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**O F F I C I A L**

## **Calendar of Events**

May 31	Red Cross Blood Drive – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Casey Bldg. Rooms 140 A and B
June 20	Engineer Day Ceremony, Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3 at 1 p.m.
June 21	Open House/Picnic

## **Bulletin Publication Change**

With the establishment of an ERDC-wide Information Bulletin, which will be published every 2 weeks, individual site Bulletins will now be published in the “off” weeks. Please keep this in mind when submitting articles and information for the site Bulletin. The next Alexandria Site Information Bulletin will be published on May 30.

## **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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## **Retiree Eugene P. Griffin Dies**

The former director of USAETL's Topographic Developments Laboratory (TDL), Mr. Eugene P. Griffin, died on May 6. He retired on June 29, 1989 after 39 years of military and civilian service.

A Virginia native, Mr. Griffin was a graduate of Bluefield College, Bluefield, Va., and the Virginia Polytechnical Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Va. He held an associate degree in engineering and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

For more than 10 years, Mr. Griffin was involved in the development of opto-mechanical Photogrammetric equipment with the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Laboratory, and the U.S. Army Engineer Geodesy, Intelligence, and Mapping Research and Development Agency, the predecessors to USAETL and TEC. He also was instrumental in lens development for Photogrammetric equipment and cartographic cameras.

From 1968 to 1970, Mr. Griffin conceptualized photogrammetric applications to field artillery and established the project that culminated in the Analytical Photogrammetric Positioning System.

As chief, Special Projects Branch, he was responsible for the planning and technical direction of R&D efforts supporting a large mapping and geodesy project involving systems engineering, analysis, integration and evaluation of military mapping and target location systems.

During his tenure with USAETL, Griffin also served as acting chief, Plans and Operations Office and technical plans officer responsible for providing planning services in organizing the technical program of the laboratories.

While acting chief, Systems Concept and Definition Division, TDL, he was primarily responsible for the conduct of exploratory development and experimentation associated with the formulation and design of topographic data reduction systems for both base plant and field-army application.

From 1973 to 1981, as chief, Mapping Developments and Special Projects Divisions, Mr. Griffin guided USAETL's portion of the Defense Mapping Agency's R&D efforts in automated cartography and automated compilation.

Mr. Griffin served as the director of TDL from 1981 until his retirement. He played a key role in the development of the fielded portion of the Pershing II target scene-generation capability for terminal guidance.

During his retirement ceremony, Mr. Walter Boge, TEC's former director said, "Gene was directly responsible for one of USAETL's major milestones, the Pershing II project." Mr. Griffin received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

He was a member of the American Society of Civilian Engineers and the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Audrey Johnson Griffin; two children; two brothers; and three grandchildren.

## **Eight-gallon**

Congratulations to Jane Brown on receiving her eight-gallon pin at the March Blood Drive.

## **For Rent**

A vacation rental in Nags Head N.C., is available Aug. 24-31. This beautiful new home sleeps 10 people, has four bedrooms and two master suites, one with a Whirlpool Tub. There are

3.5 bathrooms, a private swimming pool, hot tub for six, sun-covered deck with furniture, screened porch, recreation room, baby equipment, many other amenities. Only 450 feet to the beach.

Total cost for a full week is \$1,846 but will accept \$1,600. This includes a \$250.00 refundable Security Deposit. Final cost is \$1,350.

The rental home can be viewed at: <http://www.kittydunes.com/NH/0417.htm>.

For more information, contact Elia Breaux at 428-6838, ICOM 2851 or (703) 799-0892.