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Black History Month

“The Souls of Black Folk: Centennial Reflections” is the 2003 theme for Black History Month. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the publication of the book “The Souls of Black Folk” which was written by W.E.B. DuBois, a sociologist, author and civil rights leader. The book is considered to be one of the most influential books in African American literature.

Presidential Message for National Engineers Week Feb. 16-22

I send greetings to those celebrating National Engineers Week.

Innovation is one of our greatest national strengths. The important efforts of engineers help drive our economy, protect our environment, and ensure public safety. Engineers help America remain at the forefront of technological development and contribute to countless breakthroughs that improve the quality of life for people throughout the world.

During this week, I encourage students to explore new ideas and develop skills that will help you achieve your dreams. I also commend the teachers and professionals participating for introducing young Americans to this essential industry. By involving students in your work and creating opportunities for them to learn, you are inspiring a new generation of engineers.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes for a successful event.

George W. Bush

EEO Manager Onboard

Lydia Elliott joins TEC as an Equal Employment Office (EEO) Manager. Previously, Lydia was the Special Emphasis Program Manager for the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee, Va. She’s worked in EEO for 11 of her 18 years of federal service.

The Maryland native enjoys spending time with her husband and children. “I have one son at home. The others have flown the coop.” In addition, she enjoys gardening. Lydia is located in Room 102-B.

Engineer Day Ceremony

TEC’s Engineer Day ceremony is tentatively scheduled for June 11 at 9 a.m. in Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3.

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Butterworth Volunteers at Lee High School Science Fair

Edwin Butterworth, TS-G, volunteered to serve as a judge at the Robert E. Lee High School science fair on Jan. 29. Most of the entries in this general science fair were in the Environmental Sciences. “The International Bacculaureate physics class competition problem was to design, build, test, and analyze a balsa wood trestle bridge,” Ed explained about his judging assignment. The factors judged included: executing approved procedures, test performance, pre-test and post-test reports, workmanship, the effective use of a computer design analysis program, participation in the verbal presentation, the use of scientific terms and mathematical analysis.

“Two bridges withstood all the available test weights. The more elegantly designed bridge failed to address a key design specification. The more intensive design, reflected considerable research outside the classroom,” he said. “However, the most interesting aspect of the science fair was having the opportunity to talk to the students about why their bridges collapsed. After all, the real learning objective of the fair was for the students to learn to analyze structural failure.”

Paul L. Miller Promoted to Sergeant

Security Force Guard Sgt. Paul L. Miller with wife Valerie and son Paul (P.J.) Jr. were all smiles following his promotion ceremony on Jan. 27.



Temporary Duty Security Officers



Officer Jerry A. Snow is from Vicksburg and will be here until Feb. 15.



TEC Security Chief Thomas Cain (l) and Martha Bishop, Security Officer bid farewell to Sgt. William Coleman who departed for Vicksburg on Feb. 1.

(Photos by Terri Stowell.)

Departures

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>EOD</u>
Officer Joseph Young (Promotion)	Security Force	Feb. 22
Donna Swinney (Retirement)	TS-T	March 3

Tharrington Receives Certificate of Appreciation for Kuwait Construction Project



Wayne and Gen. Staggerman

Wayne Tharrington, TEC's former Building Facilities Manager recently received a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Management and Coordination of the construction of the Army Central Command Theater Support Management Center on the Ariajan Base in Kuwait.

"Wayne told me that Gen. Tommy Franks, Commander-in-Chief of the Central Command is extremely happy with the Center. He appreciated the good job Wayne did," said wife Sunny, TS-G.

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 Feb. 20.

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, which is ultimately responsible for the image portrayed by TEC to the press.

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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BOBBIE J. GALFORD
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Engineer Research and Development Center

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Valentine Basket Fund-raiser Underway

The TEC Picnic Committee is holding a Valentine's Basket Raffle from Feb. 2-13. Tickets will be sold at lunchtime at the front entrance. The drawing will be Feb. 13. Ticket prices are: 1 ticket for \$1, three tickets for \$2 and an arm's length for \$5.

The basket contains: cards and envelopes, potpourri, night light, gourmet snacks, two hand towels, picture frame, heart-shaped dish, champagne and two glasses, Goivda chocolates and a **Special Surprise!**



Looks like Julie Kolakowski, TS-T, sold an arm's length of Valentine Basket tickets. (Photo by Terri Stowell.)

ASMC Luncheon Scheduled for Feb. 13

The Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will be hosting their February luncheon at the Mount Vernon Inn on Feb. 13 at 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Mr. Fred Schack, Professor in Health Fitness and Recreation Resources at George Mason University, who will discuss "Aging, Nutrition, and Exercise".

The cost is \$13 for members and \$14 for non-members. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, contact me via email **NLT COB Feb 7**.

All ERDC, TEC, and AAA 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. (Kathleen E. Holcombe, kathleen.e.holcombe@hq02.usace.army.mil, (703) 428-9110, fax (703) 428-6275)

Dinner Theater Trip Scheduled

The Fort Belvoir Civilian Employee Fund Council (CEFC) is sponsoring a trip to see "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Riverside Center Dinner Theater in Fredericksburg, Va., on March 23. The cost for the 1 p.m. matinee is \$20 (dinner and show).

Sign up begins Feb. 18 and will continue through March 7 or until filled. This offer is on a first come, first serve basis and is open to Fort Belvoir DoD Civilian employees and one guest.

For more information, contact Mary Pumphrey, CEFC Office, (703) 805-4126, Bldg 21 (Basement), from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.