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2003 Earth Day Message

For more than 227 years – through nine wars and the restless peace in between – Soldiers have been preserving our freedom. Today, The Army is as busy as it has ever been – strategically, operationally, and institutionally. Around the world, Soldiers are fulfilling their nonnegotiable contract with the American people – to fight and win our Nation’s wars, decisively. To perpetuate that legacy, The Army does two things every day – train Soldiers and grow them into leaders. Quality facilities, realistic ranges, and challenging training contribute greatly to our ability to train and maintain our warfighting skills.

The Army dedicates substantial resources to environmental protection of our lands, and there are many examples of our success. By focusing on care and maintenance of off-limits areas, education and outreach, Fort Irwin’s programs make it a leader in important desert tortoise research. Environmental stewardship programs at installations, such as Fort Bragg, Fort Polk and other posts are increasing the population of the endangered Red Cockaded Woodpecker. The Army – from the youngest Soldier to the most senior officer, noncommissioned officer, and civilian leader – demonstrates every day that we will remain trained and ready while preserving and protecting the environment.

Environmental stewardship is everyone’s responsibility. Earth Day is the 22nd of April, and the 2003 Army Earth Day theme is *Preserving the Environment While Protecting Our Freedom*. This twofold message is simple to remember; it recognizes the value of our training lands to our readiness; and it reminds us of our commitment to Americans everywhere. No matter what the endeavor – whether defending our freedom or protecting the environment – The Army will not fail.

Over the past months, I have visited many of you as you serve on point for the Nation in a hundred camps and stations. Your determination is as strong as I have seen in ally my years of service – you accept any mission, no matter how difficult; you take any objective, no matter how

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tough the fight; and we are all immensely proud of you. Thank you. God bless all of you – Soldiers, civilians, retirees, veterans, and all of your families – and God bless this magnificent country.

Eric K. Shinseki
General, United States Army

Welcome Aboard

Jacquelyn (Jackie) Mills, a Human Resource Specialist is the latest member to join TEC. A native of Hampton Roads, Va., Jackie comes here from Fort McPherson CPAC, Fort McPherson, Ga. She holds a Master of Science degree in Administration. Jackie enjoys spending time with her family and reading spiritual and motivational literature. Her hobbies include swimming, jogging and traveling.



Jackie

Escape Hood/Protective Clothing Issuance

All TEC members and contractor personnel were issued an escape hood and were fitted for protective clothing from April 8-11. Individuals viewed a training video prior to distribution of the hood. Clothing will be distributed at a later date.



Photos by Terri Stowell

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 1.

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.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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BOBBIE J. GALFORD
Chief, Public Affairs Office
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Condolences

Condolences are extended to the family of former TEC Security Chief Rodney Rodgers. Rodney’s father Mr. Albert Rodgers passed away on April 11 following a lengthy illness. During his 30-year government career, Mr. Rodgers was a member of the Fort Belvoir Fire Department.

For Sale

Twenty-nine-gallon fish tank complete with stand, hood, under gravel filter, two pumps, thermometer and other accoutrements. \$75. If interested, contact Judy Ehlen at ICOM 2587 or 428-6887.

Bake Sale/Cake Auction



Tim Felker, Counsel, samples a slice of one of the donated items for the bake sale.

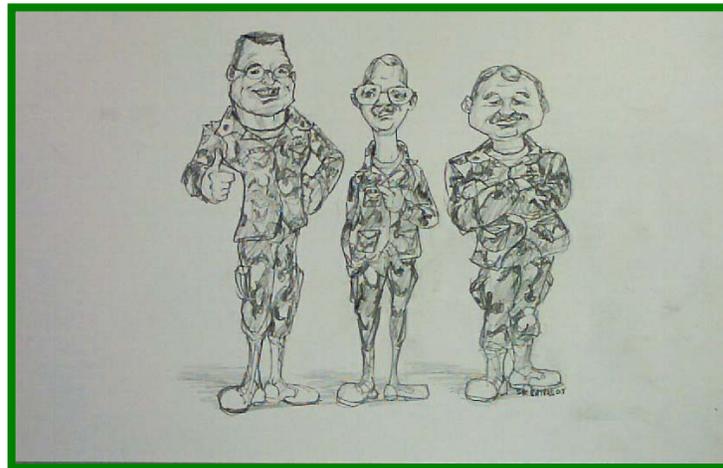
(Photo by Terri Stowell.)



Some of the baked goods were in keeping with the Easter holiday.

Guess who?

Can you identify the TEC member in the caricature below? See the original photo at the end of the bulletin.





That's Maj. Rick Ramsey on the right who was deployed to Kuwait in January. With him are fellow members of the 416th Engineering Command Reserve unit (l to r) Maj. Meyer and Lt. Col. Gessnor.