

# Peach Basket Classic

Photos by Joe Saxon



# ACE Committee goes the Sustainability route with Corps T-shirts

One normally would not associate T-shirts with sustainability, but leave it to LaRhonda McCauley and the Association of Corps Employees (ACE) committee to make that connection.

The ACE committee provides morale, welfare and recreational support to Corps employees.

The District's latest shirts are 50 percent recycled plastic bottles and 50 percent organic cotton.

"Every year we try and come up with a T-shirt for the annual Corps picnic," McCauley said. "This year's design contest winner was Michael Schaffer."

His back-of-shirt design featured the District's dams and rivers.

"We already had the back of the shirt designed when I noticed the Army's 'Go Green' logo on a story in the Intercom," McCauley said. "I thought that would be really nice to have on the shirt, especially if we could get recycled shirts. We contacted the company, and they had environmentally friendly, sustainable T-shirts."

"When I found those shirts were available, I proposed to our ACE committee that they use the 'Go Green' on the front and Michael's design on the back. The committee unanimously approved it," McCauley said.

According to the shirt's label, the 4.8 ounce shirt consists of 50 percent ringspun pre-shrunk organic cotton, and 50 percent post-consumer P.E.T. recycled polyester.

"This T-shirt feels incredible and is made of 50 percent recycled water bottles," McCauley noted. "It's environmentally friendly AND good looking! How cool is that!"

In addition to having sustainable T-shirts, the ACE picnic committee took another significant step to improve sustainability efforts in the District. Instead of buying cases and cases of plastic water bottles and putting all those bottles in a local landfill when empty, the committee asked all attendees to bring their own non-disposable water bottles instead.

A water "buffalo" was made available for all the picnickers to re-fill their personal water bottles. Ruthann Haider, chairperson of the NWW Sustainability Committee was excited about this grassroots effort to reduce landfill material.

"LaRhonda is our poster child for sustainability right now," Haider said. She clearly took some extra time to think of significant ways to recycle or reduce waste material related to the annual picnic. Simple efforts like this help our District's efforts to become greener and focus on waste reduction."



Story by Ruthann Haider and Joe Saxon

3rd in a four-part series on the Walla Walla District's Sustainability efforts



- ACE is:
- Lonnie Croft
  - Mitsi Fukuhara-Poloa
  - Ronetta Holland
  - Jennifer Rand
  - Michael Schaffer
  - Ken Koeberling
  - LaRhonda McCauley
  - Al Sutlick (Retired)

Above: Back of the new Walla Walla District T-shirt was designed by Michael Schaffer. Left: LaRhonda McCauley displays the front of the District T-shirt.



Top: Andrew Dankel-Ibáñez takes a shot while Jon Renholds blocks out an opponent. The Corps' team finished second at the Walla Walla Peach Basket Classic Corporate Challenge. Below, left: Jon Renholds pops a jumper. Middle: Jeff Lyon plays defense. Right: Jordan Fink pulls up for a shot while avoiding defenders. Above: A slam dunk contestant goes "sky-walking" enroute to a dunk.



# Around the District



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers photos

Above: Walla Walla District Commander Lt. Col. Drew Kelly escorts Corps Commander Lt. Gen. Thomas Bostick at McNary Lock and Dam. Top, left: McNary Operation's Manager Dave Coleman briefs Lt. Gen. Bostick near a fish screen.



## Welcome Lt. Gen. Bostick Corps Commander

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Commander Lt. Gen. Thomas Bostick visited the Walla Walla District on June 3. While here, he viewed facilities and met with workers at Dworshak and Ice Harbor dams. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, he also holds a masters degree in both civil engineering and mechanical engineering from Stanford University. He is a licensed professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia. As the USACE Commanding General, he is responsible for more than 37,000 Civilian employees and 600 military personnel who provide project management and construction support to 250 Army and Air Force installations in more than 100 countries around the world.

## Corps Day award winners

The Walla Walla District recognized employee excellence at the annual Corps Day town hall.

Wendell Greenwald (pictured left) joined the Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees. His photo will join the others in the District Headquarters building hallway outside the Castle Room.

Pictured left to right: New Employee of the Year Awardee Procurement Systems Support Analyst Chris Koch.

Outstanding Achievement Awardee (GS10/above) Project Engineer Ryan Bliss.

Support Employees of the Year Realty Assistant Terri Peterson and Realty Specialist Nancy Herres.

Quality Proponent Awardee Project Manager Steve Hartman and Electrical Engineer Brian Head. PMBP Proponent Shawn Nelson, Kevin Crum, and Martin Ahmann.

Not pictured: Outstanding Achievement Awardee (GS9/ below) Jim Wade, Outstanding Achievement (T/C) James Harris. Engineering Excellence Awardee Electrical Engineer Stuart Gregory.



## Leadership Development Program Congratulations 2013 Graduates



Members of the Walla Walla District's 2013 Leadership Development class are all smiles as they prepare to graduate.

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| <p><b>Back Row</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydraulic Engineer<br/>Curtis Been<br/>District Headquarters</li> <li>Contract Specialist<br/>Cam Allen<br/>District Headquarters</li> <li>Archaeologist<br/>Scott Hall<br/>District Headquarters</li> <li>Mechanical Engineer<br/>David Salgado<br/>District Headquarters</li> <li>Fishery Biologist<br/>Dean Holecek<br/>District Headquarters</li> <li>Chief of Operations<br/>Bill Gersbach<br/>McNary Lock and Dam,<br/>Umatilla, Ore.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Front Row</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fishery Biologist<br/>Greg Moody<br/>District Headquarters</li> <li>Structural Engineer<br/>Jon Lomeland<br/>District Headquarters</li> <li>Support Services<br/>Specialist<br/>Stephenie Renshaw<br/>District Headquarters</li> <li>Hydraulic Engineer<br/>Brandon Hobbs<br/>Boise Outreach Office</li> </ul> |
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## employees of the quarter Fiscal year 2013



### Third Quarter

Sandy Shelin (far left)  
Environmental Resource Specialist

Alex Almeida (left)  
Power Plant Electrician  
Lower Monumental Lock and Dam