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*U.S. Army 1999 Research &
Development Organization of the Year*

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From the Director

The actual receipt of the U.S. Army 1999 Research and Development Organization of the Year, Small Laboratory Category, occurred last Friday at the Pentagon. Thanks to all of the TEC team for your efforts that made this possible.

This Wednesday afternoon our first training session on labor relations was held. This was an important early step toward developing understanding and in building a good partnership between TEC management and the leadership of our local NFFE union. Jean Hansen, HQUSACE labor relations specialist, and Robbie Brown-Eckley from the NFFE national HQ were the instructors.

This week is also program formulation for FY 2000. Though later in the program cycle than previous years, important program priorities need to be established within the constraints of current budget projections. My thanks to the team members who have been engaged in the preparation and review of material for presentations as part of this comprehensive review of the TEC program.



Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology) Paul J. Hoeper presents 1999 RDO award to Dr. Roper. Also pictured (l-r): Dr. Mike Andrews (SALT), COL Cababa, Dr. Link, Frank Capece

Marcuson announces retirement

Dr. Bill Marcuson, Director of the Geotechnical Laboratory, will retire at the end of December after more than 29 years of service to the Geotechnical Laboratory at WES and a couple of years on active duty with the Corps.

O'Connor named new GL Director

Dr. Michael O'Connor has been reassigned as Director of the Geotechnical Laboratory at WES. O'Connor currently serves as Director of the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory in Champaign, IL. He will report for duty in mid-January.

EEO Office Opens at TEC

TEC welcomes Ms. Norma Gibbons to TEC as the local representative of the ERDC EEO. Ms. Gibbons comes to the ERDC from the HECSA EEO. Her office is located in room 304 (same area as the Human Resources office) and she can be reached at 428-6253, icom 2868.

CEERD Director's Staff Locates Temporarily at TEC

While awaiting renovation of their new offices in the Kingman Building (expected in April 2000), a small contingent of the Office of the Director, ERDC, will reside at TEC. A complete listing of names, rooms, and phone numbers will be distributed as soon as it is finalized.

Calendar of Events

29 Oct	Last day to purchase TEC Holiday party tickets
9 Nov	SAEDA briefings (last names beginning A-L), 0900 & 1000 – Kingman Bldg
16 Dec	TEC Holiday Party – Cruise on <i>Spirit of Washington</i>
17 Dec	Blood Drive, 0800-1400 – Casey Bldg, room 143

Arrivals/Departures/Vacancies

Arrivals:

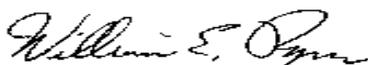
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Departures:

Dumproff, Carol	ITL	11-06-99, to LIWA - promotion
Collins, Gale	GID	11-20-99, to CAA - promotion

Open Announcements:

Senior Research Scientist ST-1301	TEC	Open: 08-02-99 Close: 11-01-99
Hydrologist/ Geologist GS 1315 7/11 FPP 12	OD	Open: 10.01.99 Close: 10.29.99



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Director

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Deputy Director Laboratory Management

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1999 TEC Holiday Party

Tickets for the December 16 cruise are available now. Cost is \$15 per person. For more details see the posters on display. **REMINDER: No tickets will be sold after October 29.**

Beautiful Life Christmas Wreaths & Garland

It's not too early to plan your Christmas decorations. Beautiful 26 inch fresh cut Balsam Wreath (\$18), 24 inch fresh cut Balsam Swag (\$12), 20 foot fresh cut Balsam Garland (\$25), 36" Mailbox Swag (\$18) and a Brass Wreath hanger (\$5) are available. See or call Dick Marth room 862/IC 2528 to place your order by COB 18 Nov 99. Payment is due on 18 Nov 99. Orders will be delivered to TEC during the week of 5 Dec 99. Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 224.