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Armed Forces Day - May 17

This year's theme for Armed Forces Day is "A Force for Freedom." President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.

On Aug. 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department – the Department of Defense.

Brian Graff Commended

Maj. Gen. Keith Alexander, Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) recently commended Brian Graff, TR-G, for a successful detail assignment at the agency from Feb. 24 to May 8.



Mr. Jeff During (l) and Lt. Col. Donald Campbell extended the INSCOM commander's thanks.

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ETL Retiree Presents Latest Book to TEC

Mr. Abraham Anson (Lt. Col. USAR) presented a copy of his most recent book “Topographic Mapping With Plane Table and Alidade in the 1940s” to Mr. Burkhardt for the enjoyment of TEC members. Mr. Anson, 91 years young, retired from ETL, TEC’s predecessor in the early 1970s. The book, published by *Professional Surveyors Publishing Co. Inc* is on a CD/PDF.



Mr. Burkhardt accepted Mr. Anson’s book on behalf of TEC members. Following the presentation, Samuel Barr, TR-S, stopped by to chat.

Upcoming Events

June 11	Engineer Day Ceremony – 9 a.m.-Noon – Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3
June 27	Open House 10-11 a.m. and Picnic – 11:30 a.m.-5 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 May 29.

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

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Low Turnout May Jeopardize Future Blood Drives

At the last HECSA Blood Drive, only 22 good units of blood were donated. If there isn't a better turn out in the future, the blood drives may not be held here any more. We need more donors!

There are lot of employees at HECSA and TEC. There shouldn't be a problem in getting 100 people or more to donate. In the past, TEC members alone donated more than 60 units. Now that the blood drives are combined, we get less and less blood donated. Something is wrong with this picture.

If you have a question about donating . . . please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. A nurse is available to answer questions about medications or your ability to donate.

Be a HERO . . . Be a DONOR. Thanks. The next HECSA Blood Drive is July 11. (Connie Dutton, TEC Blood Drive Coordinator)

Ocho de Mayo

When the TEC REC Committee changed the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration to Ocho de Mayo, Mother Nature made some extreme changes to the weather to remember the event.



Tom Jorgenson and Dick Marth prepare to feed the masses until . . .



A sudden rainstorm changed into a hailstorm and forced the masses under the gazebo.



The masses were not deterred by the rain and hailstorm and returned to the festivities.



After all, not just any Tom (r), Dick (c) or Harry (Puffenberger) prepared this meal.



A fast-moving storm left large hail pellets and a flooded parking lot within minutes.



TEC's resident meteorologist John Neander was banished to the parking lot pool when he failed to predict the quirky weather storm.

All photos by Terri Stowell*.

*After more than 2 years, Terri is departing TEC on May 29 for an assignment with the Army Materiel Command.