

Flagship

SEATTLE DISTRICT



Bringing home the gold
at the Special Olympics



Slava Govorushkin: *This Flagship is for you*

We dedicate this Flagship to Vyacheslav (Slava) Govorushkin, Seattle District civil engineer and flood engineer. Slava provides technical engineering support and services, including design functions, to Seattle District's operating projects and navigation projects. Slava is the flood engineer responsible for executing flood response in both the Snohomish and Okanogan River Basins. During the recent spring flood response in the Okanogan River Basin, Slava successfully led his flood team through 14 direct assistance missions and numerous technical assistance requests. Thank you, Slava, for your selfless dedication to the Seattle District and the public!



Cover:

Nia Brettmann, daughter of Ken Brettmann, shows her medal, which she won at the Special Olympics USA Summer Games 2018 held in Seattle the first week of July. Nia won two gold medals from this year's games, taking first place in the 100 and 200-meter dash events.

Photo by Gillian Soholt

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Responsiveness: The bedrock of Delivering Strong

When we refined our District's Strategic Vision last year, working with the entire corporate board plus all branch chiefs and operations project managers, we embraced the KISS mantra and adopted the established Army Values in lieu of a unique set of District values as we previously had. However, we did elect to retain "Responsiveness to Customers (Internal and External)" as an additional District-specific value, since it's foundational to our overall success, yet wasn't necessarily implicit to the Army Values.

I would simply describe responsiveness as "doing what you said you were going to do and in a timely manner." Our values are the foundation upon which our District Vision rests, which is why we moved them to the bottom of the chart to visually depict that relationship. Responsiveness is the connective tissue linking our "Team of Teams," enabling us to "Excel in a Dynamic Environment."

As we all know, the hard part is turning our collective strategic vision into a reality, moving from a slogan or blueprint to actually operationalizing our vision. We all

have a fundamental role in achieving this seemingly daunting task, by daily modeling our District Values through our individual actions. I want to spend the balance of this column to highlight where YOUR responsiveness has made a tremendous impact in accomplishing our District's Mission over the past few months.

In May and June, our District rapidly deployed flood teams

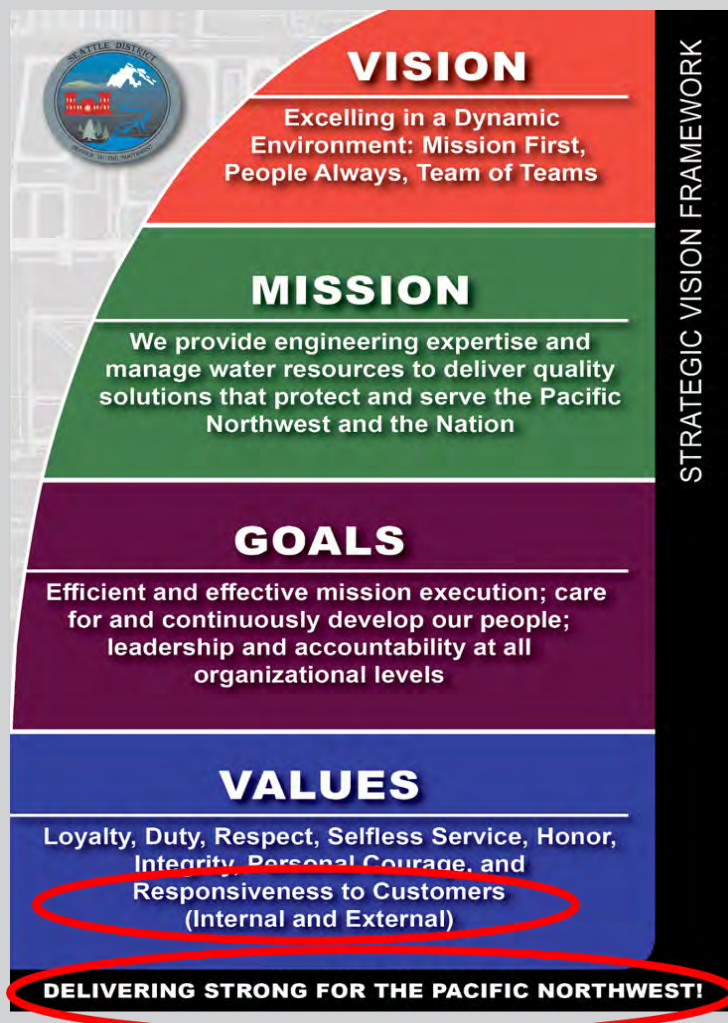


**Seattle District Commander
Col. Mark A. Geraldi**

to central and eastern Washington, western Montana and northern Idaho to respond to the needs of counties and Tribes facing near-record river flows, in some cases not seen since the early 1970s. Our teams successfully completed 21 requests for direct assistance and numerous calls for technical assistance, resulting in \$2 million in placement in just four weeks! During our response we've built and strengthened ties with local and state officials. It was also great to see citizenry fully engaged at public meetings and filling sandbags (we delivered 1.4 million sandbags!)

Also this year, in response to a mandate to improve conditions for endangered fish, we broke ground for the \$112 million Mud Mountain Dam Fish Passage Facility (it will be the Nation's largest!) in June – a date that many (okay, most) people thought would be impossible to meet, given the technical and physical challenges the project poses. We were only successful through timely communication and embracing innovative solutions – as a result, the project delivery team awarded this contract almost two weeks ahead of schedule! By being responsive to each other (internally), the PDT was able to over-deliver on responsiveness to our external stakeholders/partners.

When our Nation needed us, more than 100 Seattle District employees enthusiastically answered the call for volunteers for hurricane recovery in Puerto Rico, Florida, and the U.S. Virgin Islands and to California for wildfire recovery. Dozens deployed repeatedly, and their co-work-



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Teams respond to floods in District's east side

In May and early June, flood teams responded to flooding in seven Washington, Idaho and Montana counties. During this time, the District's Emergency Operations Center activated for 33 consecutive days to support flood fighting efforts.

Seattle District received and accommodated 21 requests for direct assistance

and provided technical assistance across 11 jurisdictions throughout the event.

The Corps provided assistance to several towns, including Okanogan, St. Maries, Cusick, Omak, Naches, Conconully, Plains, Riverside, Oroville and Tonasket.

This was a multi-District effort. Portland, Kansas City and Omaha Districts

provided personnel and supplies. Portland District sent 282,000 sandbags that were immediately used to protect communities in the area of the floods.

During the event, the Corps provided 1.4 million sandbags, five water pumps, 2,800 super sacks and 2,340 lineal feet of Hesco barriers.

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ers responded in kind by backing up their deployed teammates. Our teams listened to what FEMA and local citizens needed and worked to meet those needs in a professional, responsible manner, becoming the model for responsive and effective execution on Puerto Rico.

We partnered with the Northwest Seaport Alliance and proactively communicated and collaborated with team members, our chain of command and stakeholders enabling Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite to sign the Seattle Harbor General Investigation Chief's Report June 7. This major milestone was the culmination of almost four years of hard work by our team. By the PDT's responsiveness to each other

and to our stakeholders, they were able to deliver this report almost \$500,000 under budget.

I want to conclude by thanking those 508 of you (almost 68 percent of our eligible District population!) who recently responded to the Federal Employment Viewpoint Survey. It's now my turn, along with other senior District leadership, to model responsiveness by listening and acting on your identified areas for improvement. Our FEVS action plan is one of my top priorities – it's an important tool in enabling us to achieve our shared District Vision of "People Always." Last year's results led to significant changes, which I have outlined in town hall meetings. This year's

feedback will help guide our actions for fiscal year 2019.

Again, THANK YOU all for the great work you are delivering for the Pacific Northwest and our Nation each and every day. You have demonstrated responsiveness this fiscal year in actions large and small, from herculean emergency deployments to the simple (but important) timely return of phone calls and emails. You DO make a difference in achieving our shared District Vision through your daily examples.

-Delivering Strong for the Pacific Northwest!



(Top Left) Conconully Mayor Sam Martin thanks Flood Engineer Slava Govorushkin for successful containment of flood waters.
(Bottom Left) Volunteers fill sandbags near Missoula, Montana.
(Top Right) Flooding near a slip in Okanogan County.
(Bottom Right) A sandbag wall built near Okanogan, Washington.

USACE Seattle District Flood Response Spring 2018

- 21** Requests for Direct Assistance Completed
Counties - 13 Okanogan, 3 Sanders, 1 Pend Oreille, 2 Bonner, 1 Missoula; Colville Tribes
- 9** Communities Received Technical Assistance
Okanogan Co., Colville Tribe, Missoula Co., Benewah Co., Yakima County, Kalispel Tribe, Stevens County, Twisp, Pend Oreille Co.
- 4** River Basin Flood Teams Deployed
- 50** USACE Team Members Deployed



5 pumps with 1,400 lineal feet of hose delivered



1,480,500 sandbags delivered



2,800 Super Sacks delivered



2,340 Lineal feet of Hesco Barriers delivered

Upper Clark Fork

✓ 4 Direct Assistance Missions completed

Okanogan

✓ 14 Direct Assistance Missions completed

Pend Oreille and Lower Clark Fork

✓ 3 Direct Assistance Mission completed

Going for the Gold

By Kasey Krall
Public Affairs

Nia Brettmann is naturally good at running. At just 12 years old, she earned the chance to compete in the Special Olympics USA Summer Games 2018 held in Seattle the first week of July. Nia is the daughter of Seattle District Senior Water Manager Ken Brettmann, who decided a little over a year ago to get Nia involved in the Special Olympics athletics program just for fun – he had no idea that Nia would bring home two gold medals from this summer’s national games!

Nia attended camp and other activities for the past five years, but got started in Special Olympics track and athletics just last spring. Nia’s nanny, Gillian, heard about the program and mentioned it to Ken, who thought it

was a great idea and decided to give it a try. They soon learned Nia had a natural ability and proved to be the speediest runner on the track, winning the gold last year at the Special Olympics Washington Summer Games in Tacoma. That win secured Nia a spot during this year’s national games in Seattle.

Nia is a member of the Seattle Parks Minnow Sharks and meets for training with the team once a week for about 90 minutes. Team members prepare for upcoming competitions

“All her coaches are so proud of how quickly she picked up the sport of track and field and how hard she’s worked.”

through warm-up exercises, stretching, running their events and practicing field events like shot put. Once Nia qualified for nationals, she also began training with Team Washington and Coach Savannah Seiple, who is a recreation leader through Seattle Parks and Recreation. She has known Nia through recreation programs since 2013. “Nia has been a joy to coach, I am so proud of her,” Seiple said.

When Nia, who is the only junior track member on Team Washington, was selected to be a participant at the national level earlier this year, she and other team members received step-counting fitness bands to wear on their wrists. The bands track the wearers’ physical activity and encourage 10,000 steps per day.

The team’s daily activity goes into a database, and team members enjoy competing with each other to see who



can reach the most steps per day.

“It has been amazing to watch Nia grow throughout the years, not only in competitions but as a team member and in personal interactions with her peers,” Seiple said. “All her coaches are so proud of how quickly she picked up the sport of track and field and how hard she’s worked.”

All her hard work paid off in July when she took first place in her 100 and 200-meter dash running events. When asked what her favorite part of the week at the national games had been, without hesitation she replied, “Getting two gold medals!”

Running track is Nia’s favorite activity and the area she most excels in. Some of her strongest points in the field of athletics are her competitive nature, her playful spirit, and her ability to listen to and accept feedback from her coaches, Seiple said.

In addition to the 100 and 200, Nia also participates in other track and field events like a 400-meter relay race and shot put, but Seiple feels that Nia’s athletic abilities and positive attitude would shine through anywhere. “She is an amazing athlete, so I think she could pick up any sport she tried.”

Besides running, Nia enjoys arts and crafts and drawing. She likes spending time outdoors; her current passion is catch-and-release fishing, which she and her dad try to make time for every weekend. She has an interest in entomology and studies insects she can find in her backyard, and she loves all animals, especially dogs.



(top left) Nia Brettmann with her dad, Ken Brettmann, at the Special Olympics USA Summer Games 2018 in Seattle.

(top right) Nia participates in the shot put event at the national Games July 5.

(bottom left) Giving it her all, Nia sprints toward the finish line during the 100-meter dash at the national Games July 3.

(bottom right) Nia is presented with a medal at the Special Olympics Washington Summer Games 2018 in Tacoma June 2.



Thoughts on Leadership



Brig. Gen. D. Peter Helmlinger
Commander, Northwestern Division

“My priorities as division commander are to take care of people, support our partners and deliver programs”



Personal priorities for command of Northwestern Division

- Take care of people
- Support partners (trusted, responsive, and relevant expertise for stakeholders and customers)
- Deliver programs (quality, schedule, budget, safety, & transparency)



Many leadership styles are effective - The following thoughts shape my decisions

- People first

Strategic leadership requires confidence, vision, integrity and communication

The 80 percent solution on time is better than the 100 percent solution late

Bad news doesn't get better with age

If you identify a problem, suggest a solution

Work smarter, not harder. Activity doesn't necessarily equal productivity

Learn from the past, don't re-create the wheel

“There is no such thing as plagiarism in the Army”

Steal Ideas Shamelessly (SIS). Share Ideas Selflessly (SIS)

Do routine things routinely. Document and streamline procedures. A measure of success is how well things run in your absence

If you use an acronym, know what it means

Empower your subordinates. People with responsibility are better informed, motivated and involved

You can't do it all yourself
- Leadership requires balance. The most inspirational and effective leaders find balance between:

 - * Competence vs. Disciplined conduct
 - * Strong work ethic vs. Life balance
 - * Aggressiveness vs. Collegiality
 - * Subordinate development vs. Team building
 - * Short-term initiative vs. Long-term proactively
 - * Can-do attitude vs. Risk management

Communicate not just so people understand, but so there is no possible way to misunderstand

Shared knowledge is power. Don't work in a vacuum or stovepipe

Diverse teams make us stronger

Change is always inevitable. We must lead and shape it

Your legacy in the Army and USACE is not what you do, but what your subordinates do. Make the Army a rewarding experience for them and mentor them

Stay fit and healthy, and take care of your family



To view Seattle District Commander Col. Mark Gerald's Command Philosophy visit:
<https://go.usa.gov/xU64U>

Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite
54th Chief of Engineers



You undoubtedly have your own leadership style shaped by your personality and experiences. The 12 traits below are the most common **SUCCESSFUL** leadership traits in the Army. We should all strive to emulate these

Source: U.S. Army Pre-Command Course 2006

- Adapts quickly to new situations and requirements

Keeps cool under pressure

Clearly explains missions, standards and priorities

See the big picture; provides context and perspective

Sets high standards without a “zero defects” mentality

Can handle “bad news”
- Gets out of the headquarters and visits the troops

Sets a high ethical tone; demands honest reporting

Knows how to delegate and not micromanage

Can make tough, sound decisions on time

Builds and supports teamwork within staff and among units

Is positive, encouraging, and realistically optimistic



The ten most common **SHORTCOMINGS** of unsuccessful leaders we all should avoid

Source: Harvard Business Review Jun 2009

- Lack of energy and enthusiasm

Accept mediocre performance

Lack clear vision and direction

Have poor judgment

Don't collaborate
- Don't walk the talk

Resist new ideas

Don't learn from mistakes

Lack interpersonal skills

Fail to develop others

Strengthen the Foundation

Doing the routine things to exceptionally high standard, routinely **Deliver the Program**

The most strategic thing we can do is deliver our mission...keep our promises

Achieve our Vision

Troop leading ourselves into an unknowable future...together...“Our compelling, better tomorrow”



Electrical poles lay staged on Rafael Hernandez Airfield in Aguadilla Puerto Rico. USACE installed thousands of poles over the duration of the project. (Courtesy Photo)

Delivering Strong in Service to Northwest (Puerto Rico)

By Lt. Col. Andrew Olson, Maj. Lamar Cantelou, Capt. Grant Wanamaker, Capt. Joe Gambino, Capt. Ryan Alarcon, Capt. Anthony Caruso, 1st Lt. Jeffrey Pendleton

“A Message to Garcia,” written by Elbert Hubbard, is a time-tested proverb of a Soldier tasked with venturing into the jungle and delivering a letter to a general named Garcia, with little supporting information. In the end, the young officer, known as Rowan,

took full ownership of this task and completed the difficult mission without hesitation. As military officers, we are familiar with the story and it is often used to encourage proactive decision making and the “can-do” attitude. Hurricane Maria made landfall on

Puerto Rico in September 2017, wreaking havoc on the territory’s aging and unkempt infrastructure. Many were left without power, clean water, food and medical supplies. The Northwestern Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was tasked with setting up the Aguadilla Area Office in western Puerto Rico, with the objective of restoring the power in the Mayaguez and Ponce regions. Seattle District took charge of the Aguadilla Area Office and ensured the right personnel were present to lead the team, which was comprised of individuals from within U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies.

Seattle District Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Andrew Olson, Maj. Lamar Cantelou, Capts. Joe Gambino, Grant Wanamaker, Ryan Alarcon, Anthony Caruso, and 1st Lt. Jeff Pendleton stepped up in various capacities, either leading the Aguadilla Area Office or providing crucial management functions for Task Force Power. We served in various roles in support of the mission on the island over the last six to nine months. We were given a very vague mission statement: Repair the power grid. As military officers, we are

trained in various planning tools and the Military Decision-Making Process; we are accustomed to deliberate planning. We expect to have detailed plans and meticulous briefings before completing missions. This mission proved to be a challenge for us, based on the small amount of information available. Similar to Rowan, we set off into the mountainous and jungle-like terrain in Puerto Rico with little information. And despite the vague instruction, just like Rowan, we were successful.

Several lessons emerged from our experience in Puerto Rico: Leadership plays a paramount role in everything we do as officers and leaders. Secondly, logistics will drive operations, no matter the environment. For civil contingencies, operations should be the primary goal. Lastly, we, the engineers, are truly the nation’s problem solvers. This article will share some of the challenges and opportunities encountered during our time on Puerto Rico.

Olson and Joint Base Lewis-McChord Area Engineer Steve Kelley were the first to travel to Puerto Rico in order to establish the Aguadilla Area Office. Olson served as the officer-in-

charge for roughly two months. As the OIC returned to Seattle, Wanamaker, Gambino, Cantelou and Alarcon all served as deputy area engineers throughout their time in Puerto Rico. Each expertly managed and led personnel in order to ensure the office had a functional and collaborative approach. Aguadilla Area Office was comprised of personnel from quite literally all over the country. Within the office, we had Department of Energy representa-

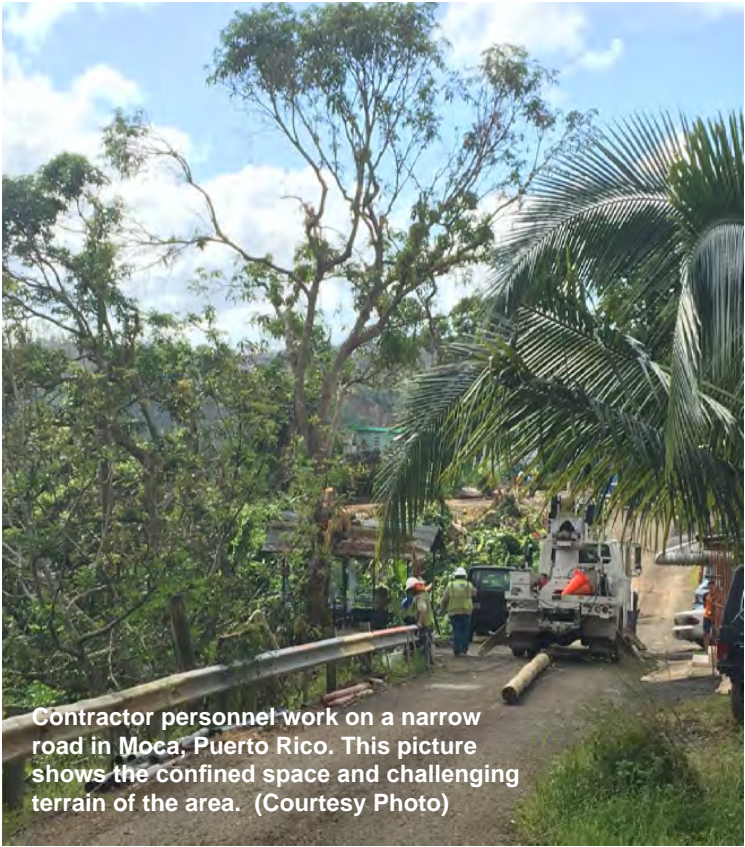
tives and a great working relationship with the Puerto Rico Electrical Power Authority (PREPA). Each officer was presented different challenges, ranging from administrative tasks to arranging for the establishment of new locations for field offices. Overall, each officer mentioned adapting their leadership in order to effectively lead a predominantly civilian team. Capitalizing on technical information from the subject matter experts embedded in the office was a big advantage. One example is that the office leadership enabled electricians that service the Corps’ dams to give brief lessons to the office on various topics. As such, those individuals became informal leaders within the quality assurance staff. As Gambino pointed out, if you lead Army civilians differently than you lead Soldiers, you are doing one of the two wrong. Each subordinate, whether military or civilian, is a reflection of the leader. Any pre-conceived thoughts about those you are leading will most likely manifest themselves in your interaction with your team. When each Soldier or engineer is valued as a member of the team and buys into the “why” behind what you are doing, they form a cohesive team that effectively accomplishes the mission.

Caruso served as the contracting officer’s representative while he was in Puerto Rico. He was responsible for monitoring the execution of work, as well as supporting contract modifications. Caruso worked directly with the Department of Energy, PREPA, and the Corps at every level. Under the watchful eyes of Administrative Contracting Officers Jon Norquist and Jodie Ramsey, he managed the project, despite the limited scope provided in the contract. Another big responsibility he had as the COR was to control the flow of materials for the project. He facilitated the ordering and delivery of electrical supplies for the Aguadilla Area Office and sought to resolve issues with Task Force Power. Various logistical challenges associated

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USACE personnel survey a mountain top. This particular truck served as the anchor for electrical conductor that was transported by helicopter over a valley spanning 1,000 meters. (Courtesy Photo)



Contractor personnel work on a narrow road in Moca, Puerto Rico. This picture shows the confined space and challenging terrain of the area. (Courtesy Photo)

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with moving supplies to Puerto Rico significantly impacted the completion of work in the area of operations. Due to various laws, funding requirements, and the challenges of shipping the equipment to an isolated island, the fact that logistics drive (or limits) operations could not have been more glaring. Caruso noted that this unique situation called for some risks to be taken in order to complete work. The team continually proposed solutions to expedite shipping to the island using different contracting tools, with limited success.

The take away from the project was that in order to be most productive, the team must focus on operations and accept prudent risks during civil

contingency operations. As Gambino mentioned, these types of operations are inherently inefficient. The key is limiting that inefficiency by sorting out logistics. A quick analysis showed the project team that the time lost for idle crews could easily cost more than the savings for certain materials, justifying prudent risk of higher cost and expedited materials delivery. There is a delicate balance of being a good steward of taxpayer dollars and maintaining an operational momentum. Additionally, each decision was crucial to the well-being of those on the island left without power.

The Engineer Regiment motto is “Essayons,” a rough translation from French, meaning “Let us try.” As USACE Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen.

Todd Semonite pointed out in his visit to Aguadilla in December 2017, USACE stepped up to take this mission in order to help the nation recover from a monumental natural disaster. Normally, the Department of Energy, along with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), would directly manage recovery efforts. However, due to the large number of recent storms and the difficult mission of establishing supply chains while managing over a billion dollars in contracts, the nation’s leaders chose the only organization that could always solve their toughest problems – the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. True to form, each member of the area office was forced to think outside of their comfort zone to find creative solutions to accomplish this mission. For instance, USACE rarely works on utility or high voltage electrical structures. However, the creativity and critical thinking shown by the quality assurance staff and the project engineers enabled them to set up a repeatable process to plan, direct, and inspect operations. This gave the contractor a predictable battle rhythm to restore power to the western half of Puerto Rico. More recently, the area office moved locations to the mountainous central region of Puerto Rico in order to restore electricity to the remaining areas of the island. The Aguadilla Area Office, under the leadership of Alarcon and Cantelou, was given this mission based on their success in the western regions of the island.

You can’t help but take pride in an organization that can step up in such a manner to help others. Seattle District led the effort for western Puerto Rico to regain electricity to schools, hospitals and residents. The success of the contractor, PREPA and USACE partnership has led to a nearly complete restoration of a largely neglected power grid and a return to normalcy for millions of American citizens. The exceptional officers of the Seattle District served as the leaders and role models for this mission.



USACE works with contractors to replace two high voltage transmission towers for the city of Mantilla near the Arecibo region. (Courtesy Photo)



Matthew Bennett & Travis Shaw
Commander's Leadership Award
(Supervisor)



Tom Parsons
Commander's Leadership Award
(Non-Supervisor)



Rod Perry
Engineer/Architect of the Year



Isaac Freil
Project Engineer of the Year



Jayson Osborne
Scientist of the Year



Vincent Daniels
Employee of the Year
GS-09 and Below



Anthony (Tony) Campo
Employee of the Year
GS-10 and Above



Kasey Krall
New Employee of the Year
GS-09 and Below



Todd Bishop
New Employee of the Year
GS-10 and Above



Douglas Eklund
Support Employee of the Year
GS-09 and Below



Gene Scott
Support Employee of the Year
GS-10 and Above



Leah Hauenstein
Project Manager of the Year



Kenneth Weaver
Program Manager of the Year



Richard Hynes
Innovator of the Year



Libby Dam Powerhouse Crew
Outstanding Accomplishment at
a Project or Field Office



Alpha (Jim) Lampman
Commander's Individual Safety
Award



HHD/MMD O&M Staff
Commander's Team Safety
Award



MMD Fish Passage Fac. Team
PDT Team of Teams



**National Deployment Team
& Aguadilla AO**
Support Team of Teams Award



Humanitarian Service Medal Recipients



The Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service
is for individuals who have distinguished themselves
by meritorious direct “hands-on” participation

in an act or operation of a humanitarian nature directed toward an individual or groups of individuals.
The following recipients are receiving the medal for work during hurricane/disaster relief efforts:

Blake Backus
Michael Baldaia
Cole Bebow
Paul Bell
Joshua Black
Teresa Boggs
Michael Bondor
George Bonney
Jennifer Brito
Kelley Brown
Steven Burress
Anthony Carlock
Lisa Cass
Charles Cline
Victor Cline
Vincent Daniels
Catherine Desjardin
Elizabeth Dierich
William Dowell
Joshua Erickson
James Fenton
Katherine Garon
Thomas Gay
Kyle Gazaway
Peter Gibson
Franchesca Gilbert
Darrick Godfrey
Matthew Goe
Lisa Hansen
Kathryn Heard

Travis Hightower
Richard Hovde
Andrew Huddleston
Charles Ifft
James Jones
Sidney Jones
Steven Kelley
Christopher Keogh
Alpha Lampman
Capt. Tyler Leroy
Stephen Lesky
Rafael Lopez-Gonzalez
James Lyon
Joseph Marsh
John McAvoy
Richard McCullough
Benino McKenna
Dean Mesenbrink
Edward Morente
David Muellerleile
Kyle Mundy
Daniel Munson
Zachary Nelson
Susan Newby
Michelle Newman-Gallardo
Kurtis Noble
Jonathan Norquist
Lt. Col. Andrew Olson
Logan Osgood-Zimmerman
Kenneth Parsons
Rick Petersen

Abigail Pickard
Alison Pieper
Rodney Plant
Ian Pumo
Benjamin Puyleart
Will Rackcliff
Victor Ramos
Amy Reese
Robert Reeves
Michelle Reynolds
Tisa Richardson
Jason Ritter
Jerry Robinson
Samuel Rosling
Keith Rudie
Jonathan Springer
Everet Sterling
Michael Suh
Clay Thedy
Marian Valentine
Matthew Walden
Capt. Grant Wanamaker
Timothy Warren
Jonathan Watson
Doug Weber
Garrett Wickham
Jacob A. Williams
Jacob T. Williams
Brian Wilson
Jeffrey Wood

FY18 3rd Quarter Awards



Suk Jun
GS-9 and below



Logan Osgood-Zimmerman
GS-10 and above



Jacalen Printz
Supervisor

Out and About:

Doug Weber taught community members about flood and earthquake preparedness during a King County emergency preparedness workshop.

Elizabeth Stanley talked with students about USACE jobs and available vacancies during the Heritage Day University Career Fair.

Chief Joseph Dam Natural Resource Management personnel hosted over 500 students at the Earth Day 2018 event.

Col. Mark Gerald delivered the Kootenay Board presentation to the International Joint Commission in Washington, D.C.

The Libby Dam team hosted students from local area schools for a half-day of hands-on STEM activities.



Retired/Moving On:

Peter Gibson
Leo Pendergraft
Cecile Viray
Charles Bothwell, III
J.C. Van't Land
Mark Richards
Adilene Dominguez
Edward Goodhue
Bonilie Lackey
Johanna Nelson
Kim May
William Prater
Richard Fancher

Hurricane/Wildfires:

Jenna Cunningham
Geraldine Kemp
Ian Pumo

Deployed:

Teresa Boggs
Mamie Brouwer
David Cook
Sean Doherty
Charles Ifft
Steven Kelley
Susan Murphey
Bruce Okumura
John Solomon

Condolences:

Nettie "Lavonne" Spray, former admin. officer at Mud Mountain Dam, passed away November 12, 2017.

Raymond Hegel, former employee at Mud Mountain dam, passed away March 18.

Alan Hall, former chief of plant section at Mud Mountain dam, passed away April 1.

Nancy January, former NWS Human Resources employee, passed away May 6.

Kyle Shaw, architect with Engineering Division, passed away unexpectedly May 18.

Pat Wheeler, recently retired hydraulic engineer with Engineering Division, passed away May 24.

Jerry O'Leary, former lockmaster at Lake Washington Ship Canal, passed away June 23.

Welcome
TO THE DISTRICT



Michelle Aylward
Project Manager
PPPM Military Branch



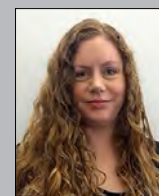
Christopher Brooks
IT Chief
ACE-IT



Benjamin Long
Student Trainee
Water Mgmt. Section



Lea Manley
Structural Engineer
Arch. & Structures Sect.



Darwin Porter
Architect
Spec. & Tech. Review Sect.



Chris Robinson-Jahns
Accountant
Resource Mgmt. Office

Better Know a Section

Contracting MEI Branch (Branch A)



The Contracting Division's MEI Branch (Branch A) provides full service contracting expertise and trained resources to support project management business processes and operational needs related to Military Construction, Environmental and Interagency and International Services (IIS) work. Plans, develops, executes and oversees all phases of District pre-award contracting for actions in support of the Military mission, including MILCON design and construction and related A-E requirements; and Environmental Remediation services

and related construction and A-E requirements, including IIS.

The Contracting MEI Branch includes Kelly Gunn, Martin Hansen, Tam Huynh, Debbie Knickerbocker, Natanielle Little, Michael Miyagi (acting Branch Chief), Susan Newby, John Scola, Curt Stepp, Lorraine Warehime, Shawna West, and Bruce Okumura (Branch Chief, deployed to TAA).