on many maintenance projects in the District.



Rock Island District Commander Col. Jesse Curry welcomes attendees at the 2023 USACE Lock Maintenance Workshop held in Bettendorf, Iowa. *Photo by Kelcy Hanson*

... It builds a stronger knowledge base across all the lock and dam systems."

Responding to an Active Shooter

By R. Scott Harbison, Security and Law Enforcement Chief

he likelihood of experiencing an active shooter incident is low but when it happens, it is devastating. The FBI defines an active shooter incident as "one or more individuals actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area. The active aspect of the definition inherently implies the ongoing nature of an incident, and thus the potential for the response to affect the outcome. So how would you respond?

Here are some pointers:

- 1. RUN (If escape is possible)
 - a. Have an escape plan in mind
 - b. Leave your belongings behind
 - c. Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
 - d. Warn and prevent individuals from entering an area where the active shooter might be
- 2. HIDE (if escape is not possible)
 - a. Hide in an area out of the active shooter's view b. Lock and block doors, close blinds, and turn off lights
 - c. Silence your cell phone and remain quiet
 - d. Stay in place until law enforcement gives you the all clear

- 3. FIGHT (as a last resort)
 - a. Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in danger
 - b. Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
 - c. Recruit others to ambush the shooter with makeshift weapons like chairs, fire extinguishers, scissors, etc.

d. Act with physical aggression, yell, and throw items at the shooter

- 4. When law enforcement arrives
 - a. Remain calm and follow officer's instructions
 - b. Drop items in your hands
 - c. Immediately raise hands and spread fingers
 - d. Keep hands visible at all times
 - e. Avoid quick movements toward officers
 - f. Avoid pointing, screaming, or yelling
 - g. Do not ask questions when evacuating 🔤

IN CASE OF AN Active Shooter

SAY SOMETHING. **REPORT SUSPICIOUS** ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING,

1. RUN

RUN/ESCAPE IF POSSIBLE

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind Evacuate regardless of whether
- others agree to follow • Warn and prevent individuals from
- entering an area where the active shooter may be.

2. HIDE

- Hide in an area out of the active shooter's view
- Lock and block doors, close blinds, and turn off lights
- Silence your cell phone (including vibrate mode) and remain quiet
- Stay in place until law enforcement gives you the all clear.

3. FIGHT

AS A LAST RESORT

- Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Recruit others to ambush the shooter with makeshift weapons like chairs, fire extinguishers, scissors, books, etc.
- Act with physical aggression, yell, and throw items at the shooter.

CALL 911 WHEN YOU'RE SAFE TO DO SO

WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES:

- Remain calm and follow officer's instructions Drop items in your hands (i.e., backpacks, jackets)
- Immediately raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements toward officers, such as holding on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming or velling Do not ask questions when evacuating

INFORMATION TO PROVIDE 911 OPERATORS:

- Physical description of shooter(s)
- Number and type of weapons shooter has
 Number of potential victims at location



Survey Team gets Laser Focused on Lock 12

By Kelcy Hanson, Editor

he U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, was founded in 1866 when Lt. Col. James H. Wilson arrived in Keokuk, Iowa, to survey portions of the Upper Mississippi River. Since that time, surveying has changed, and so has

the river, but the need for mapping and measuring remains.

During a recent visit to Lock and Dam 12 in Bellevue, Iowa, Nathan Shanley and Steve Gekas from the Rock Island District's land survey section, demonstrated how their new, 3D terrestrial LiDAR laser scanner was being used for the first time to conduct inspections of the dewatered lock.

"The new scanner has capabilities to do things that we've never been able to do before," said Gekas.

According to Shanley, the high-intensity scanner sends out 500,000 laser pulses per second, while spinning, and uses built-in GPS, and a control point to accurately determine its precise location on the Earth. It can be moved from one location to another, capturing 30 million points per scan.

The high-intensity scans create specific and

extremely accurate measurements which are impossible to acquire by other means. "For visualization purposes it is great, but beyond that anything you see in the scan can have a precise (+/- 5mm) coordinate extracted after the survey is complete. This is useful for design engineering, planning, quantity analysis, historical record keeping and monitoring, and pre and post as-built conditions." Said Shanley. Engineering teams across USACE can benefit from the data collected by each scan.

Because the lock chamber at Lock and Dam 12 has a concrete bottom with weep holes for equalizing pressure, roughly four to six inches of water remained in it during the dewatering this winter. To prevent damage to the new equipment, Shanley and Gekas designed an elevated triangular



Land surveyors, Nathan Shanley and Steve Gekas set up new 3D terrestrial LiDAR laser equipment in the bottom of the dewatered chamber at Lock and Dam 12 in Bellevue, Iowa. Photo by Kelcy Hanson



platform on wheels that could be used to safely move the scanner in and out of the water transfer tunnels.

Every square inch of Lock 12 had been scanned by the time the team completed their work at the lock, but scanning is only the first step in the process.

"We tie the new control points into some control points that have been here since it's been built," explained Shanley. "With this, we'll be able to see how each piece of the lock, like these giant monolithic stones, have been moving or not."

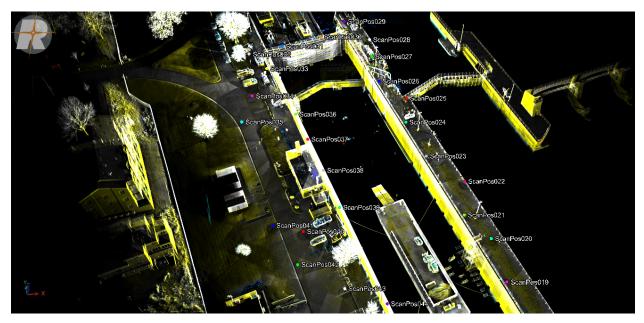
After scanning, the images are uploaded into a computer and chained together using specialized software to create 3D digital models. In this case, the team was looking at the integrity of the structure and to see if it has shifted overtime. Information gathered at Lock 12 could also be used to assist in designing new locks, add to existing locks or help engineers

troubleshoot issues they may be having at a lock.

The Rock Island District's Unmanned Aerial Vehicle team also visited Lock and Dam 12 to get aerial control points while it was dewatered.

"They did the mapping with the drone and we're going to mesh our data together," said Shanley. "Although the drone information isn't as precise, it has a better vantage point aerially so it will be very interesting to combine all this information for the first time."

Future uses for this data is still unknown but the District is constantly learning new ways to integrate this innovative technology into forthcoming projects. The data collected is the same type of information used in robotics and to create virtual reality (VR) video games, so maybe someday people will be able to walk through a dewatered lock virtually!



Digitalized illustration of scan points taken from the new innovative technology capabilities from the Rock Island District's land survey section. *Illustration provided by Nathan Shanley*



Lynn Gibson Initiatives Partner and District Recruiter



ynn Gibson, initiatives partner and District recruiter, started with the U.S. Army's Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in June 2022. Though she is a newer USACE employee, her career in the private sector as a recruiter and business development professional with engineering and construction companies, has helped her bring a lot of knowledge to USACE Rock Island's search for future Corps employees.

Gibson grew up on her family farm near Strawberry Point, Iowa. After graduating high school, she earned her education from Hawkeye Community College and University of Northern Iowa before heading into the workforce. When Gibson originally started on her career path, she never imagined the amount of people she would meet or the fascinating stories she would hear.

On the road to a career fair at the University of Wisconsin-Madison she spoke highly of her fellow Corps teammates.

"I'm always so blown away when I hear new stories about the

people [I] work with."

She also remarked on their humbleness. "My teammates don't see how amazing they and the work they do are," she stated. "Their tremendous humility and consistent hard work result in many of our conversations ending in 'that's just my job!' It's so much more than that, and I am so grateful they allow me to tell their stories."

When asked about what she found most interesting about her current position with USACE, she took the opportunity to rave even more about them; "So far- the really great stories co-workers are sharing with me about their background, experiences, and goals." The fact that Gibson chooses to not just get to know, but also highlight her colleagues, emphasizes her admiration of them as well as showcases her own talent for recruiting.

"We want to get to know them and invite them in," she explained to the USACE Engineering and Construction employees attending the career fair with her as they moved their booth table to accommodate for a more conversational area. "See how much more open it is and how we look like we actually want to interact with the students?"

Gibson also commented, "...meeting people where they are and telling our story in whatever way matters to a varying audience remains critical. Extending that positive message to our current team members to support engagement and retention is also a key piece of successful recruitment efforts."

Gibson has echoed the modesty of her colleagues which adds to the importance she brings to recruiting for the Rock Island District. It also shows how she is the embodiment of her favorite quote by Maya Angelou.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Visit our careers page for available opportunities :

https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Careers/

INSPIRING CHANGE IN THE WORKFORCE DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

By Jessica C. Jenkins-McPeek, Special Emphasis Program Committee, Black/African American Program Manager

Black History Month is a designated period to recognize the contributions that Black and African American persons have made to this country and to celebrate and uplift Black culture. Common and lesser-known topics and events related to the civil rights movement, inventors, laws (state and federal), disparities of healthcare, education, employment, and the environment have a light shined upon them during the month of February each year. But what happens when Black History Month is over?

Remembering, sharing and analyzing the past is an important part of shaping the future. Historic patterns serve an integral part in dismantling disparities and inequities that continue to persist today. Black History Month is not only a time to look back but to look inward and onward; Black history is alive and thriving in the present moment. It is an opportunity to implement a broader initiative; a chance to recognize and minimize disparities, create equity and improve the current daily experiences for Black and underrepresented people. It is a time to address systemic racism and prioritize racial equality, inclusion and antiracism as a continuous endeavor, with a special opportunity to Inspire Change in the workforce.

February offers the chance to dive into Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) trainings, analyze workforce data, and break down systemic barriers/biases. Black History Month and DEIA go hand-in-hand. It is an opening for organizations to hold themselves accountable, be transparent and make actionable DEIA efforts that enhance their work environment. A significant amount of change can happen within a year. This designated time can be utilized as a month of intention and purpose in how diversity and inclusion efforts are successful (or may need adjustments). Examine differences in how diverse groups find, research, and apply for jobs; use those insights to make recruitment processes more equitable and inclusive.

When it comes to the workplace, members of underrepresented groups often feel pressure to suppress personal values and emotions. They may alter their resume' by deleting ethnic-sounding names or feel the need to straighten their hair to look "acceptable" for an interview. Under-represented people may often create a façade of conformity for the workplace. Focus on DEIA efforts all year long with February check-ins, not only assist in recruiting but in retention. Educating recruiters, supervisors, and employees alike on ways to recognize and address their own set of unconscious biases strengthens the organization. New employees will come, and they, as well as current employees, will stay.

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EQUALITY IF EVERYONE RECEIVING A PAIR OF SHOES.

DIVERSITY IS EVERYONE RECEIVING A DIFFERENT TYPE OF SHOE.

EQUITY IS EVERYONE RECEIVING A PAIR OF SHOES THAT FIT.

> ACCEPTANCE IS UNDERSTANDING WE ALL WEAR

DIFFERENT KINDS OF SHOES.

BELONGING IS WEARING THE SHOES YOU WANT WITHOUT FEAR OF JUDGMENT.

Collateral Duty Safety Officers Keep Safety On-site

By Hali Strobel, Industrial Hygienist

ock Island District's Collateral Duty Safety Officer (CDSO) Program is an integral part of the Safety Office and the District's success with the Corps of Engineers' Safety and Occupational Health Management System (CE-SOHMS) implementation. The CDSO Program was developed nearly nine years ago and began as a requirement, where District field site was to designate an employee to serve as the site safety point of contact, be responsible for the site's safety inspections, distribute safety information, and assist the site supervisor with other safety-related responsibilities. CDSOs serve as the boots on the ground safety, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Over the past nine years, the dedicated CDSOs of the Rock Island District have far exceeded these basic program requirements, evolving the program into the robust, fully encompassing District safety effort that it is today.

As stated in the name, CDSO duties are collateral, meaning "in addition to" existing job duties. And while

they have very important, sometimes demanding responsibilities, the position can be very rewarding and fulfilling. CDSOs make positive, impactful improvements at their site that directly affects their coworkers' safety. Holding this position can also help to instill a strong safety background for employees aspiring to become supervisors. Supervisors who were former CDSOs often start their positions with a greater understanding of safety and its importance in the workplace, which helps them to be a better leader.

Requirements for becoming a CDSO include completion of a 30-hour OSHA course, attendance at monthly CDSO meetings, and an annual face-toface CDSO training. Anyone who is interested in a collateral duty assignment where you can directly improve your site's safety and gain valuable skills that will benefit you throughout your career, should talk with their supervisor about becoming a CDSO at their site.

During annual face-to-face training, employees serving as collateral safety duty officers in the Rock Island District, get a first-hand look at new safety equipment that will soon be available at their sites. Photo taken by Kelcy Hanson



TRAINING TIDBITS

Training Links

TED: <u>Total Employee</u> <u>Development</u> Training Opportunities: <u>Training -</u> <u>Training Opportunities</u> Leadership Development Training: <u>Training - Leadership Training</u> DAU: <u>DAU Home</u> ALMS: <u>EAMS-A Single Sign-On</u> CES: <u>CHRTAS</u> Army eLearning: <u>Skillsoft - US</u> <u>Army Login (skillport.com)</u> PROSPECT: <u>ULC Course</u> <u>Schedule</u>

Training Due Date

30 June 2023 -Mandatory Training for ALL employees

Prospect

 FY24 planning will start in April/May
 Office training coordinators will guide and assist employees through the process

Academic Degree Training: Process guidance can be found here. FY22 Training - All Documents (army.mil)

Office training coordinators are always the first point of contact for employee training and development needs.

NEW EMPLOYEE TRAINING SCHEDULE

Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Prevention (SHARP)

March 29, 2023	1-2 p.m. Central Time
April 26, 2023	1-2 p.m. Central Time
May 31, 2023	1-2 p.m. Central Time
June 28, 2023	1-2 p.m. Central Time
July 26, 2023	1-2 p.m. Central Time
August 30, 2023	1-2 p.m. Central Time
September 27, 2023	1-2 p.m. Central Time

To participate, new employees should log into their TED account and request the following course and vendor: Course #: MAN-SHARP-NE-23 Vendor: USACE MVR Mandatory

Supervisors Corner

- » Supervisor Resources located here: Supervisor Resources (dps.mil)
- » DEIA Training for Supervisions March-May Sign up in TED by searching course number: MVR-DEIA-S
- » Supervisor Development Course (SDC) Supervisors should now be auto enrolled and receive an email on how to access the training
- » New Supervisor 101 Course Supervisors should be auto enrolled in this new mandated course at 8 months in their supervisory role. Supervisors will then have 4 months to complete the 10-hour online course.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

RETIREMENTS

Anne Fleischman, Contract Specialist, retired Dec. 30, after dedicating over 13 years of service to the federal government.

Bryan Pattschull, Electrical Engineer, retired Dec. 30, after dedicating 30 years of service to the federal government.

Cory DeLong, Structural Engineer, retired Dec. 30, after dedicating over 30 years of service to the federal government.

Gene VanDusseldorp, Hydrologic Technician, retired Dec. 31, after dedicating over 36 years of service to the federal government.

Ronald Mott, Supervisory Architect, retired Dec. 31, after dedicating over 33 years of service to the federal government.

Julie Jackson, Occupational Health Program Manager, retired Dec. 31, after dedicating over 6 years of service to the federal government.

Diana Sue Robinson, Purchasing Agent- Contracting, retired Dec. 31, after dedicating over 14 years of service to the federal government.

Samual Hillman, Lock and Dam 16, retired Dec. 31, after dedicating over 23 years of service to the federal government.

Nicholas Schnerre, Lock and Dam 16 Lockmaster, retired Dec. 31, after dedicating over 30 years of service to the federal government.

Stephen Goben, Lock and Dam 17 Operator, retired Dec. 31, after dedicating over 20 years of service to the federal government.

Richard Rupert, Program Analyst, retired Dec. 31, after dedicating over 40 years of service to the federal government.

Rick Granados, Regional Asset Manager, retired Dec. 31, after dedicating over 36 years of service to the federal government.

James Eisert, Lock and Dam Equipment Mechanic, retired Jan. 23, after dedicating over 28 years of service to the federal government.

Terry Bielser, Crane Operator, retired Feb. 28, after dedicating over 23 years of service to the federal government.

SYMPATHY



W. Samual Bjorkman III, 81, of RockIsland, Illinois passed away Dec.22. Bjorkman worked in the surveysection of the design branch.



Donald Crist, 93, of Maquoketa, Iowa passed away Jan. 3. Crist was an Army veteran and retired from Lock and Dam 11.



Curtis Whitehall, 91, of Aledo, Illinois passed away Feb. 4. Whitehall was an Army veteran and worked as an Assistant Lockmaster at Lock and Dam 17.



Janet Hancks, 67, of Moline, Illinois passed away Feb. 25. Hancks retired from the Corps of Engineers.



Dana Rossmiller, 77, of Moline, Illinois passed away Feb. 25. Rossmiller worked in the personnel section for the Corps of Engineers.





Shannon Hull Procurement Analyst



Nicolas Garcia Engineering Technician (Civil)



Caroline Tarpey Student Trainee (Engineering)



Michael Richmond Supervisory Land Surveyor



Sarah Fisher Natural Resources Specialist



Jacob Cannon Mechanical Engineer



Moohee Salcedo-Seo Program Analyst



Douglas Hampton Lock and Dam Operator



Corey Shepherd HVAC Mechanic



Drew Belliveau Program Analyst



Vontrice Jones Construction Control Representative



William Jones Student Trainee (Statistics)



Christine Mack Student Trainee (Admin)



Kole Schipper Lock and Dam Operator



Jermaine Jones Lock and Dam Operator



Faith Pinault* Emergency Management Spec.

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EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER Isabella Hartley



Isabella has been invaluable as a member of the Resource Management team specifically when it concerns the recent move of our office to the newly remodeled space in the basement. She sorted and organized years' worth of office supplies, awards and many pieces that accompany the wards into an efficient system.

DECEMBER Adam Ziegler



Adam worked tirelessly to prepare for and lead a multidisciplinary team in the execution of the Rehearsal of Concept Drill for the Illinois Waterway 2023 Consolidated Closure. His expertise in managing operation and maintenance navigation lock projects has provided great benefit to the team.