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2000 Holiday Message

The following is a joint message from the Secretary of the Army, Louis Caldera, and the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, for all Army family members:

As the first year of the new millennium comes to a close, we pause to reflect on the remarkable contributions that American soldiers have made to the nation and the world throughout our history. More than 225 years ago, our forefathers ushered in a new era dedicated to democracy and liberty. The spirit of independence that they kindled produced a nation that today is acknowledged as the greatest testament to the human spirit in the history of man: a nation so committed to the blessings of peace, hope, and liberty that it sends its best sons and daughters into harm's way to keep the flame of freedom burning for all mankind.

Preserving liberty requires tremendous personal sacrifice. Like our forefathers, many of whom gave their young lives to the cause of liberty, Today's soldiers willingly shoulder the heavy burden of standing guard on the frontiers of freedom. Each day, from Kosovo to Korea, from Saudi Arabia to East Timor, and in more than 60 other countries, men and women of the United States Army face the possibility of danger; they willingly sacrifice the comforts of home and family so that others may remain safe and secure.

The men and women of the U.S. Army are the best at what they do. Highly trained and highly motivated, they know that the freedom and security of our nation - and that of our friends and allies - depend on their ability and dedication. They serve out of a love for what America represents - liberty, justice, and respect for human dignity. They serve because they know that they are mankind's best hope for bringing peace, order, and stability to the most troubled areas of the world.

America is profoundly grateful and indebted to you, the American soldier, for everything you do. As you celebrate this holiday season, many of you deployed far from home, may each of you find joy and satisfaction in the knowledge that because of you, America is a safer and better place; that because of you, America remains a shining beacon of hope to the less fortunate peoples of the world who look to us for leadership.

We wish you a happy and safe holiday season and a peaceful New Year.

Bulletin Returns on Jan. 4

The Employee Information Bulletin will be on hiatus until Jan. 4.

ERDC Travel Update

A complete list of CEFMS travel remarks in numerical order is now available on the inside ERDC Travel web page. Please check it out at:

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

Until further notice orders are continuing to be signed by personnel at the Hanover Travel Office, they may be reached at (603) 646-4355/4356. (Terri Norman, Team Leader, Travel Section (217) 373-6708)

Calendar of Events

Jan. 5	DCSINT visit to TEC (Lt. Gen. Noonan and Maj. Gen. Harding)
Jan. 11-12	FLRA hearings at TEC

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>.

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