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FEGLI Changes Begin April 23

Civilian defense employees, as well as military managers of civilian employees, should be aware that federal employees who made FEGLI changes during last year's open season will see the changes take effect on the first pay period on or after April 23. The actual date the transaction takes effect will depend on the employee's pay and duty status during the April 9-22 pay period. Employees working at least 32 hours during that period will have their transactions take effect on April 23. Those not meeting the required pay and duty status will have their transactions take effect when they return to work or fulfill the required work hours.

Army Birthday Fete Set for June in D.C.

Members of the Army and others located in the Washington, D.C. area should be aware that the Army will be celebrating its 225th birthday from June 14-18, 2000 with a series of six free shows at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C. The theme will be a revival of the "Spirit of America," a 2-hour performance of dramatic historical vignettes, musical entertainment and drill team performances.

Additional information is available by calling, toll free, 1-800-701-5097.

Travel update

Here is the current schedule for approving travel in CEFMS:

April 24-28 Betty O'Donnell (603) 646-4355

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>.

Departures:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Departure Date</u>
John Clark	OD	June 4, 2000

Open Announcements:

Mechanical Engineer GS- 0830-12	TSD	Opens: April 21, 2000 Closes: April 25, 2000
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FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Golf Tourney Results

Fifty-five golfers registered for TEC's spring golf outing at Lee's Hill Golfer's Club in Fredericksburg, Va. This included 41 TECies and their guests, 12 members from the Defense Mapping School and two folks from ASPO. Closest to the pin prizes were awarded to Ted Poulson, Mike Straub, Melanie Watson and Mike Collins. Longest drive prizes went to Angela Straub, John Stotzer and Mike Collins. TEC's next golf outing also will be at Lee's Hill on Aug. 3, and will be a 4-person scramble event.

For more information, contact Mike Collins at (703) 428-6505 or ICOM 2273.