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Introducing the North Atlantic Division

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The North Atlantic Division [NAD] is one of eight Army Corps of Engineers regional business centers. It services the Northeast and 51 other countries through its district offices in Concord [Mass.], New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk and Wiesbaden [Germany].

The Division is committed to addressing the environmental, infrastructure, and water resource challenges in the region, so it plans, designs and builds projects to support the military, protect America's water resources, and restore and enhance the environment. It handles a variety of engineering and construction for international, Federal, state and local governments and agencies. It covers 14 Atlantic Coast states from Maine to Virginia and the District of Columbia, and serves 62 million people, over 22 percent of the U.S. population.

More than 3400 NAD staffers respond to natural disasters & national emergencies, support contingency operations and provide quality engineering and construction management services.

Military Construction

NAD districts design, build and maintain facilities to improve living conditions and readiness for the Army and Air Force in Europe and the Northeastern U.S., including the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY. The districts buy, manage, and sell land for the Army and Air Force, and manage 725 recruiting offices, the most in the Corps. NAD is a Center of Expertise for the Army's Residential Communities Initiative, a program to revitalize base housing; Norfolk District handles real estate for the program and Baltimore handles contracting.

The Division is a contingency Division and can move with the Army on short notice to support any operation anywhere in the world. It supports the military in the northeastern U.S., Europe, Israel and Greenland. This includes 13 Air Force and 4 Army Reserve installations, the 1st Infantry, 1st Armored, and 10th Mountain Divisions, and 50 Army installations...36% of installations worldwide.

NAD provides base camp engineering for Army peacekeeping forces in the Balkans. New NATO nations and Partnership for Peace countries in Eastern Europe receive technical support from NAD's International Engineering Center.

Civil Works

The North Atlantic Division's civil works mission includes navigation, flood control, storm protection and coastal erosion control. Its districts maintain and improve navigation channels in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Norfolk harbors, and in hundreds of smaller ports in the Charles, Hudson, Delaware, Susquehanna, Potomac, James, and other rivers and waterways. The Division uses private dredging firms to keep these waterways at navigable depths, and has a fleet of 90 vessels to patrol, monitor and maintain them.

NAD districts work with the States and local communities to develop economically sound and environmentally acceptable solutions to address flood control and coastal flooding needs. They design and build projects to protect citizens and property from storms along the Atlantic coast,

regulate development in wetlands, and supply drinking water to Washington, DC.

The Division's boundaries include the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays and the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, four major canals (including the Cape Cod, the world's widest sea level canal, and the Chesapeake & Delaware), four major navigation locks and 8 high-rise bridges. The Division operates 53 Federally owned dams, over 63 miles of levees and channels, two hurricane barriers, 100 recreation areas, and 763 campsites.

Environment

The North Atlantic Division has over a \$200 million environmental protection and restoration program. Its districts work through the EPA Superfund program, the Defense Environmental Restoration Program, the Base Realignment and Closure Program (Environmental Restoration), and the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. It has the largest Superfund program in the Corps, with 55% of all Corps program funding. NAD programs have created, protected or restored endangered species habitats, wetland acres, and fish spawning habitat.

Support for Others

The Division handles many unique, complex tasks for local, national and international customers. It manages the construction of three military bases for the Israeli government as a result of the 1999 Wye River peace accords. Europe District built the first two Fischer Houses in Germany to shelter military and veterans' families while loved one receive medical care.

Emergency Response

NAD districts respond to calls for help before, during or after national emergencies or natural disasters. They respond under the Corps' own authority, PL 84-99, and help the Federal Emergency Management Agency bring relief to victims. They have also responded to disasters overseas. NAD played a key role in rescue and recovery operations surrounding the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and responded to Hurricanes, Katrina, Rita, Wilma and other recent storms. Under the authority of the Field Force Engineering Program, NAD engineers and other support personnel have deployed to Gulf Region Division and Afghanistan District.

Division History

The North Atlantic Division has a proud history dating to colonial times, when its predecessors built coastal defenses to protect the new nation, like Fort McHenry in Baltimore (where Francis Scott Key wrote the Star-Spangled Banner) and Fort Wood in New York (now the base of the Statue of Liberty). NAD built some of the Corps' first civil works projects, including lighthouses and navigation channels. Its districts built a system in Greenland that lets the Air Force track missile launches anywhere in the world. The Division handled the massive Ft. Drum, NY construction program, and some of the largest public works projects ever in Virginia.

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