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### Emerging Leader Conference 2001 Selections

Nine nominations from ERDC were received for the 2001 Emerging Leaders Conference (ELC) to be held in August in Chicago. The objectives of the ELC are to provide mid-level employees a unique experience to identify and further refine their leadership competencies through an intensive leadership development workshop, and to provide the opportunity for interaction with the senior leadership of the Corps to gain a broader perspective on the issues being addressed at the executive level.

The ERDC selectees to attend ELC are **Mr. Bruce Markley** of TEC and **Ms. Patricia Sullivan** of GSL. Mr. Markley is a Hydrologist with the Operations Division, Hydrological and Environmental Analysis Branch, TEC. He has been with the ERDC since 1994. Mr. Markley received his Master's degree in geology from West Virginia University in 1980 and currently is pursuing a second Master's in GIS at George Mason University. He received the Director's Award for Excellence in Operational Support in 1997.

Ms. Sullivan is a Research Civil Engineer with the Engineering Systems and Materials Division, Mobility Systems Branch, GSL. She has been with the ERDC since 1984. Ms. Sullivan received her MS in Civil Engineering from Mississippi State University in 1991.

The ERDC selected two other candidates to submit to the Command-wide pool of applicants, from which USACE will select 10 representatives. The two ERDC candidates submitted for consideration are **Ms. Deborah Curtin** of CERL and **Dr. Jeffery Steevens** of EL. Ms. Curtin is a Social Scientist and joined the ERDC in 1991. She received her MS in Science Education from the University of Illinois in 1994.

Dr. Steevens is a Research Biologist with the Environmental Risk Assessment Branch, Environmental Processes and Engineering Division, EL. Dr. Steevens received his Doctorate in pharmacology with an emphasis in environmental toxicology from the University of Mississippi in 1999.

### Memorial Day and Summer Safety from Gen. Eric K. Shinseki

Memorial Day is the traditional beginning of the summer season and a time for outdoor fun, travel and family vacations. It is therefore appropriate to remind everyone to begin necessary training and planning to reduce unnecessary risks.

During the summer season last year, between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the Army recorded 108 off-duty POV accidents, 29 of which were fatalities. We can prevent these tragic losses by taking the time to create awareness among soldiers and civilian employees of the risks associated with motor vehicle operation and summer activities. More information on preventing

motor vehicle accidents and other accidents can be found on the Safety Center's web site at <http://safety.army.mil> .

Boating, swimming, camping, cycling and other sports are popular outdoor summer activities that also are high-risk activities. Commander and supervisor emphasis does make a difference. The risk-management processes that we use daily in our training and operational events can help to reduce risk in our off-duty activities, as well.

Advise your soldiers and civilian employees to act responsibly at all times, to use their seat belts when operating motor vehicles, and to avoid consuming alcoholic beverages when operating motor vehicle or participating in high-risk activities.

Memorial Day is set aside to commemorate the sacrifices of soldiers and civilians who gave their lives in the defense of our country. The real tragedy lies in recognizing too late that identifying and controlling hazards would have reduced risks and likely prevented accidents while serving our country.

I urge all commanders and to reiterate the importance of Safety Awareness and Education prior to Memorial Day weekend and the season.

### **Calendar of Events**

May 15-July 31	Thrift Savings Plan Open Season
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>

## **Proposed OPM Product Design for Long-term Care Insurance Program**

<http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/design/introduction.htm>

## **Basic Financial Management (web-based) Training**

<http://pdsc.usace.army.mil>

## **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.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

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## **U N O F F I C I A L**

### **Condolences**

Condolences are extended to Frank Cox, SO, on the passing of his mother Pansy F. Cox, on May 16, in Bristol, Tenn., after a long illness.

Condolences are extended to Ken Bergman, TS-F, on the passing of his father, Col. Arthur A. Bergman, USMC (Ret.) on May 23. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be given to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.

### **Blood Drive Results**

During the May 11 Blood Drive, 37 units were collected. Wayne Pearson, TS-T, and Charlene Combs, TS, received their 3-gallon pin. Elena Wyatt, TS-I, was a first time donor. Valerie Carney, TR-G, reached the 6-gallon pin mark.

Congratulations to all the above! Thanks to all that signed up and donated! Hope to see you at the next Blood Drive on July 13. (Connie Dutton, Blood Drive Coordinator)

**For Sale**

1988 Ford F150 Pickup Truck. One-owner, excellent condition, 4x2 custom, 5-speed, 300 CID, 6 cylinder, 137,000 miles, air con, AM/FM/CD, Cap and bedmat - \$3,500 or best offer. Call Sandy at 703-428-6700 or 703-971-2509.

Four Goodyear Wrangler radial tires, size LT225/70/SR16. Tires are in excellent condition with very little wear. \$ 65 per tire. Call 428-6693 or 703-680-2119