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## OFFICIAL

### Travel Item of Interest

The responsible Travel Specialist signing travel orders in CEFMS 6-10 Dec is Betty O'Donnell at the Hanover site. If it is necessary to contact Ms. O'Donnell you may do so by calling, 603-646-4355 or e-mail, [betty.o'donnell@usace.army.mil](mailto:betty.o'donnell@usace.army.mil).

### FEHBP Open Season is Here, With a Feature to Help Employees Choose Best Plan

Open season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) began on November 8th, and runs until December 13th. Open season allows current enrollees to change their health plans, and gives non-enrolled employees the ability to select a plan. This year, a feature called PlanSmartChoice was unveiled. PlanSmartChoice is an interactive tool that asks users to identify benefits they most desire in a health plan. It weighs cost considerations, including co-payments, deductibles, and premiums, and gives the user a list of health plans meeting their stated criteria. You can use PlanSmartChoice by going to OPM's website at <http://www.opm.gov/insure>.

### Calendar of Events

6 Dec	Visit by Canadian delegation. POC: MAJ Garcia
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:

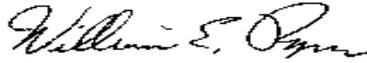
<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Date</u>
Caroline D'Aguiar (Intelligence Specialist)	FDD	12-05-99

#### Departures:

Ebersole, Kathy	GID	12-04-99, to ASPO - promotion
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#### Open Announcements:

None



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## U N O F F I C I A L

### **Troy State University**

TSU's one-year MBA and MPA graduate programs are open to anyone (military or civilian) with a bachelor's degree. The nine-week semesters involve only class meeting each week. All classes are taught in the local area. No thesis requirement. For more info contact the TSU representative at 703-781-7044 or e-mail at [tsubelvoir@aol.com](mailto:tsubelvoir@aol.com) or visit the TSU office in the Ft Belvoir Education Center Tuesday through Thursday from 0800-1500. No appointment necessary.

### **S.A.M.E. Meeting**

The December lunch will be at 1130 on December 2 at the Ft. Belvoir Officer's Club. Cost for the buffet meal is \$12.00. Speaker will be MG (Ret) Pat Stevens, Executive Director for the National Society of S.A.M.E.