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OPM Posts Proposed Product Design for Long-term Care Insurance Program

Federal employees can now see the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) basic proposal for the long-term care insurance program. OPM has posted on its web site enough information to give federal employees a general idea of what the product may look like, though OPM notes that the program could change by June when the agency will issue requests for proposals to the insurance industry, and it could change again after OPM selects insurance carrier(s). To view the current plan, click on <http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/design/introduction.htm>

Earth Day Message - "Transforming the Army . . . Sustaining the Environment"

The Army is on a course to transform itself into a more agile, efficient, and deployable force. To realize the goals of this transformation, The Army depends upon realistic training on our lands. For this reason, an important part of The Army's transformation is our continued emphasis on caring for the training lands that sustain and enable Army readiness.

On April 22, The Army will celebrate Earth Day. Our annual observance of Earth Day gives us an opportunity to reflect on the impact of the environment on our mission. It is a chance to dedicate ourselves to the responsible stewardship of our environment, and to show others how The Army sustains the resources entrusted to its care.

"Transforming the Army . . . Sustaining the Environment" is The Army's Earth Day theme for 2001. It highlights our goals for the future and our continued success and dedication to environmental stewardship on our installations. Our Nation has entrusted us with a national heritage of over 14 million acres of land. The importance that we place on caring for these critically important lands is embodied in our many environmental programs.

The Army is one of America's foremost environmentally sensitive stewards of land. Our programs protect endangered species and cultural resources; they ensure compliance with appropriate environmental standards. We lead the way in the employment of state-of-the-art technologies to clean up our lands, and pollution prevention has become a noticeable part of our industrial operations.

Earth Day provides a perfect opportunity to work with our local communities to protect and enhance our environment — to share our successes with others and to increase the well being of soldiers, civilians, and family members. I encourage you to be a part of Earth Day activities at your installation.

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Chief of Staff

Army 226th Birthday Ball Scheduled for June 15

The 226th Army Birthday Ball will be held June 15 at the Hilton Washington and Towers, Washington, D.C. The Ball is open to all Army personnel (uniform, civilian and retirees) in the National Capital Region. Seats are first come, first served

To register online, log on to <http://www.army.mil> and click on Army Birthday. The cost is \$45 per person. Shuttle service is available from the Pentagon North Parking Lot. (Maj. Thomas D. Keller, Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (I&E) (703) 692-9803, DSN: 222-9803 or fax: (703) 692-9809)

Calendar of Events

April 27	Retirement ceremony for Col. James Weller in the WES Auditorium at 10 a.m. (11 a.m. EST)
May 10	Tour for Lt. Gen. Robert Noonan Jr. (Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence and Maj. Gen. Robert Harding (Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence) 8 - 11 a.m.
May 16	Tour for Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers and USACE Staff – Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.
June 20	Engineer Day – Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3 - 9 a.m. to Noon
June 28	TEC Open House/Picnic – Veteran’s Park - Woodbridge

Web Sites

ERDC R&D Personnel Evaluation Process Information

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/training/careerindex.htm>.

Ethics Training

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/training>

ERDC Awards

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/training/awards/awards.htm>

Local College and University Links

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/training/collegelinks.htm>.

Lab Demo Statistics Available on Intranet

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/hr/labdemo/index.htm>

ERDC Intranet Notes: Personnel Directories

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil>

Site Bulletins Available on Intranet

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

ERDC Travel Update

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

ERDC Publications on Internet

<http://erdc.usace.army.mil/pubs/index.htm>

ERDC Job Vacancies

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/hr/vacancies/index.htm>

<http://www.cpol.army.mil/va/scripts/public.html>

<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/a9.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.

Departure

<u>Name</u>	<u>Losing Org</u>	<u>Gaining Org</u>	<u>EOD</u>
John Kim	RD	N/A	April 20
Jeff Sullivan	RD	N/A	April 20
Allan DeWall (Retirement)	OD	N/A	May 1
Nancy VanNice (Retirement)	CT	N/A	May 3
Jan Piotrowski (Promotion)	ITL	DISA	May 5

FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Calendar of Events

April 26	TEC Golf Association Tourney, Hill's Golfers Club, Fredericksburg, Va.
May 11	Blood Drive – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Casey Bldg., Rooms 140 A and B

Used Book Sale Picnic Fund-raiser Set for May 8-9

The TEC Picnic Committee is holding a Used Book Sale May 8-9. The book sale is being held as a fund-raiser to defray the costs of the Picnic on June 28 at Veteran's Park in Woodbridge. Donations of both hardcover and paperback books (fiction, non-fiction, mystery, science-fiction romance, history science, etc., are being accepted. A collection box is in the Snack Bar.

For more information, contact Brian Graff at 428-6071.

Free Brown Bag Lunchtime Seminar

A free Brown Bag Lunchtime Seminar “Benefits of Alternative Medicine and Fat Analysis” will be held at the Humphreys Engineer Center in the Hearing Room, Kingman Bldg. April 24 from Noon to 1 p.m. The Guest Speaker will be Mr. Charlie Ginsburg, Doctor of Chiropractic Sport and Spine Rehab Center. (Deloris Wright, RN, (703) 428-7379)