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Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month 2000 DA Event

Federal Asian/Pacific American Council (FAPAC) Conference, May 9-12, 2000
Doubletree Hotel, Crystal City, Va.

Theme: "Voices of the Millennium"

Additional information can be found on the FAPAC website: <http://www.fapac.org>

Travel update

Here is the current schedule for approving travel in CEFMS:

May 8-12	Betty O'Donnell	(603) 646-4355
May 15-19	Vicki Ray	(601) 634-2378
May 22-26	Betty O'Donnell	(603) 646-4355
May 29- June 2	Vicki Ray	(601) 634-2378

The Travel Support Team has created an ERDC travel web page on the inside ERDC site, which is now available for your use. We hope you will find this page useful.

If you feel there is additional information that would be beneficial, please do not hesitate to let us know. E-mail information or comments to Betty O'Donnell.

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/lmo/travel/index.htm>

Thank you for taking this opportunity to review what the ERDC travel web page has to offer.

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)

Col. Cababa's Retirement Social

An informal social for Col. Robin Cababa, ERDC Commander, will be held on May 23 at 6 p.m., Central Standard Time, in the courtyard of the Headquarters Building in Vicksburg. A barbecue dinner will be served picnic style. Cost of the social is \$12 per person and all team members and their spouses/guests are invited. Please RSVP to Rachelle Hinston at (601) 634-3614 or email hintsor@wes.army.mil no later than May 17 to confirm your attendance.

Col. Cababa's Retirement Ceremony

The official retirement ceremony for Col. Cababa will be held May 24 at 1:30 p.m. Central Standard Time at the Headquarters Building in Vicksburg. Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard, Chief of Engineers, will officiate at this ceremony. For more information, contact Bill Bridges, Chief Public Affairs Office at (601) 634-2504.

Armed Forces Day/Week Information

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day is celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May (May 20). Armed Forces Week begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May, the day after Armed Forces Day. Because of their unique training schedules, National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in May. For more information on Armed Forces Day/Week activities visit the web site at www.defenselink.mil/afd.

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>
Col. Robin Cababa (retirement)	ERDC	May 24, 2000
John Clark	OD	June 4, 2000
Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard	Headquarters, USACE	June 9, 2000

FOR THE DIRECTOR

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ASMC Professional Development Institute Training Scheduled

The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) National Headquarters Office is hosting their annual Professional Development Institute (PDI) 2000 training from May 30 to June 2 in Philadelphia, Pa.

The registration cost is \$375 for ASMC members and \$425 for Non-ASMC members. The registration deadline is May 10. After that date, the cost increases to \$475. If you have any questions, require additional information, or have not yet obtained a copy of the PDI 2000 catalog, please contact me at ICOM 2350 or (703) 428-6259. Please note that I'm your TEC ASMC POC, so if you're planning to attend the PDI, let me know ASAP.

Registration Instructions for the ASMC PDI 2000:

1. Get your supervisor's permission to attend.
2. Complete the attached registration form on Page 31 of the PDI catalog.
3. The ASMC National Headquarters Office accepts the government VISA for payment, so follow the general information instructions on Pages 4 and 5 of the PDI catalog.
4. Prepare travel orders to Philadelphia, Pa.

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ASMC to Host Luncheon

The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) Mount Vernon Chapter will be hosting its Annual Awards and Scholarships Luncheon at the Fort Belvoir North Post Golf Course Clubhouse on May 18 at 11:30 a.m. (see attached flyer).

The cost is \$11 for ASMC members and \$12 for Non-ASMC members. If you're interested in attending, let me know by COB May 11. Also, if you're interested in joining the Mount Vernon Chapter, obtaining a copy of the latest newsletter, or want to find out more information about ASMC, please contact me at ICOM 2350 or (703) 428-6259.

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