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Patent Ceremony Scheduled for Nov. 14

A Patent Ceremony to recognize Brian Shannon, TR-A, for his invention "Method for Measuring Depths of a Waterway and for Determining Vertical Positions of a Waterborne Vessel" will be held Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. in Conference Rooms 2 and 3.

The patent replaces traditional hydrographic survey methods for the removal of ocean tides, and determines the under-keel clearance of large ocean vessels approaching a coastline. The applications of this Global Positioning System technology include three-dimensional vessel navigation, electronic nautical charts, dredging, and hydrographic surveys. Four harbors use this technology today. The system is mandatory for all parties involved with contract dredging in three of these harbors.

Following the ceremony, refreshments will be served in the Snack Bar.

The CorpsPath

USACE has prepared an orientation to the Corps of Engineers called the CorpsPath. The CorpsPath is designed to help foster a sense of community within the Corps by providing a common language, values, goals, approach to work life, and sense of history.

Every employee is expected to complete the CorpsPath before the end of June 2002. This involves reviewing two compact discs, considering a series of study questions, and participating in small group discussions. Completing the CorpsPath will take a total of approximately 8-9 hours, including viewing the material, answering the questions, and group discussions. Work items have been established to charge the time for completing the CorpsPath.

Supervisors will be contacting their staff in the near future with a schedule for completing the CorpsPath modules and the specific work items to charge to. Supervisors will schedule each module and arrange a time for the discussion of the module with their staff.

The first CD consists of a Tour Guide, Introduction to CorpsPath, History of the Corps of Engineers, the USACE Mission and Vision, introduction to Project Management Business Process (PMBP), and the Strategic Goals.

The second CD consists of five Focus Areas: Capable Workforce, Knowledge Management, Business Process, Corporate Relationships, and Army Support. (Susan Koh, ERDC Training Coordinator)

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

Halloween Bake Sale and Cake Auction Results

The Bake Sale and Cake Auction netted \$397.50. The winner of the free Holiday ticket was Charlotte Lemen (Lady Finger Cheese Cake - \$70). Other auction winners were: Steve Benzek, Tim Felker, Mark Hainsey, Steve Hollandsworth, Charlie McKenna, Norma Mendiola, Rege Orsinger, Darlene Shepherd, Terri Stowell, Dave Thacker and Ken Traveller.

Thanks to the following TEC members who donated an item: Martha Bishop, Robin Cameron, Ray Caputo, Charlene Combs, Helen Curlee, Delma Del Bosque, Peggy Diego, Duane Donnelly, Connie Dutton, Jennifer Hanson, Kathy Kershner, Ernie (Gloria) Lee, Jeff Messmore, Marcia Parmelee, Elaine Polk, Sara Quesenberry, Theresa Rasmussen, Mary-pat Santoro, Annie Snead, Jean Stang and Donna Swinney.

Finally, Thanks to the three brave souls who wore costumes: Charlene, Duane and Peggy.

AMSC to Meet on Nov. 15

The Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will be hosting their November luncheon at the Polo Grill, 7784 Gunston Plaza Drive, Lorton, Va. on Nov. 15 at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. Dave Amey, USAA Certified Financial Planner.

The cost is \$13 for members and \$13.50 for non-members (see attached luncheon flyer). If you're interested in attending the November luncheon, please contact me via e-mail NLT COB Nov. 9. All ERDC/TEC members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Mount Vernon Chapter also is sponsoring a "Chapter Toy Drive" to benefit needy children in the Fort Belvoir area (See attached flyer.). Please let me know if you're interested in donating unwrapped toys for children of all ages. The cutoff date for donations is Dec. 5.

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. (Kathleen E. Holcombe, (703) 428-9110, fax (703) 428-6275, e-mail: kathleen.e.holcombe@hq02.usace.army.mil)



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Beautiful Life Holiday Wreaths and Garland

It's not too early to plan your Holiday decorations. Beautiful 26-inch fresh cut Balsam Wreath (\$18), 24-inch fresh cut Balsam Swag (\$14), 20-foot fresh cut Balsam Garland (\$25), 36" Mailbox Swag (\$20) and a Brass Wreath hanger (\$5) are available. A gift box (wreath and brass hanger and shipment) is available for \$30. See or call Dick Marth Room 862/ICOM 2528 to place your order by COB Nov. 15, 2001. Payment is due on Nov. 15, 2001. Orders will be delivered to TEC during the week of Dec. 3, 2001. Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 224.

Holiday Ornaments on Sale

White House Holiday Ornaments are now available for \$16. Each year the Civitan Club of Fairfax sells the White House Ornaments as our fund-raiser in support of projects for the mentally retarded and physically disabled. Locally, we support needs and events at the Northern Virginia Training Center and the Phillips School for Contemporary Education. A description and picture of this year's ornament can be found at-

<http://www.whitehousehistory.org/> and select "Ornaments". Order soon – our cache goes fast. Contact Joni Jarrett (Room 667) (703) 428-6840 ICOM 2543.