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2002 Army Birthday Message

For 227 years now, soldiers have defended freedom. And again today, soldiers are fighting on behalf of the American people as we prosecute the War on Terrorism.

So as we celebrate our Army's Birthday and reflect on our great institution, a simple truth arises: There is no greater profession than the profession of arms, and no greater job than ours – serving on point for our nation. Thanks to American Soldiers, freedom's light shines as a beacon throughout the world.

The Army has courageously fought our country's wars and served honorably in peace for more than two and a quarter centuries. We can all be justifiably proud of the Army's achievements – a distinguished history of service to the Nation. From our victories in the American Revolution through the trial of our Civil War, from the trenches of World War I to the Beaches of Normandy and the island battles in the Pacific of World War II, from the frozen mountains of Korea to the sweltering paddies of Vietnam, from Grenada and Panama to the sands of Kuwait and Iraq, and now on the plains and in the mountains of Afghanistan, soldiers have marched at the van of democracy and the cause of liberty.

And throughout that history of service, the key to the Army's success is our flexibility and willingness to change, to meet the world as it is – without altering the core competencies that make the Army the best fighting force in the world. You are the best army in the world. As we forge ahead to gain irreversible momentum in our transformation, you will continue to be respected by allies, feared by our enemies, and honored and esteemed by the American people. Your courage, dedication to duty and selfless service to the Nation are the hallmarks of the soldiers of the United States Army.

We will never be able to tell you enough how very proud we are of you, how everyone we meet offers their thanks for what you do and their prayers for your safety and well-being. So we are honored to join you in celebrating the birthday of the most powerful land force the world has ever known. Thank you for your service, for your sacrifices, and for your abiding devotion to something greater than self.

God bless each and every one of you and your families, God bless our magnificent Army, and God bless America.

**Honorable Thomas E. White, Secretary of the Army,
and General Eric K. Shinseki, Army Chief of Staff**

Papers Published

GeoComputation: what is it? - Dr. Judy Ehlen, TR-S, and Douglas Caldwell, TR-G, published in Computers, Environment and Urban Systems, Volume 26, Pages 257-265

Joints and Landform Evolution in Bedrock Canyons – Dr. Judy Ehlen, TR-S, and Ellen Wohl, Colorado State University, published in Transaction, Japanese Geomorphological Union, Volume 23-2, Pages 237-255

Warrant Officer Candidate School Selectees

Congratulations to SSG Jason Feser, SSG Christopher Kennedy and SGT Braddock Clement, TS-T, on their selection to attend Warrant Officer Candidate School.

Calendar of Events

June 20	Engineer Day Ceremony, Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3 at 9 a.m.
June 21	Open House – 10-11:30 a.m. /Picnic-Castle Park, Fort Belvoir, 11:30-6 p.m.

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 June 27.

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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Blood Drive Results

Thirty-six units of blood were collected at the Blood Drive. The next blood drive is scheduled for Aug. 2.

ASMC Luncheon Scheduled for June 20

The Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will be hosting their June luncheon at the Hunter Restaurant on June 20 at 11:30 am. At this time, the Chapter has not yet identified a speaker. Once it becomes available, I'll be sure to forward the information along.

The cost is \$13 for members and \$14 for non-members. If you are interested in attending the June luncheon, contact me via e-mail NLT COB 14 June. 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).

TEC Volleyball Tournament/No Rules, No Refs

Players are needed for the TEC Volleyball Tournament to be held during the Picnic on June 20 at Castle Park, Fort Belvoir. There will be one team to represent each Division and one team to represent ERDC-TEC Support Staff. Players can sign-up for more than one team.

The number of teams that signs up will determine the number of games/matches played per team. Other teams i.e., Summer Hire Team, Contractor Team are encouraged.

E-mail team rosters to Carole Nevitt (designate a captain) NLT June 14.

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.