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Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers, Chief of Engineers to Visit TEC Feb. 2

Reminder: Lt. Gen. Flowers will visit TEC on Feb. 2 for a variety of events. From 9:30-10 a.m., he will participate in the promotion ceremony for Lt. Col.(P) Joseph Fontanella in Conference Room 1. Refreshments will be served in TEC's Snack Bar following the ceremony. From 10:30 a.m.-Noon, the Chief will participate in a Town Hall meeting in Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3. All members are encouraged to attend. A TEC overview and briefings by each Division will follow (a working lunch).

Rate Per Mile Changes

Effective Jan. 22, the rate per mile changed as follows:

Private Owned Vehicle (POV)	\$.345
Motorcycle	\$.275
Airplanes	\$.965
POV is selected instead of GOV	\$.285

Use of POV vs. GOV

Please note: As stated in the Joint Travel Regulation (JTR), the approving official (AO) has the authority to determine if POV is more advantageous to the government as the selected mode of travel. GOV should continue to be considered as the first option when vehicle is selected as the mode of travel. When directed by the AO to use GOV (when available) the travel will be limited to \$.285 per mile, if POV is used, not to exceed the reconstructed amount.

When vehicle travel is not more advantageous to the government but, selected as the mode of travel the cost reconstructed amount must be noted in the remarks section of the travel order and travel, voucher (reconstruct; cost from home to airport round trip, airport to hotel round trip (when courtesy pick up not offered), and cost of government approved airplane ticket.

(Terri Norman, Team Leader, Travel Section, Champaign Site (217) 373-6708)

Calendar of Events

Feb. 2	Promotion ceremony for Lt. Col.(P) Joseph Fontanella in Conference Room 1 from 9:30-10 a.m. Following the ceremony, refreshments will be served in TEC's Snack Bar.
Feb. 2	Town Hall meeting with Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers, Chief of Engineers in Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3 from 10:30 a.m.-Noon.
Feb. 15	DCSINT visit to TEC (Lt. Gen. Robert Noonan and Maj. Gen. Robert Harding)

ERDC Travel Update

All travel orders will continue to be signed by the Hanover Site Travel Office, Betty O'Donnell at (603) 646-4355 and Lillian Guay at (603) 646-4356.

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

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 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

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ASMC to host Luncheon Feb. 15

The Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will be hosting their February luncheon at the Fort Belvoir Community Club on Feb. 15 at 11:30 a.m.. The guest speaker will be Mr. Tom Kerrigan, Personnel Management Specialist for the Executive Services Division, HQ Department of the Army, Personnel. Mr. Kerrigan will be discussing Awareness and Planning for Retirement – “It’s Never Too Early.”

The cost is \$13.25 for members and \$14 for non-members. If you’re interested in attending the February luncheon, please contact me via e-mail by COB Feb. 7. 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 the education and training of its members and supports the development and advancement of the profession of military comptrollership.

Civilian Employee Fund Sponsors Spirit of Washington Trip

The Civilian Employee Fund invites all Fort Belvoir and Department of Defense Civilian Employees and their immediate family members to come cruise, dine and dance aboard the 600-passenger luxury vessel, the Spirit of Washington on March 24.

Tickets are \$25 per person and includes a Sunset Dinner Cruise:

3-hour harbor lights cruise

Musical Revue

Dancing to live bands

Bountiful Buffets

Passengers will board at 6:30 p.m. at Pier 4, 6th and Water Streets, SW, Washington. The ship sails at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased on Fort Belvoir at the Civilian Employee Fund Office, 5820-21 Streets (Basement) from Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Feb. 23.

For more information, contact Mary Pumphrey at (703) 805-4126.