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Rogers selected as ERDC Special Project Officer

Mr. James P. Rogers II of the ERDC was selected as the ERDC Special Project Officer - Future Combat System (FCS). His detailed charter of responsibilities and authorities is under development but will include engaging, coordinating and representing all ERDC efforts in support of the Army's need to develop and implement the CSA's vision of a rapidly deployable, mobile and lethal combat system. This is an excellent opportunity for us to operate in a matrix fashion, gaining additional mutual strength and benefit from the variety of efforts in which we are engaged that have direct bearing on the FCS.

Mr. Rogers' assignment is effective immediately. He getting up to speed rapidly and will begin contacting the ERDC personnel in the very near future.

Sanford Detailed

Mr. Dave Sanford, Chief, Office of Policy, Office of the Deputy Commanding General for Civil Works, will be detailed to the Office of the Deputy Commanding General for Military Programs, beginning March 6, 2000. Dave will be responsible for developing and managing USACE corporate business development initiatives and the oversight of the Central and Southern Florida Comprehensive Review Study (Everglades).

Overtime Pay for Employees Covered by the ERDC Lab Demo Project

Overtime rates and computation is covered by Title 5, U.S. Code, Section 5542, and limits the payment of overtime of General Schedule (GS) employees to time and one-half the hourly rate of GS-10, Step 01, for employees exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

Implementing guidance is found in Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 550.113, for exempt employees and Section 551.501 for non-exempt employees.

Neither the above U.S. Code nor Federal Regulation was waived by the ERDC Laboratory Demonstration Project and both remain in effect for all ERDC employees. Therefore, employees covered by provisions of the demonstration project who are exempt from FLSA and whose basic rate of pay exceeds the minimum rate of basic pay of a GS-10 will be paid overtime at a rate equivalent to one and one-half times the rate of basic pay of a GS-10, Step 01.

MDW Area-wide Woman's History Month Observances

PERSCOM

Event: *Personal Fitness Trainer Session*

Jim Crowder, Crowder Fitness

When: March 14, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Where: Room 552, Hoffman Building I

Event: *Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar*

When: March 16, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Room 552, Hoffman Building I

Event: *Stress Management*

When: March 21, 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Where: Room 552, Hoffman Building I

Event: *“How to Become an SES”*

When: March 23, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Room 7N15, Hoffman Building II

*Please contact SFC Cottingham at the EO Office, (703) 325–5275 by March 20 to register for the “How to Become an SES” workshop

Pentagon

Event: Keynote Speaker Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy,
the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence

When: March 22, 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Location: Pentagon Dining Room Lounges 2 and 3

Women's Memorial, Washington, D.C.

(Bring a brown bag lunch)

RSVP (703) 533-1155 for guaranteed seating

Event: WWII ferry pilot Ann Wood-Kelly will talk about her experiences as one of 24 American women in the British Air Transport Auxiliary, the forerunner of the WASP.

When: March 14, Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Event: Harriet Woods, former president of the National Women's Political Caucus and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Missouri, talks about her new book “Stepping Up to Power: The Political Journey of Women in America.” Book signing to follow.

When: March 21, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Event: Ruth Rosen will talk about her new book, "The World Split Open: How the Modern Women's Movement Changed America." Book signing to follow.

When: March 28, Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Additional questions?? POC SFC Cottingham, EO Advisor, (703) 325-5275

Travel update

Here is the current schedule for approving travel in CEFMS:

March 13-17	Betty O'Donnell	(603) 646-4355
March 20-24	Vicki Ray	(601) 643-2378
March 27-31	Betty O'Donnell	

As always, if you have a question please contact your local Travel Specialist. In the event she is not available you may contact any ERDC Travel Specialist. (Terri Norman, Team Leader, Travel Section (217) 373-6708)

Commander's mailbox

ERDC team members are reminded that an electronic mailbox has been established to allow employees to send questions and/or comments to the Commander. If an employee wishes to remain anonymous, his or her name will be deleted from the question before it is forwarded to the Commander for comment. Employees' questions will be answered via return e-mail. Answers to anonymous and frequently asked questions will be posted in the Employee Information Bulletin.

The address in Outlook is, "ERDC Commander." Again, all information is kept strictly confidential and all questions are addressed directly by the Commander.

ERDC publications on Internet

The ERDC Publication Bulletin serves as the official notification of new ERDC forms and publication, as well as rescissions or changes to existing forms or publications. As of Sept. 10, 1999, ERDC official publications ceased to be printed (i.e., Center Regulations, Circulars, Pamphlets, or Commander's Policy Memoranda). All ERDC official publications are now distributed in electronic format on the ERDC web site located at <http://erdc.usace.army.mil/pubs/index.htm>.

Open Announcements:

Contract Specialist GS-1102-12	Contracts Office	OPEN: 10 March 2000 CLOSED: 10 April 2000
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FOR THE DIRECTOR

JACKIE L. BRYANT
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Blood Drive Results

Following the Feb. 18 Blood Drive, Linda Graff achieved her six-gallon pin and Connie Dutton achieved her four-gallon pin. Congratulations to both and Thanks to all for donating. Hope to see you on April 21 for the next Blood Drive.

Toastmaster Club

Plans are underway to reactivate the BERHCERC (previously Board of Engineers, Rivers and Harbors Coastal Engineering Research Center) Chapter of Toastmasters. Meetings will be held in the Kingman Building. Toastmasters seeks to build leadership and communication skills.

For more information, contact Chris Schneider at 428-6268 or ICOM 2297.