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Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Open Season

The 6-month long open season for the Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program is now running from July 1 through December 31, 2002. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) says that approximately 20 million people are eligible to apply for this new federal benefit. Federal employees, members of the uniformed services and others in the “federal family” who want to learn about and apply for coverage under the program may find out more by going to the OPM Website at <http://www.ltcfeds.com/> or by contacting a LTC Insurance Specialist at 1-800-LTC-FEDS (1-800-582-3337), hearing impaired (TDD: 1-800-843-3557). A specialist is available 8 a.m. to 12 midnight, Eastern Time, 7 days a week.

Plans Set for Department of Defense Sept. 11 Observance

The Department of Defense is finalizing plans for its observance of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. The approximately 1-hour ceremony is scheduled to take place on Sept. 11, 2002, beginning at 9 a.m. EDT at the Phoenix Project site, which is the area damaged in the attack. The ceremony features addresses by President George W. Bush, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Myers. The large U.S. flag flown on the side of the Pentagon after the Sept. 11th attack will be unfurled in the same location during the ceremony, and a moment of silence will be observed at 9:37 a.m., the time at which American Airlines Flight 77 hit the Pentagon on Sept. 11.

The ceremony is not open to the general public.

Publication

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Handling Calls from the Media

When you receive calls from media representatives (local reporters, technical, trade, or general news media), please refer the caller to the Public Affairs Office (PAO) before responding to any questions. PAO will work with you, the reporter, and our command staff to determine how TEC as an organization can best respond. PAO will arrange an interview between you and the reporter if appropriate, and will answer any follow-up calls. This procedure will help TEC personnel prepare properly for answering media questions.

The intention of this request is not to restrict anyone’s freedom to speak to the press. It will, however, ensure all concerned, when speaking as representatives of TEC, have the big

picture and a complete background on the issue at hand. It also ensures the coordination with our executive staff, who are ultimately responsible for the image portrayed by TEC to the press.

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 Sept. 5.

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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Condolences

Condolences are extended to the family of former ETL/TEC employee Alexander R. Pearson, 81, of Spotsylvania County. Mr. Pearson passed away Aug. 21 at Mary Washington Hospital. Found & Sons Funeral Chapels, Fredericksburg is handling arrangements, which were incomplete at this time.

TEC REC Committee Meeting

The TEC REC Committee will meet in the Executive Conference Room on Sept. 4 at 1:30 p.m. Items to be discussed are the Oktoberfest and the nomination of new Officers. All TEC members are welcome to attend.

School Supply Drive

The TEC REC Committee is sponsoring a School Supply Drive to benefit the children of New Hope Housing Homeless Shelter. Donations (tax deductible) may be items, cash, or gift certificates to area stores. Boxes are located in the Snack Bar, Secure area lobby, and Library.

Items needed are:

- Backpacks
- Lined paper and composition books
- Pens and pencils/pencil boxes

- Rulers/Kids Scissors/Protractors
- Boxes of tissues/Elmer's glue
- 3 Ring Binders/Subject dividers
- Plastic pen and pencil holders that fit into a binder
- Lined Lunch bags
- Crayons (24 crayon packs)

For more information, contact Elia Breaux at 428-6838, ICOM 2851 or Norma Mendiola at 428-6803, ICOM 2546.

Blood Drive Results

At the last Blood Drive, TEC members donated 28 units. The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Oct. 4 at the Casey Building.

Health Fair Scheduled for Sept. 19

The HECSA Health Fair is scheduled for Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Casey Building. Approximately 35 health-care vendors are scheduled to attend. More information will be available at a later date.

Fort Belvoir CEFC/MWR Health Fair Slated for Sept. 24

The Fort Belvoir Civilian Employee Fund Council in conjunction with Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), Fitness and Wellness Program, and Dewitt Hospital presents a Health Expo on Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Barden Education Center, Bldg. 1017. The Fair is open to Fort Belvoir DoD civilian employees.

The following services are free:

- Cholesterol Check
- Blood Pressure Check
- Seated massage
- Nutrition Information
- Bone Density Scan
- Weight Management
- Physical Therapy
- Sports Medicine
- Infrared Skin Cancer Screening

For more information, contact Sheila Edwards, MWR Program Office, (703) 805-2203 or visit <http://www.belvoirmwr.com/>.

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.

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.