

Employee Spotlight:

Sean McDonald, Cape Cod Canal

Sean McDonald is the Canal Manager at the Cape Cod Canal in Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts. "I am responsible for the supervision, development and execution of the overall operations and maintenance program at the Canal, the Hurricane Barrier in New Bedford, Massachusetts and the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier in Providence, Rhode Island," he said. "This work encompasses navigation, recreation, environmental stewardship and flood risk management activities."

McDonald joined the New England District team in June 2016. "This is my first official USACE job," he said. "The majority of my career has been spent in facility engineering, working for Installation Management Command in Europe."

McDonald said he had the opportunity to work for Europe District in a developmental assignment as part of the Defense Senior Leaders Development Program. "While there I experienced the inner working of USACE as the program manager responsible for the European Reassurance Initiative Program."

The Cape Cod Canal Manager holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College in Washington, D.C.

When asked about what he enjoys most about working for the District, McDonald said, "The people are outstanding and the mission is compelling. Everyone that I interact with is a true professional and it makes coming to work every day a pleasure. Seeing all of the great things that our employees are doing to support the organization and the public really pushes me to try my hardest."

After being away from New England for so long, McDonald said he has enjoyed being back and rediscovering what it has to offer.

"My office is situated in a fantastic location – Cape Cod – and it is a real treat to be able to travel around and acquaint myself with this great region."