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	<p>US Army Corps of Engineers Engineer Research and Development Center</p>	<p>Topographic Engineering Center <i>U.S. Army 1999 Research & Development Organization of the Year</i></p>

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Tapes Rating Cycle

For supervisors with employees covered by the Total Army Performance Evaluation System (TAPES), please note the change to the ERDC rating cycle. The future rating cycle will be 1 October 2002 - 30 September 2003.

To implement this change the following guidance is provided. Employees whose rating cycle ended 30 June 2002 should be advised that their new cycle will be 15 months, i.e., 1 July 2002 - 30 September 2003. Employees whose rating cycle ends 31 October 2002 should be advised that the current cycle will be shorten to 11 months ending 30 September 2003. (Richard Murdock, Lead, Personnel Management Specialist, (601) 634-5167)

Special Achievement in Geographic Information Systems Award

Project Director, Combat Terrain Information Systems was presented a Special Achievement in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (SAG) Award at the 22nd Annual Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) International Users Conference. The SAG award honors an elite group of organizations that have embraced GIS technology to better serve the world. By their extraordinary contributions to society, they have set new precedents throughout the GIS community. More than 100,000 GIS users were nominated for SAG Awards, with less than 1 percent receiving them. The Digital Topographic Support System is built around ESRI's ArcGIS and provides the Topographic Analyst a state-of-the-art terrain analysis capability in the battlefield.

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 Aug. 22.

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

ASMC Luncheon Scheduled for Aug. 15

The Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will be hosting their August luncheon at Paradiso's restaurant on Aug. 15 at 11:30 a.m. 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 \$13.50 for non-members. If you are interested in attending the August luncheon, please contact me via email NLT COB Aug. 12. 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 join the Mount Vernon Chapter of ASMC.

The Mount Vernon Chapter also is sponsoring a "School Supply Drive" for the Fort Belvoir Elementary School grades K-6. Contact me NLT Aug. 14 if you're interested in donating. (Kathleen E. Holcombe, (703) 428-9110, fax: (703) 428-6275, email: kathleen.e.holcombe@hq02.usace.army.mil)

Order Ornaments Early

Unbelievable But True!

The Civitan Club of Fairfax now has the new White House Christmas Ornaments in stock and for sale (\$16). It's not too soon to take advantage of their availability.

For more information, contact Joni Jarrett at 428-6802 or ICOM 2543.

For Sale

Two tickets to NASCAR Looney Tunes 400 in Richmond, Va., on Sept. 7, 02, 7 p.m. Seats are between Turns 1 and 2, on the aisle, 6 rows up (in this section, 6 rows up is like being up 16 in a normal section). \$165 firm. (Bob Heidelberg, 428-6819, ICOM 2525)

Free Software

Mark Weipert has the following Windows-based software for free:

- Disney's Hercules Action Game
- Mickey & Friends Print Studio
- Easy Bake Kitchen

- Detective Barbie: Mystery of the Carnival Caper
- 1995 Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia
- Microsoft's Cinemania 1995
- Lotus Smartsuite, Release 4 for Windows.

All software is on CD-ROM and is available in Mark's office. Call 428-6955 or stop by Room 505-D in Bldg. 2592.

Bowling at Fort Belvoir

The Fort Belvoir Civilian Employee Fund Council (CEFC) is sponsoring an afternoon of bowling at the post Bowling Center on Sept. 14 from 2-6 p.m. This event is open to all Fort Belvoir civilian DoD employees and up to four family members. You may bowl up to three games. Shoe rental is included.

Sign up begins Aug. 6 thru Sept. 13. You must sign up at the CEFC office and receive tickets in order to attend. Contact Mary Pumphrey, CEFC Office, (703) 805-4126, Bldg. 210, Basement, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday.