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### Chief's Holiday Message

The holiday season is traditionally a time to pause and reflect on the past year, and the challenges of the coming year. I'm sure you will all agree that this past year has given us a lot to think about. And we have much to be thankful for, both as an organization and as individuals.

I am personally thankful that no Corps employees were lost during the terrible attacks on Sept. 11. And I am thankful to have the opportunity to lead our great organization with some of the finest people in the U.S. government. You all proved that this past year, and I am very proud of you.

Although the terrorist attacks are foremost in our minds, they were not the only emergency operations we faced in 2001. After an ice storm in Oklahoma last Christmas, our employees cleaned up tree debris at their projects, often working without electricity, phones, or water. Additionally, Tulsa District delivered 250,000 gallons of water to stricken counties.

Seattle District rode out a magnitude 6.8 earthquake, then went into immediate action in support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and to assess the integrity of Corps projects in the area.

We took part in a flood-fight last spring in the upper Midwest. We distributed 3.2 million sandbags to local communities, and Corps emergency work (mostly levee building) prevented more than \$50 million in damage to North Dakota and Minnesota cities.

Corps personnel responded to Tropical Storm Allison. They supplied emergency power, temporary housing, debris removal and monitoring, distributed 100,000 sandbags, and provided utility hook-ups for 950 temporary housing trailers.

All that, plus our normal work-load -- supporting Army Transformation, environmental restoration at military and civil works sites, research and development, building housing and other facilities for the Air Force and Army, civil works projects throughout the country, and support for others, just to name a few.

But the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon have dominated our thinking and emotions. I'm enormously proud of the work we did on Sept. 11 and the days following.

At both the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, we had people on the ground in less than two hours assessing the situation and lending assistance. We had literally *thousands* of volunteers to help in New York, and the city welcomed the work they did through FEMA -- structural response, temporary power, debris removal, and more.

The Corps' response to the terrorist attacks was tremendous, and I couldn't be more proud of you all. But work that intense takes a lot out of you, plus the uncertainties of the war against terrorism and what the future holds adds additional strain.

I would appreciate it if everyone would take extra care of each other in the coming year. There is no one better able to assess how people are feeling than those around them. Look each other in the eye now and then and earnestly ask, "How's it going?" Then listen and help each other.

Our entire country seems to be drawing closer together and reaching out to help others, a little more aware of what's important in life, and of our need for each other. If we in the Corps of Engineers continue to be thankful for our blessings, and keep reaching out to one another, we will be more than ready to tackle the challenges that next year will bring.

My family joins me in wishing you a safe and joyous holiday season, and a happy, exciting New Year. Take some well-deserved time off, relax, and enjoy being with your family and friends.

*Essayons!*

ROBERT B. FLOWERS  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Commanding

### **ERDC Logo/Signature**

The ERDC logo is a compilation of suggests received from our logo contest. Although no specific logo was chosen, several employees will receive on-the-spot cash award for their contributions. The ERDC logo is the traditional Corps castle on the outline of the world surrounded by the technical laboratories and ERDC name. The logo will be used where a single image needs to represent the organization.



The ERDC signature includes the world/globe element with bold modern corps castle and ERDC initial. We will incorporate the signature in most ERDC publications and on the Internet home pages.

The purpose of the new communication symbols is to provide a corporate identify for the ERDC. The Corps Castle and Communications Mark (consisting of the Castle with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers underneath) is still appropriate for official use and the ERDC material does not replace or supercede in any way its use.

We will be developing slides for briefings, organization coins, handout materials, apparel applications and other appropriate uses to get the ERDC image out. The diverse ERDC is one organization and we now have one symbol/mark to represent us. All team members are encouraged to use these symbols as a source of identification and pride in the organization.  
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## **TEC Holiday Party**

The TEC Holiday Party is being held at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club on Dec. 19 from 11:30 a.m to 3:30 p.m. Tickets purchased before Dec. 12 are \$10 per person. Tickets purchased after Dec. 12 are \$15 per person.

## **Departure**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Losing</u>	<u>Gaining</u>	<u>EOD</u>
Melanie Watson	TO-I	Booz-Allen	Dec. 7
Frank Capece	TV-ZA	N/A	Jan. 2, 2002

## **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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### **ASMC December Luncheon Slated for Dec. 20**

The Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will be hosting their December luncheon at the Mount Vernon Inn on Dec. 20 at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon is a holiday social hosted by the President of the Mount Vernon Chapter of ASMC, Ms. Pat Ackerman.

The cost is \$14 for members and \$15 for non-members. If you are interested in attending the December luncheon, contact me via email NLT COB Dec. 13. All ERDC/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. Non-members are encouraged to attend. (Kathleen E. Holcombe, (703) 428-9110 FAX (703) 428-6275, email: [kathleen.e.holcombe@hq02.usace.army.mil](mailto:kathleen.e.holcombe@hq02.usace.army.mil))