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### **Veterans Day 2000 Joint Message**

Each year, the nation sets aside Nov. 11 as a day to honor the heroism and sacrifice of America's soldiers, past and present. Veterans Day is the time we recall the courageous legacy of soldiers who fought in our nation's wars, from the War of Independence to the Persian Gulf. It is also a moment for us to pause and express our appreciation for the fierce dedication of the many soldiers who serve in our ranks today.

In the 225 years since the Army's establishment, American soldiers have answered the call of duty with honor and dauntless courage. From the snows of Valley Forge to the slopes of Little Round Top, from the forests of Meuse-Argonne, to the beaches of Normandy, from the frozen hills of the Chosun Reservoir to the burning sands of Kuwait, the men and women of the U.S. Army have demonstrated their invincible spirit and their love of freedom and human dignity.

Today, the men and women of the U.S. Army are trusted warriors who save lives, uphold the values that made America great, and defend the principles of democracy. At this very hour, thousands of soldiers are preserving the fragile peace in Korea and helping quell ethnic violence and rebuild civil society in the Balkans. They support anti-drug efforts in Latin America, provide humanitarian demining assistance to the nations of Africa, and engage in confidence-building exercises with former Warsaw Pact states of Eastern Europe.

They are carrying on a legacy of valor and service that soldiers before them established through the long years of our nation's history. Because of the tradition of excellence established by their predecessors before them in the long green line, soldiers today are able to face each challenge, accept every danger, and overcome all obstacles with confidence and unparalleled dedication. They are a shining example of all that is best in America: They are the vessel that embodies our virtues; they are the strong right arm that shields our freedoms; and they are the mortar that helps bind our nation together in common purpose.

We cherish and honor our veterans and serving soldiers. We remember that they are the American heroes who answered the nation's call, doing the hard work of preserving the peace and freedom all Americans enjoy, and bringing hope and justice to people throughout the world. Whatever achievements our nation has attained, whatever bounty we have been granted, we owe to the men and women who have stood guard at the front lines of our Republic.

And so on this day of reflection, a grateful nation thanks our veterans -- young and old, those yet living and those who fell on foreign battlefields or are buried in the hallowed ground of cemeteries across our land -- for all they have done and continue to do for the citizens of our great country.

Honorable Louis Caldera, Secretary of the Army,  
and Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Army Chief of Staff

## ERDC-Wide Exhibits Program Guidelines

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MEMORANDUM FOR All ERDC Employees

SUBJECT: ERDC-Wide Exhibits Program

1. ERDC maintains a corporate exhibits program that strives to present a unified look and message for the Corps of Engineers research and development organization.
2. An annual schedule of possible exhibit opportunities is posted on the ERDC intranet: <http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil> under Command Information. The purpose of the schedule is to inform the entire organization of the dates and locations where ERDC plans to have an exhibit presence and to show additional opportunities which might be of interest. This master calendar helps save effort and resources while presenting a consistent and coordinated message. There have been instances where multiple laboratories have purchased exhibit space at the same conference with no consistent theme/message or corporate image.
3. Ms. Dana Finney, CERL PAO, is the point of contact for the ERDC exhibit effort. When a conference is deemed to require a “Corps presence,” the effort is coordinated with HQUSACE.
4. Exhibits developed specifically for a major conference, along with the cost of exhibit space, shipping and staffing, are a major expense and must be budgeted and planned in advance. The typical cost for a new exhibit (with new structure) at a major conference is approximately \$9,000. ERDC maintains a limited inventory of exhibits and exhibit structures in PAO and ITL which are available for loan.
5. Please contact Ms. Finney to place a potential exhibit opportunity on the exhibit calendar or for assistance with ERDC exhibit requirements.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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BILLY C. BRIDGES  
Chief, Public Affairs

### Calendar of Events

Dec. 14	TEC Holiday Party - Fort Belvoir Golf Course Clubhouse
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### Headquarters USACE Info on ERDC Intranet

Information on the new Corps of Engineers Headquarters Building has now been placed on the ERDC Intranet at <http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/usacehq/>. Information includes maps, driving directions, office layouts and other useful information.

## **ERDC Exhibit Chart Now on Intranet**

The FY01 ERDC Exhibit Chart is now up on the ERDC Intranet at <http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/command/index.htm>. The chart outlines ERDC exhibit strategy for the upcoming fiscal year. If you know of ERDC activities at other conferences or conferences that should be considered for exhibit purposes, please send the information to Billy Bridges at the Vicksburg site Public Affairs Office.

## **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.

## **ERDC Job Vacancies**

Reminder: Information on all current ERDC job vacancies can be found on the ERDC Intranet at <http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/hr/vacancies/index.htm>. All job announcements are also posted at the CPOL web site <http://www.cpol.army.mil/va/scripts/public.html> and at the OPM USAJobs web site at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/a9.htm>.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

JACKIE L. BRYANT  
Public Affairs Office

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## **TEC Blood Drive Results**

Fifty-eight donors signed up to participate in the Blood Drive Nov. 3. Fifty-two donors showed up, with six deferrals. A total of 46 units were donated, one unit over our goal.

The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Jan. 5, 2001 at the Casey Building, Rooms 140 A and B from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Let's try to exceed our goal by 10 units. We can do it!!! (Connie Dutton, TEC Blood Drive Coordinator, ICOM 2290)

### **ASMC Luncheon Scheduled for Nov. 16**

The Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will be hosting their November luncheon at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club on Nov. 16, 2000 at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker is Jeff Goldstein who will be discussing the OMB Defense Budget and the Election Effects.

The cost is \$12.50 for members and \$13 for non-members. If you're interested in attending the November luncheon, please contact me via e-mail by COB Nov. 9. All TEC members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

ASMC is a non-profit educational and professional organization for military and civilian personnel involved in or having an interest in military comptrollership. ASMC promotes education and training of its members and supports the development and advancement of the profession of military comptrollership.

### **Postage Increase on the Way**

First class postage will rise from 33 cents to 34 cents for the first ounce on Jan. 1, 2001. Rates for all other types of U.S. mail also will rise, including express, priority, third and fourth class mail.

### **Holiday Greenery**

Beautiful, long lasting holiday greenery will decorate and bring the holiday spirit to our house. A new item this year is a gift pack that you may have delivered to an address within the continental U.S. Orders with payment need to be place by 4 p.m. Nov. 16.

See or call Dick Marth for details (Room 862/IC 2528). Greenery will arrive during the week of Dec. 3, 2000. Proceeds benefit BSA Troop 224.

### **Handel's Messiah to be Presented**

The Fredericksburg Community Chorus will present the 31st Annual Performance of Handel's Messiah under the Direction of Jeannine Richardson on Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. and Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Baptist Church, 1019 Princess Anne Street. Admission is free.