MSD marked the global observance of Veterans Day by honoring its employees who have served in the nation's armed forces.

“We want to honor the service of every veteran at MSD and set an example for the community that at MSD we recognize the meaning of Veterans Day,” Executive Director Bud Schardein told the crowd of 69 veterans and their guests, military dignitaries and MSD staff.

Schardein said the 2005 event would become the first of annual Veterans Day observances at MSD, at the suggestion of MSD employee and veteran Duke Edwards. Joined by a committee headed by Tony Glor, Deby Mettling and Dana Price, Edwards’ idea became reality.

Representatives of four armed forces branches addressed the crowd and presented plaques to MSD veterans and the three employees still in active military service.

“MSD has a great reputation in our community,” U.S. Marine Col. John Barr said. Military personnel learned lessons of citizenship that translate into leadership when they return to their homes, he said.

U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Larry Franklin reminded MSD veterans, “Freedom is not free, and those being honored today have paid the price.”

“We celebrate you today,” U.S. Air Force Colonel Michael Dornbush told veterans. “You have stepped up to the plate and hit a home run in preserving freedom and liberty.”

“America would not be America without U.S. veterans,” U.S. Army Major General Robert S. Silverthorn said. “You have extended that blanket of security around the world, and we proudly recognize each of you who has given so much.”

Schardein said he hoped the event let veterans know how proud MSD is of both their service to our country and to MSD. “Serving with them today is an honor and privilege.”

For a listing of MSD Veterans Day honorees, please see the back page.
Beargrass Creek: Since 1927, MSD and its predecessor—the Commissioners of Sewerage of Louisville—have held the deed to Louisville Metro’s Bellevue Park. The sewer agency’s ownership related to the 17-foot diameter interceptor sewer located beneath the 1.14-acre park. MSD is filing a quitclaim deed to transfer ownership of Bellevue Park to Metro Government, retaining an easement for the interceptor.

Metro Operations: To continue initiatives outlined in MSD’s Odor Control Master Plan, Webster Environmental Associates has been retained. Specific assignments include replacing chemical scrubbers at the Morris Forman Wastewater Treatment Plant; controlling pumping station odor at West County Wastewater Treatment Plant; and completing an odor control study and planning improvements at Chenoweth Run Wastewater Treatment Plant.

MFWTP: Critical parts of the flood protection system will receive updated cathodic protection to ensure their continued operation. Cathodic protection, which uses electrical current to prevent corrosion, will be replaced along metal discharge piping and floodgates at the 27th Street and Paddy’s Run flood pumping stations, and floodgates at Beargrass, Shawnee Park, Gate 87, Gate 42 and Gate 122. The project is expected to cost $207,500.

Regulatory Management Services: MSD’s wastewater discharge regulations are being revised following an annual review by the Kentucky Division of Water. Definitions of the Waters of the Commonwealth will be updated to match language in state statutes and regulations. The maximum per-violation fine will increase to $32,500 per day for discharge violations. Additional language will give MSD greater flexibility to set mass limits to any local limit parameter at any treatment plants. Approved by MSD’s Board in November, the revised regulations will be effective January 1, 2006.

Growing a community one tree at a time

Volunteers gathered November 19 to plant more than 200 native trees and shrubs donated by MSD. The plantings took place at Foster Academy, Kennedy Montessori School and Shawnee Park. The initiative, sponsored by the Olmsted Conservancy and MSD, seeks to restore the community’s tree and brush canopy.

Foster Academy Principal Dr. Doris Miller, fifth-grader Destiny McCreary and mom Tonya McCreary celebrate the first dogwood planted in the school’s new outdoor classroom.

MSD’s Rochele Bradley-Moore and son, Kavin, plant a pink azalea at Foster Academy, where Kavin is a second-grader.
Drainage Response Initiative Projects

The Project DRI partnership between Louisville Metro and MSD is solving drainage problems throughout the community. These projects are ready for construction:

To relieve long-standing water problems, a pipe and inlet system will be constructed along the roadsides of **Bishop Lane and Leghorn Avenue** at a cost of $59,570.

Roadside drainage improvements will relieve standing water along **Coolridge Drive, Oakridge Place, Tallridge Court and Tallridge Place**. The $108,750 project will benefit 43 properties and address 9 customer requests.

Installing a paved ditch and replacing driveway culverts and aprons will relieve standing water along **Dahl Road** from Poplar Level Road to Vim Drive. The $160,100 project will address 16 customer requests and benefit 80 properties.

Standing water is the focus of $123,000 in roadside drainage improvements along both sides of **Emmalee Drive** from Sparta Drive to Norene Lane. Forty-five properties will benefit and 11 customer requests will be addressed.

About a half-mile of improvements at an estimated cost of $127,000 will relieve standing water problems along the 2800 block of **Klondike Lane**.

Standing water in driveways will be reduced with $78,040 in drainage improvements in the 4100 and 4200 blocks of **Lake Dreamland Road**.

A $113,500 project includes replacing driveway aprons and culverts, and installing paved roadside swales along **Maple Way**. When completed, the project will relieve standing water problems, address six customer requests and benefit 37 area properties.

To address 10 customer requests and benefit 28 area properties, $89,628 in improvements will be constructed along **Matt Court, Dorinda Drive and West Pages Lane**. Pipe and yard drains will be installed behind Matt Court properties and roadside swales will be improved along West Pages Lane.

Installing paved roadside swales and replacing driveway culverts will relieve standing water along **Red Fern Road** from Ridgecrest Drive to Red Leaf Drive. The $83,000 project will address eight customer requests and affect 40 properties.

Construction of a $135,100 pipe and inlet system along the roadside of **St. Francis Avenue** will reduce standing water in swales and driveways. The project includes installing curbs and sidewalks, to be cost-shared with the City of West Buechel.

Nearly a mile of roadside improvements will relieve standing water in driveways along **Teakwood Circle**, at a cost of $148,840.

Project DRI Progress

Through November 17, 2005, the Project DRI partnership between Louisville Metro and MSD completed or started 96 percent of planned drainage improvement projects since Phase 1 of Project DRI began in January 2003. Phase 2 is getting started, with 12 percent of planned improvements completed or underway.

Customer First at Work

“Thank you, MSD and **Virginia Green**, for the fastest response in the city to my catch basin request! I’d give you a pat on the back if I could.”
--Pat Cornn, Portland

“**Donnie Riddle** was very courteous when I called regarding a damage claim.”
--Tom Clishem, Valley Station

“Please extend my appreciation to **Simon Childress, Nate Elliott** and **John Matthews** for a job well done.”
--Gloria Peterson, Highview

“**Steve Prestigiacomo, Daman Pulliam, James Sanders, Eric Sawyers, Ceasar Williams** and **Charlie Wilson** did the best mowing job I’ve seen along Pond Creek in 40 years.”
--Wayne Casebier, Valley Station

“**Yozette Smith** was courteous and promptly responded to my service request.”
--Douglas Crawford, Hikes Point

Upcoming Events

December 2
**DiverseWorks for You Certification Orientation**, 9 a.m. 700 W. Liberty, first floor

December 8
**Retirees Holiday Luncheon**, 11 a.m., Masterson’s Nicholas Room, 1830 S. Third St.

December 12
**MSD Board Meeting**, 10 a.m., 700 W. Liberty, first floor
Veterans at MSD

Of the 79 veterans and active military personnel working at MSD, 69 participated in the event. They are:

Ben Auclair  Michael L. Hagan  Edwin O’Bannon  Donald Wate, Jr.
Dennis Bahm  Garry A. Halsel  Victor Palmarini  Mike Wild
Robert Bates  Charles W. Hamilton  Timothy Patterson  Ceasar Williams
Gary L. Blasher  Tommy L. Harlow  Roderick Pulliam  Kirk Willis
Kevin Bright  John Hawkins  Larry N. Ramsey  Rick Young
Virgil Brown  Kevin Haycraft  William Richardson  Robin Young
Robert J. Burkett, Jr.  David Heady  Donald Riddle
Donald Burrus  Mark Hill  James Robinson
Bill Chamberlain  Charles Holt  Diane Secor
Bruce Cissell  Isaac Johnson, Jr.  Shawn Sisk
Joseph Culver  Ken Jones  Michael Slavey
Daniel Dew  Tom Jones  Renee Speight
Lloyd Dezarn  Kevin Kaufman  Alonzo Spencer
Joseph Downs  Donald Larison  Randy Stambaugh
Larry Duke  Don LaRue  Tony State
Duke Edwards  Noble Marks  Michael Stephenson
Ernest Gaither  Eddie McAfee  Donald Strabel
Stephon Ray Gazaway  Larry Miller  John Sutton
David Gittings  Ernie New  Roger Thomas
Michael Gower  Derek Northington  Richard L. Warman

• In active military service:
  Garry A. Halsel
  Kevin Kaufman
  Diane Secor

• Longest Service:
  Daniel Dew,
  1974 to 2004

• Oldest MSD veteran:
  Alonzo Spencer,
  serving 1955 to 1962