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REMR Program Overview and Guide Now Available

A summary and guide to the extensive technology developed under the Corps' Repair, Evaluation, Maintenance, and Rehabilitation (REMR) research program is now available on the ERDC web site.

The guide, which is online at <http://www.wes.army.mil/REMR/reports.html>, helps users identify specific items of interest within the program's 184 technical reports, 173 technical notes, 51 information bulletins, and nine video reports. Hyperlinks to related documents and web sites are included.

The REMR Program objective was to identify and develop effective and affordable technology for maintaining and extending the service life of existing Corps civil works structures. Program research covered the broad problem areas of Concrete and Steel Structures, Geotechnical, Hydraulics, Coastal, Electrical and Mechanical, Environmental, and Operations Management.

Elements of research begun under REMR are continuing as part of the Corps' High-Performance Materials and Systems (HPM&S) Research Program. News from the HPM&S Program is located at <http://www.wes.army.mil/SL/HPMS/hpm.htm>.

For more information, contact James E. McDonald, HPM&S Program Manager, (601) 634-2587 or e-mail ruffj@wes.army.mil.

Pre-Tax Payment of FEHB Health Insurance Premiums for Federal Employees

Starting with the first pay period that begins on or after Oct. 1, 2000, most federal employees will see an increase in their take-home pay. That increase is because the U.S. Office of Personnel Management has implemented premium conversion for federal employees. Premium conversion is a tax benefit which allows the employee to allot a portion of your pay to your employer, who will in turn use that amount to pay your contribution for Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) coverage.

For more detailed information, visit <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/pretaxfehb/index.htm>.

Assumption of Command Information on ERDC Intranet

The ERDC Intranet homepage at <http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/> has been updated to include information about Col. Weller's Assumption of Command Ceremony and other upcoming ERDC activities.

National Night Out to Be Held at Fort Myer

The Fort Myer Military Community Provost Marshal's Office is teaming up with the Arlington County Police Department and a variety of federal agencies and offices to host National Night Out, an event intended to educate children of all ages on ways to raise crime prevention awareness. The event will be held on Aug. 1 from 7-10 p.m. on the field just inside the 2nd Street gate. For those who get lost, a giant McGruff balloon will direct you to the activities.

The event is free and open to the public. No tickets are required. Children who attend the event will have an opportunity to earn a safety passport, and children who visit four of the safety stations will earn points toward valuable prizes. Stations include Fire Safety, Kid I.D., Avoiding Drugs and Alcohol, and How to Use 911.

Among the displays set up on the field will be a live radio broadcast from 93.9 WKYS-FM, pony rides, Galaxy Explorer Space Ship, parachute jumps, Winston the Wonder Whale, Duffels the Clown, Cameron the Caterpillar, and more.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled. For more information, call (703) 696-0063.

Travel Update

Here is the current schedule for approving travel in CEFMS:

July 24-28 Vicki Ray (601) 634-2378

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)

Calendar of Events

Aug. 1	Retirement Luncheon for Lt. Gen. Ballard at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club
Aug. 1	ERDC Town Hall Meeting. Broadcast will be in Conference Room 1 at 2 p.m.
Aug. 2	Retirement Parade for Lt. Gen. Ballard, 10 a.m. at Summerall Field, Fort Myer
Aug. 3	ERDC Assumption of Command Ceremony for Col. Weller. Broadcast will be in Conference Room 1 at 2 p.m.

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>.

ERDC News Releases Now on Internet

ERDC News Releases are now on the Internet at <http://www.erd.usace.army.mil/news.html>. New releases will be added as they are released to the media. Please visit this site for the latest ERDC News. (Jennifer L. King, ERDC PAO, (601) 634-2505)

New Arrivals/New Positions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>EOD Date</u>
Alan Fong	GS-1350-09	OD/HAB	Aug. 3
John Anderson	GS-0401-13	TRD/TSAB	TBD

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Condolences

Condolences are extended to the family of TEC retiree George Simcox on the passing of his wife Norma on July 21.

TEC Golf Association Announces Summer Outing

The TEC Golf Association is having its first ever Summer Golf Outing at Lee's Hill Golfers' Club on Aug. 3 in Fredericksburg. The cost is \$45 per person and includes fees, cart and prize pool. Prizes will be awarded for Longest Drive and Closest-to-Pin Competitions.

For more information, contact Mike Collins at (703) 428-6803 (ICOM 2238), or Theresa Rasmussen at (703) 428-7889.

For Sale

Two - Bridgestone radial tires, size: 195/60/R15, excellent condition. \$40 for the pair or \$25 per tire.

One - Dunlop 13" R70 radial tire, good condition, \$10.

Four - B.F. Goodrich all-season radials, size: 31"X10"X15" mounted on custom Outlaw series wheels with less than 5,000 miles, new condition. Wheels will fit any Jeep product. \$500 for the complete set. Note: Tires and wheels can be purchased @ \$75 per tire and \$75 per wheel, meaning if you need the tires and not the wheels.

For more information, call (H) (703) 680-2119 or (W) (703) 428-6693.