

Employee Spotlight

Ron Woodall, Operations Division

Ron Woodall is a Park Ranger at West Hill Dam and has been a New England District Team member for the past 10 months. "As a Park Ranger I work on a variety of operations and recreation aspects of the dam and park," he said. "I have the responsibility of conducting monthly tests on the flood gates and backup generator here at West Hill."

According to Woodall, his primary responsibility is the stewardship of public lands. "My personal favorite aspect of my job is to talk to the public about the recreation opportunities that the Corps provides as well as our Water Safety mission," he said. "I have the pleasure of presenting interpretive programs both onsite and in the community."

Although in New England for less than a year, Woodall is no stranger to the Corps of Engineers, having worked as a summer ranger in 2013 in the St. Paul District. From there he worked at the Portland District, Savannah District and then arrived in New England.

Aside from his regular duties as a Park Ranger at West Hill Dam, Woodall serves on the New England District Ranger Color Guard. He is also the North Atlantic Division representative for the National Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC). "The PAC is responsible for coordinating and expanding the Corps recreation and environmental stewardship missions," he said. "It was established to promote partnerships and cooperative agreements with government and private organizations so we can accomplish multiple tasks and provide for expanded program funding to support project purposes."

Woodall holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Humanities and Art History and a Masters in Arts Administration from Florida State University. When asked what he enjoyed most about working for the District, Woodall couldn't pick just one thing. "This is my fourth District and duty station with the Corps and I intend it to be my final location," he said. "Working at a smaller project, I really enjoy the unprecedented amount of hands-on operations and flood risk management opportunities and working with the public."

Woodall said he appreciated the team and managers he works with. "I feel I have a great relationship and support system with them, especially since my wife and I have no family members who live close," he said.

In his personal time, Woodall is a history buff. "I am a certified arts and antiques appraiser with a museum studies and curatorial background, so I really enjoy the history of the area and the opportunity to visit major museums and historical locations that built our country," he said. "I am also a Freemason and I am excited to live in the state with the oldest Masonic lodges in the United States."

Woodall and his wife, who is a doctor of Naturopathic Medicine, are the proud parents of a young son and daughter. He said his family are FSU Seminole and Seattle Seahawks fans, but also said the Patriots are also a good team.