LETTER FROM FRANK LOMBARDI

Last November saw the New York City Post hold its 64th Annual Dinner Dance for the Scholarship Fund at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. It is my pleasure to report that the event was a wonderful success on many levels. As engineers, we can certainly appreciate the importance of the planning that happens “behind the scenes” and so I extend a special thanks to Judy Cooper and her Dinner Dance Committee for their hard work in giving us a memorable evening. The food and setting were fantastic, while the music of the Peter Duchin Orchestra capped the night perfectly.

A great deal of thanks is also due to our Guest of Honor, Rear Admiral Michael K. Loose of the United States Navy Civil Engineer Corps.

There are many opportunities and experiences that our Post provides, although it is our Scholarship Program that sets us apart from the others. With your generosity and support, our Scholarship Fund is presently valued at well over $3 million, with $167,000 awarded in individual scholarships last year. Our awards are deeply rooted in tradition, honoring our members’ contributions to our field through the professional development of those beginning their careers.

Congratulations to all of our award winners. These bright young people not only represent an exemplary level of excellence, but also continue to elevate the standard for a new generation of educated architectural, engineering and construction leaders.

Most sincerely,
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Molly O’Dowd receiving the Past President’s Award on behalf of her husband, Col. John B. O’Dowd.

Frank Lombardi presenting Rear Admiral Loose with a token of appreciation from the Post.

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Members of Boy Scout Troop 310 (Ft. Hamilton, Brooklyn) who served as the evening’s Color Guard.

Bud Griffis preparing to give his report on the Scholarship Fund.

Members of the Post with the evening’s special guests — the student Scholarship recipients.

Frank & Christine Lombardi.

Gabi & Colonel Richard Polo.

Len Cooper presenting Mrs. Loose with a congratulatory bouquet of roses.
CORPS INSPECTS NYC WATER TUNNEL

As part of the continuing partnership between the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, BG Meredith “Bo” Temple, Commander North Atlantic Division, and Colonel Richard Polo, New York District Commander, inspected the construction of the city’s Third Water Tunnel last fall. The general and colonel were accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Robert Adamski of Gannett Fleming E&A and Captain Steven Sattinger. Louis Huang of DEP and Peter Reynolds of Schiavone-Shea-Frontier-Kemper, the contractor, led the group. While being used to going below ground in foxholes and caves, going down the height of a Manhattan skyscraper was a new experience for the visitors.

The inspection came as the contractor was preparing the tunnel for the next phase of construction and was drilling and blasting to make room for the tunnel-boring machine (TBM). After seeing the preparations for the blast, the party returned to the surface and verified that the blast could not be felt.

The section visited is the Manhattan leg of Stage 2 that begins at Central Park and winds down the west side of Manhattan with connections to the east side. Tunnel No. 3 is expected to enhance and improve the city’s water delivery system and, once completed, allow for inspection and repair of City Tunnels 1 & 2 for the first time since they were put into service in 1917 and 1937, respectively. Begun in 1970, work is also proceeding in Brooklyn and Queens.

The Corps has been working with DEP on the agency’s security and anti-terrorism efforts.