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ERDC Receives Safety Award

ERDC has been selected to receive the Chief of Engineers Safety Award of Excellence. Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers, Chief of Engineers, will present the award to Dr. James R. Houston, ERDC Director, during the Corp's Senior Leaders Conference in Portland, Ore., on Aug. 4, 2003. The safety award recognizes subordinate commands, laboratories and field operating activities in USACE that demonstrate excellence in the management of safety and occupational health programs.

During the past year, ERDC implemented a number of enhancements to its safety program for federal employees and contractors. These enhancements, along with emphasis from management, reduced the number of lost-time injuries and illnesses, as well as the number of property damage accidents.

The number of lost-time accidents fell from 19 to 12 in the past fiscal year, a 32 percent reduction over the previous year. The number of property damage accidents was reduced from two, with more than \$19,000 in damage, to none in the past fiscal year. The number of motor vehicle accidents fell from four to none.

The ERDC also held numerous safety emphasis days that provided seminars on various topics to employees; implemented a voluntary physical program, based on age, for all employees that provides a \$200 cash award as an incentive to employees to have a physical examination; employed a full-time Office of Workers Compensation Program specialist to assist claimants and managers in processing claims; and presented safety coins to ERDC team members who complete hazardous projects without an accident.

To increase awareness and promote competition among ERDC organizations, the Safety Office established a safety scoreboard that displays current accident statistics by organization. The board lists the number of days since the last lost-time accident along with the organization's previous best record.

In the past year, the ERDC workforce worked nearly 3.5 million man-hours, and contractors worked more than 175,000 man-hours.

Cadets Visits

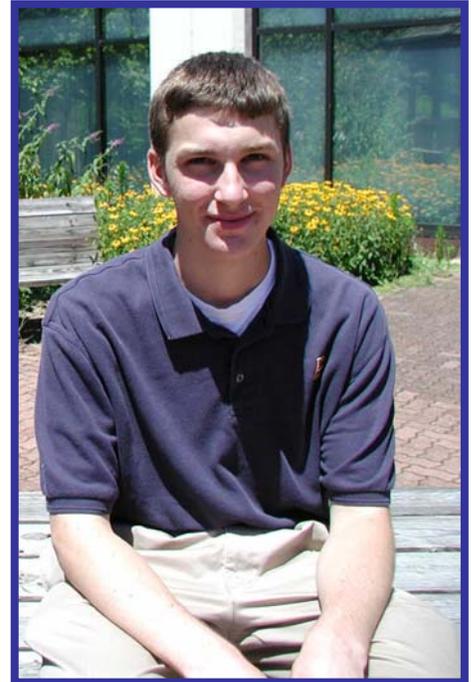
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On Aboard

The following new summers hires have joined TEC: Stephen Munchak and David Stoner, Operations Division (OD); Roger Mendiola, and Rufus White, Research Division (RD); and Wilson Almendarez and Marcus Jackson, Systems Division (SD). Summer hires returning to duty are: Justin Bowles, OD; Andrew Daly, Charles Kershner, Elizabeth Newbury, Daniel O'Neil and Charles Shuey III, (RD).



New summer hire Roger Mendiola and John Neander, Research Division had a little disagreement on the location of Hawaii. Roger is attending Northern Virginia Community College.



Newbie David Stoner is attending Penn State University.

West Point Cadets Visit

Stephen Benzek, Team Leader of the Web Information Team with West Point Cadets Christopher Smith (standing) and Christopher Ardohain. The Cadets are visiting TEC until Aug. 1. They are here to learn about the Center and get some hands-on experience, which they can take back to the Academy



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. 7.

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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Former ETL Research Institute Director’s Wife Passes

Mrs. Vivian Gambino, wife of Lawrence “Larry” Gambino, a former Director of ETL’s Computer Sciences Laboratory in the 1980s, passed away July 21 at Fair Oaks Hospital. The viewing will be at The Demaine Funeral Home, 5308 Backlick Road, Springfield, Va., from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on July 25. The mass will be at noon on July 26 at St. Bernadette Church on Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield.

Nathan Campeau Wins 24-year-old and Under 5K Fun Run/Walk

When Nathan Campeau, OD, attended the 23rd ESRI User Conference in San Diego, Calif., July 7-11, he used his off duty time to participate in one of his favorite hobbies – running. Joining 268 runners at 6:45 a.m., Nathan captured a first place medal in the 24-year-old and under category in ESRI’s 5K Fun Run/Walk on July 9. His winning time in the 3.1-mile run was 20 minutes and 14 seconds (6 minutes and 31 seconds per mile). He placed 21st overall in the competition.

“An event like this is fun for me because, although I want to win, there’s not a lot of pressure to win. This is an opportunity to have a good time and keep in shape,” says the 24-year-old.

Staying in shape was Nathan’s initial reason for taking up running 6 years ago. A native of Minnesota, he began to run competitively more than 3 years ago and has participated in four marathons: once in the Med-City Marathon in Rochester, Minn., twice in the Chicago Marathon and once in the Marathon in the Parks in Montgomery County, Md. His best time in the grueling 26.2-mile event is 3 hours, 50 minutes. “That time puts me in the upper third of marathon runners.”

Nathan’s training regiment consists of after work runs of “30-45 miles a week, which is probably average for a marathon runner,” he explains. “I do my longer run of 16-20 miles on weekends and usually in the morning when it’s cooler. I always drink lots of water and eat healthy foods.” In addition, he eats pasta a day or two before his weekly long run. “Like most marathon runners, I also carbo load before a competition, which means I eat loads of pasta and bread.”

In October, Nathan, a member of Potomac Runners will compete in the Twin Cities and Marine Corps Marathons.



First place medal winner Nathan Campeau.