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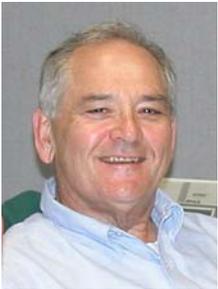
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## Three retire from Mississippi Valley Division

Vicksburg, Miss., January 7, 2005 -- Three employees, with more than 112 years of combined federal service, retired this week from the Mississippi Valley Division (MVD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



**Vic Agostinelli**

Mr. Victor M. Agostinelli, a structural engineer for the MVD, retired Jan. 3, 2005, after 40-plus years of service with the federal government.

Mr. Agostinelli is well recognized in the division and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as an outstanding and experienced structural engineer in the design of Civil Works hydraulic structures (both steel and concrete) and as the expert and regional leader of the Structural Engineering Community of Practice in the Business Technical Division, Regional Business Directorate. He has particular expertise in the design of locks and dams and flood control structures.

As a technical reviewer he used his design knowledge in assuring quality design for: development of and rehabilitation of locks and dams on the Red River Waterway in Louisiana, Upper Mississippi River including the Melvin Price Locks and Dam; development of the Old River Control Auxiliary Structure on the Mississippi River; numerous pumping stations including the large Lake Chicot Pumping Station near Lake Village, Ark., and development of hurricane protection and/or flood protection works in the MVD Districts. He also contributed his knowledge during review and quality assurance of structural features of the System Feasibility Study for the Upper Mississippi River Navigation Project and numerous other feasibility studies reviewed at MVD.

“The Corps has been very good to me,” said Agostinelli. “I’ve had a great career and am going to miss everyone here. The Corps has been part of my family,” he said.

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## 2-2-2 Retirees



**Buddy Arnold**

Mr. William (Buddy) Arnold, a senior program manager for MVD, retired Jan. 3, 2005, with more than 33 years of federal service.

In this position Arnold planned, directed and controlled the pre-authorization planning activities of the New Orleans District Support Team in the Programs Directorate.

He was responsible for planning, leading, and controlling the work of a staff of program managers engaged in a wide variety of highly specialized pre-authorization planning activities. He established internal procedures and policies, determined the scope, limitations, and priorities of work and coordinated work with other elements of MVD and Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

When asked what advice he would share with co-workers Arnold said, “Employees should take advantage of developmental assignments, including volunteering for task forces and committees even if it requires travel.” Arnold also stated that employees should consider retiring early so they can enjoy their retirement.



**Frank Johnson**

Mr. Frank N. Johnson, a structural engineer, retired Jan. 3, 2005, from MVD with more than 39 years of federal service.

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### 3-3-3 Retirees

He served in a number of assignments and worked on many projects throughout the region. One of his last assignments was the point of contact for the USACE Bridge Inspection Program. He served as technical expert and advisor to MVD and its six districts on structural and overall civil engineering features. His technical expertise includes quality assurance, coordination, and oversight of projects presented in reconnaissance, feasibility, and design documentation reports of projects and structures involved in major Civil Works projects to include dams, powerhouses, spillways, navigation locks and dams, hurricane floodgates, and other flood-protection appurtenances.

“I have had a very rewarding and very busy career,” said Johnson. “I was literally working on projects as I was walking out the retirement door,” he said.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division, includes portions of 12 states and encompasses 370,000 square miles. The district offices that conduct the programs and activities overseen by the Mississippi Valley Division are located in St. Paul, Minn.; Rock Island, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; Memphis, Tenn.; Vicksburg, Miss.; and New Orleans, La.