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Around Mobile District



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Springs Lake on Tennessee
Tombigbee Waterway.**



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Did You Know.....

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employs biologist, ecologists, boat pilots, archaeologist, agronomists, park rangers, statisticians, economists, architects, attorneys, geologists, chemists, nurses, deckhands, accountants, computer specialists and personnel in other specialty fields.

The district staff is roughly one percent military and ninety-nine percent civilian service employees. The district is a large modern age organization requiring many different talents both directly and by contract.

Test your Knowledge?

When did Mobile District officially become a district of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers?

How many kilowatt hours of electricity does the district generate a year?



On the Front Page

Park Ranger Michael Carter gave a really great water safety program. With the help of Dawson George trying his luck at the “Cool hand Luke demonstration” the group learned how quick hypothermia takes place.

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Jakes Event Held at Bay Springs Lake on Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway. by Steven Koon

North Waterway Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Foundation (NWTF) and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP) sponsored a Jakes event Saturday, October 20 at Jackson's Camp Youth and Handicap area on Bay Springs Lake. The Fifth year event included sponsored activities stops and a water safety message by park ranger, Michael Cater during lunch. The Activities were structured for youths between the ages of eight and fifteen



*Harry Stone, site manager,
Bay Spring Resource Office*

Each activity stop started with a shooting sport safety message. Stop one - three introduced the youth participants to .22-caliber rifles and shotgun to shoot skeets and the archery range. The fourth stop was a virtual hunting experience. Most of the participants enjoyed the fourth stop the best. They shoot at ducks, quails and many other virtual targets.

This stop was provided by the local National Guard.

This event provided a first time opportunity for most of the participants to touch a bow, rifle or shotgun.

Archery safety was taught by NWTF volunteer Craig Koon, park ranger, rifle safety by Doug Epps and shotgun safety by Jerry Hazlewood of the MDWFP. Additional corps volunteers throughout the day from Bay Springs Site Office, Harry Stone, site manager and Garvin Gray, park ranger. Lunch, certificates and medals for the participants was provided by the NWTF. Harry Stone was awarded the "Big Jake" award for his support of the event.



2007 Jakes Event Participants

"Help Our World Forward"

Combined Federal Campaign for Mobile district is off and running. With the theme "Help Our World Forward" Harriette Holland, CFC Loan Executive hosted the kick-off meeting Thursday, November 25, for keyworkers in the district office. SFC Gonzales, engineering division, started the meeting by thanking the keyworkers for their commitment to a great and worthy cause. He expressed how twenty years of donating to CFC has evolved from giving in exchange for "a day off" to giving from the heart because you are helping to heal though donations.



Pledges made by federal civilians, postal and military donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.



SFC Gonzales (standing), thanking the CFC keyworkers for their commitment to a great and worthy cause. (Photo by Adrien Lamarre)

Our goal is \$60,000. Mobile district has always been a leader for the Mobile Area Combined Federal Campaign, with the support of everyone we can embrace our proud tradition of "helping our world forward." Contributors's Guides and Pledge Cards should be returned to the keyperson (listed below) in your division.

CD	Barbara Mangum	LM	Dorothy Sims	RD	Sarah Dills, Jason Steele,
CT	Sonya Rodgers	OC	Carolyn Seaman		Cindy House-Pearson
DB	Fanny Quesada	OP	Angela Anderson	RE	Sandra James
DE/PA	Lorraine Evans		Rose York	RM	Lauren Coaker,
EE	Brenda Lang		Robert Lytch		Jason Beard
EN	Zoia Jackson	PD	Charmaine Bell	SC	Jodie Norwood
EP	Anita Smith	PM	Tracy Jacobs	SO	Joe Matthew Jones
IM	Audrey Imsand		Harriette Holland		
IR	Melvin Goleman				

Congratulations ...



to Katie Burge, planning division, on her marriage to Ted Alfred Roland, Jr. on September 28.

to Dennis engineering division and Mary Mekkers, contractor, operations division on the birth of their daughter Charlotte Ida Mekkers, born October 3.



to Alou Rice, engineering division on the birth of his daughter Conner Cymyla Rice, born September 25.

Condolences ...

to Willard Bush, resource management on the death of his mother, Carrie Bush.



Briefs

St. Louis Street open for two-way traffic

Until now, traffic had traveled only eastbound. New traffic lights have been installed at Water, Royal and Broad Street. Intersections at Conception and St. Joseph streets will be four-way stops for about a month until new signals are installed. Please be mindful of the changes and of drivers who have not completely come to terms with the new arrangement. Also when crossing the street be sure to look both ways and keep an eye out for pedestrians that might not remember to look in your direction.

Thank you Mobile District

LaShica Montgomery, regulatory division and family expresses their sincere appreciation for the many kind thoughts, prayer and condolences, during their time of bereavement.

Mobile District Bay Way Toastmaster members communicating with clarity

Saturday, October 20th, was a win-win day for members of the Bay Way Toastmasters Association. Toastmasters International District 77 held its 2007 Fall conference, Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Mobile District employees communicated with leadership style and received the following recognition for their achievements.

CLUB COACH AWARD

(this award for coaching a young or struggling club. The coach does not get this award unless the club achieves Distinguished Status)

John Wahlers, Engineering Division

DISTINGUISHED TOASTMASTER AWARD

(Highest award achievable in Toastmasters)

Jeffrey Mason, Construction Division

LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Jeffrey Mason, Construction Division

DISTINGUISHED AREA GOVERNOR AWARD

(an Area Governor is an individuals who oversees and leads a group of local clubs. An area is distinguished when all the clubs of that area achieve at least Distinguished status)

Henry Battaglia, Engineering Division

Jeffrey Mason, Construction Division

DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

Jeff Mason, Construction Division

COMPETENT COMMUNICATOR AWARD

Cheryl Hrabovsky, Engineering Division

Gene Morisani (formerly of MDO)

ADVANCED COMMUNICATOR GOLD AWARD

Jeffrey Mason, Construction Division

ADVANCED COMMUNICATOR BRONZE AWARD

Henry Battaglia, Engineering Division

ADVANCED LEADER AWARD

Jeffrey Mason, Construction Division

Situational Awareness

ATTENTION ALL MOBILE DISTRICT NETWORK USERS:

Verizon scheduled routine maintenance will interrupt Mobile District Office network communications, Saturday, November 10. All applications and data communications WILL be affected, this includes Internet access, CEFMS, E-mail, Blackberry Service, etc. The entire network will be down for ONE hour between the hours of MIDNIGHT AND 0600 EST ON THE 10th OF NOVEMBER. If you have any questions or if this outage will adversely affect your mission, please contact the IM helpdesk immediately at 251-694-4444 or cesam.helpdesk@usace.army.mil.

2008 Federal Holidays

Federal law (5 U.S.C. 6103) establishes the following public holidays for Federal employees. Please note that most Federal employees work on a Monday through Friday schedule. For these employees, when a holiday falls on a nonworkday -- Saturday or Sunday -- the holiday usually is observed on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday).

Tuesday, January 1 New Year's Day	Monday, May 26 Memorial Day	Monday, October 13 Columbus Day	Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day
Monday, January 21 Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Friday, July 4 Independence Day	Tuesday, November 11 Veterans Day	
Monday, February 18* Washington's Birthday	Monday, September 1 Labor Day	Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day	

* This holiday is designated as "Washington's Birthday" in section 6103(a) of title 5 of the United States Code, which is the law that specifies holidays for Federal employees. Though other institutions such as state and local governments and private businesses may use other names, it is our policy to always refer to holidays by the names designated in the law.

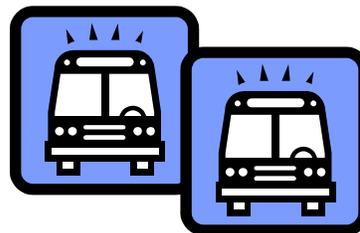
[2008 Pay and Leave Schedule](#)

Explore Mobile District

A ride for less then the cost of "a gallon of gas" from Baldwin County to Downtown Mobile.

Starting Tuesday, November 6 Bayliinc will provide Baldwin and Mobile County commuters an opportunity to cruise across bay for three dollars or less.

[Click here for route and fare information or call 251-990-4635](#)



Today's Quote

Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.
— *George Washington Carver*

Today in History

- 1889 North Dakota becomes 39th and South Dakota becomes 40th state
- 1917 1st U.S. soldiers killed in combat in WW I
- 1948 WJZ TV channel 13 in Baltimore, MD (ABC) begins broadcasting
- 1954 Taiwan and U.S. sign military pact
- 1962 John F. Kennedy announces Cuban missile bases were being dismantled
- 1988 1st Mrs. America beauty pageant

