



**US Army Corps
Of Engineers®**
Nashville District
P.O. Box 1070
Nashville, TN 37202-1070

News Release

08-25

Release No.

IMMEDIATE

For Release:

Ed Evans Edward.m.evans@usace.army.mil

Contact:

615-736-7161

Phone:

Nashville District Corps of Engineers Celebrates 120 Years

NASHVILLE, TENN., August 15, 2008 – The Nashville District of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will celebrate its 120th birthday August 18th with a pot luck progressive lunch for employees and a visit by Lieutenant Colonel John W. Barlow from the year 1888. The noontime celebration will be held at the District Offices in the Federal Building as a way to commemorate the District's rich history.

Amidst displays, presentations, and artifacts depicting various points in the District's 120-year history, the figure of Lt. Col. Barlow will recall his defense of Nashville during the Civil War, and the early years of the District's history following its move from Mussel Shoals. Current and retired Corps employees are invited to attend.

The Nashville District began its service to the region in 1888, when Lieutenant Colonel John W. Barlow became the first Nashville District Engineer. His task was to oversee the construction of a series of locks and dams on the wild Cumberland River.

Over the next 40 years, fifteen locks and dams were built on the Cumberland and kept in service until the modern, multi-purpose dams that are now in operation were constructed.

For more information, contact the Public Affairs Office, Nashville District, Corps of Engineers, at 615-736-7161.

-30-

To Better Serve The Public