Employee Spotlight: Stephen Dunbar, Programs/Project Management

Stephen Dunbar is a Project and Program Manager for Programs and Project Management's Military Environmental Management Branch. "My duties are managing projects, primarily EPA/Superfund projects, although I've also completed two Hurricane Sandy Navigation Projects," he said. "I am also managing the Air Force Wideband Enterprise Terminal Program."

In addition to his regular duties, Dunbar is a Leadership Development Program (LDP) Advisory board member and participating mentor and District representative on the North Atlantic Division Executive Leadership Development Program.

Dunbar has been with the New England District for 26 years. "I started as a survey rodman summer hire in 1985 and then I was hired as a permanent employee after graduating from the University of New Hampshire in 1988," he said. "I went to the private sector to manage a software development company in Boston from 2000-2003, but then I returned."

Dunbar graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He also graduated from Northeastern University in 1996 with his Masters Degree in Geotechnical Engineering.

When asked what he enjoys most about being a Corps of Engineers team member, Dunbar said, "Working with so many motivated, professional people who are also my friends."

Dunbar is extremely proud of the rich legacy his late father, John C. Dunbar left behind, not only for his family but for the nation. "My father was a World War II P-38 Lightning Fighter Pilot who later earned a Masters in Aeronautical Engineering," he said. "He worked across the street at Hanscom for Draper Labs as a pilot testing the first autopilot system. He later designed the cockpit of the first space shuttle. Although he passed in 2013, his achievements and actions impact me every day."

In his spare time, Dunbar enjoys spending time with his family. "My biggest reward is watching my four children also achieve great things in school, sports and life."