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Corbin's Comments by Col. James E. Corbin



Here we go again! Late as usual! Last month I tried to reinforce the District's Number One Priority - People! You'll find that I'll do that again and again, because its been my observation that concern for each other gets lost

in the press of our hectic, everyday schedule. Shouldn't, but it sure does!

I indicated that I was going to continue with a discussion of how I see our priorities after our Number One - People. However, I'm going to delay that discussions till next month. Have several folks trying to come to grips with "what we're doing" vs. "what we should be doing it" and they need a few more days.

In any event, I need to report to you on the FOCUS '89 briefing/discussion in Kansas City a week ago and the USACE (OCE is an OK term again, by-the-way!) Commander's Conference last week.

Incidentally, all of you who participated in putting it together did a FABULOUS JOB! Rich Astrack received a well-deserved Commander's Award from LTG Hatch for his part at the close of business on Friday. Local awards will

follow for other deserving folks in the near future! Thanks Gang! Great Job!

FOCUS '89 is the Chief's thrust this year to begin to reshape the Corps for the future. It has a heavy focus on updating Human Resource Management - changing our "people programs" from a compliance traffic cop approach to a proactive effort to "help us". Some very heated discussions followed on this subject both during FOCUS '89 and at the Commander's Conference. Rest assured "PEOPLE" are LTG Hatch's Number One Priority, and will remain such. With that understanding also understand that many of the government's current efficiency thrusts and deficit reduction thrusts work at cross purposes with this desire. This quarter when I give my "info pitch" to you, I hope you'll ask me some questions in this area.

Another topic was an update on the Headquarters, USACE reorganizations. It went into effect on 1 May 1989 and essentially creates the Civil Works Directorate as a coequal with the E&C Directorate, breaking out many functions previously done in E&C and providing that capability to the Civil Works Directorate. There are other changes, some subtle, some dramatic, but, none that will have much of an effect on us.

LTG Hatch discussed a "Corps-wide realignment" and the fact that, once again, the "rumor mill" has gotten out of control. This year, USACE will

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Tiefenbrun new Distinguished Civilian



Alfons J. Tiefenbrun,
former Chief of Planning in

the St. Louis District, has recently been added to the District's Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Personnel.

"Tief", as he was called by his friends, began his civilian career with the Corps of Engineers in May 1931, as an inspector of pile dike construction, dredging operations and survey work in the Washington, D.C. area. He transferred to the St. Louis District in December of that year.

In January 1941, he was called into the military service. He had achieved the rank of Colonel when he was separated from the

service in January 1946. That same year he was re-employed by the St. Louis District.

His efforts here resulted in the authorization of much of the work on the Illinois River, Salt River, Kaskaskia River, Big Muddy River and Meramec River.

Mr. Tiefenbrun was a prime mover in the initial authorization of the Replacement Project for Locks and Dam 26.

He retired on 30 June 1972, after more than 41 years of service.

Brontoli new Deputy

Our new Deputy District Engineer, Major Richard Brontoli, comes to us from the 4th Engineer Battalion, Fort Carson, Colorado, where he was Assistant 4th Infantry Division Engineer.

Major Brontoli is 37 years old and was born in New York City.

He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a masters degree in civil engineering, construction

management, from the University of Florida.

He is interested in outdoor sports, including snow skiing, tennis and jogging. He also enjoys music and plays the guitar and piano. He and his wife, Silvia, have a boy, fifteen month old Mathew.

We were unable to obtain a photo of Maj. Brontoli for this issue of ESPRIT. We hope to have one for our next issue.

Wade Center dedication

A ceremony and open house will be held to celebrate the renovation and dedication of the Floyd R. Wade Memorial Visitor Center at Locks 27 on Friday, June 9, 1989, in conjunction with the Corps picnic. The formal dedication ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. outside the visitor center. The center will remain open throughout the afternoon to allow everyone a chance to view the renovated exhibits and meet the Wade family.

A bus will be available between 0930 and 1630 hours in order to shuttle people back and forth from the picnic to the visitor center.



News Briefs

No rec. closing

A furor recently developed when the Corps of Engineers announced it would absorb a budget cut in recreation funding by closing some recreation areas at its lakes. That ruling was rescinded. The cuts will be absorbed in another manner.

The St. Louis District originally faced a cut of several million dollars. Our budget cut for recreation funding has been reduced to about \$1 million.

Quigley helps rewrite

Tom Quigley, Assistant Chief of ED-D, spent eight days as part of a team rewriting the Engineering Regulation to describe the engineering process required from Reconnaissance Report through Plans and Specifications, Construction and Operation. This is being done to incorporate the local cost sharing philosophy of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 and the Life Cycle Project Management (LCPM) concepts.

Hughey chairs group

Bob Hughey, Chief, Design Branch, recently chaired a Corps wide task group to develop criteria for use in evaluating commercially available software that could satisfy the reporting requirements of LCPM. Software was evaluated for a full week after criteria were developed.

CADD promotion

Bob Hughey attended, as a member, the Field Technical Advisory Group Meeting for the CADD Center at WES. The objectives of the group are to provide direction to the CADD Center and to promote the implementation of CADD throughout the Corps. Mike Rector, John Helfich, Paul Roberts and John Naeger are on Single Discipline Task Groups. These groups are designed to expand and develop enhancements to facilitate the use of CADD in their particular discipline.

Blackpowder meet

Despite the wet conditions and the cool temperatures, the Old Greenville Blackpowder

Rendezvous, held April 8 & 9 at the Wappapello Lake Greenville Campground, was impressive. One hundred lodges and trading posts were set up. Moccasin makers, fur traders, leather tanners, rootbeer sellers and other traders were present. Participants came from throughout Missouri and from Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. More than 3,000 spectators braved the mud and cold to make their trades.

Shelbyville clean-up

Park Ranger Maria Shafer revived the "Keep America Beautiful" Lake Shelbyville cleanup last month. The Scouts, 4-H groups, area students and individuals joined the lake staff in cleaning recreation areas, nature trails and hunter-fishermen parking lots.

Keys in Honor Soc.

IMO would like to extend congratulations to its Stay-in-School student, Carlos Keys, for outstanding academic achievement. Carlos has been inducted into the National Honor Society and is among the top ten of his class at O'Fallon High School. He currently works for Jerry Gray in Media and Publications Services Section.

Fox in Honors Prog.

Jim Fox, son of Wappapello Lake's Jim Fox, has been selected to
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On the Soapbox

Telling the District's story last month were:

Around the District

John Naeger, CADD functional manager in ED-D, provided the Mobile District Deputy, LTC Louis J. Martinez, an overview of how we in SLD have implemented and are using CADD as a production tool.

Clyde Wilkes, Chief Public Affairs, gave a District overview briefing to communications contractors vying for a contract with the District. Clyde spoke to North Atlantic Division and New York District personnel in New York about the Melvin Price Locks and Dam Project. He also spoke to the Haitian American Engineers Association in New York on the same subject.

Joe Bisher, CT, participated in a "Procurement Opportunities '89" at Paris, Illinois, sponsored by Illinois Eastern Community College, Lake Land College, and Paris Chamber of Commerce and Paris Development Corporation. Joe also participated in a program "Selling to the Government '89" held at Fort Leonard

Wood, sponsored by St. Louis University Center for Sponsored Programs in cooperation with Defense Logistics Agency.

Melvin Price L&D

Jack Vizer gave a tour of the construction site to 96 third grade students of the LoveJoy Elementary School and 35 students of the Lakeland College Civil Engineer Tech Club.

Ed Berghoff gave a tour to members of the First Methodist Church in Alton.

Jack Vizer and Larry Wernle gave a tour of the project to the Jr. Achievement Board of Alton-Woodriver.

Milt Walter gave presentations and tours to 65 members of Pride, Inc. and members of the Bethalto Baptist Church.

Rend Lake

While only recently arriving at Rend Lake from Kansas, Park Ranger Ron Fisher got into the thick of things quickly. Ron and 10 Boy Scouts built 100 bluebird houses to be erected on federal land.

Park Ranger Ray Zoanetti gave a tour of the Visitor Center and a talk on owls to 35 members of the gifted students class from Bluford School District. Ray also

manned an exhibit at the 1989 Career Days at Rend Lake College.

Park Aid Jackie Brachear distributed information to the public about Rend Lake at the DuQuoin Wal-Mart Sports-a-rama.

Park Ranger Rachel Garren talked about the 1989 recreation season activities at Rend Lake on the Rance Ryan Morning Show on television Channel 13.

Park Manager Phil Jenkins was interviewed by Channel 6-TV about water usage and local communities.

Lake Shelbyville

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Gidcomb led 30 members of the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory from Champaign, Illinois, on a tour of the dam and surrounding areas.

Park Ranger Al Lookofsky and Bill Gidcomb gave a tour of project facilities, including some management philosophy, to 9 members of the Macon County Conservation District from Decatur, Illinois.

Al Lookofsky also presented the program "People of the Past", covering archaeology and Indian techniques to 16 members of the Sullivan Evening Women's Club.

Stay-in-School Park Rangers Lee Ann Montoya and



(Shelbyville cont.)

Dee Kessel have kept busy giving special request programs to area schools and organizations on topics such as Reptiles of Lake Shelbyville, Fire Safety, and Tours of the Dam. One hundred thirty-seven people attended their programs.

Park Ranger James Lindley helped 67 students teaching in Champaign and Charleston, Illinois, complete their Illinois Department of Conservation Hunter Safety Instructor requirements. He also gave special request programs on the Corps to 20 members of Olive Wood Health Care facility of Shelbyville and four representatives of Thorten Junior College of Hazelwood, Illinois.

Carlyle Lake

Park Rangers Joe Smothers, Francis Walton, Lawrence Williams and Sue Janota-Summers served as instructors for a safe boating course held at the Carlyle Lake Visitor Center.

Park Rangers Lawrence Williams and Roger Hayes were on hand to explain careers in the Corps for the annual Career Fair at Kaskaskia College in Centralia, Illinois.

Lawrence Williams also spoke to a recreation class at SIU-Edwardsville. His topic was recreation at Carlyle.

Park Ranger Bill Howard spoke to 142 scouts about Carlyle Lake's current efforts at biotechnical shoreline erosion control.

Park Ranger Angie Waller took 122 lake visitors on a tour of the main dam.

Promotions and Incentive Awards

PROMOTIONS:

- Judge Hill, OD
Billy Arthur, ED
Michael Rector, ED
Linda Werner, OD
Mary Whitley, CT
Patrick McGinnis, OD

- David DeBourge, DC
Gary Stilts, OD
Eddie Allen, OD
James Beyatte, OD
Ivis Adams, OD
John Hipes, OD
Jo Ann Moritz, CT
Joseph Smothers, OD
Edward Henne, OD
Norma Hall, EEO
Dawayne Sanders, ED
Thomas Leicht, ED
John Hallquist, ED
Norris Davis, BC
Jane Collins, BC

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE

RATINGS:

- Irene Smugala, CD
Sherman Mezo, CD
Gary Schmidt, ED
John Poullain, ED
Theodore Postol, ED
Eddie Allen, OD
Ted Hayn, OD
Edward Franz, CD

QUALITY STEP INCREASE:

- Margaret Hurst, CD
Robert Johnson, ED

PERFORMANCE AWARDS:

- Theodore Postol, ED
Steven Huskey, DC
Jean Kuethe, DC
Leroy Kaiser, DC

SPECIAL ACT/SERVICE

AWARDS:

- Avenant Melidor, PM
Carolyn Clark, PO
Cynthia Ward, CT

News Briefs cont.

participate in the 1989 Conservation Honors Program to be held at the University of Missouri, Columbia. The program is designed for students who are interested in natural resources conservation. Jim is a junior at Puxico High School. He was selected on the basis of test scores and other high school achievements and the quality of a theme he wrote.

Safety Reminder

The Chief of Staff, Army, has directed that all commanders designate a day in the month of May 1989 as Safety Awareness Day. Col. Corbin wants each of you to focus on reducing accidents of all types during the increased operational tempo of the upcoming summer months. Look for the planned activities of your District element and please give this your sincere efforts.



Bush administration civilian secretaries

The Bush administration has chosen its three civilian secretaries within the Department of Defense. They are Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard L. Armitage for the Army, Undersecretary H. Lawrence Garrett III for the Navy and Donald B. Rice of the Rand Corporation, for the Air Force.

These three men will serve under the new Secretary of Defense, Richard Cheney, if confirmed by Congress.

Division golf tournament

The Eighth Annual Lower Mississippi Valley Division Golf Tournament will be held at the NAS Memphis USGA Course in Millinton, Tennessee, on 22 and 23 June.

The tournament is open to all LMVD employees and retirees. Entry fee is \$55. The fee includes green fee and riding cart both days, dinner and dance on the 22nd, hat/visor, balls, tees, ball markers, bag towel and all tournament prizes.

Tee times will be made after all entries have been received. Sign up with Mike Kruckeberg at 263-5161. The deadline is 1 June.

Cheney new Defense Secretary

Dick Cheney -- a six-term congressman from Wyoming -- is the new secretary of defense.

Cheney has experience in both the executive and legislative branches of government.

He earned BA and MA degrees in political science from the University of Wyoming in 1965 and 1966, respectively.

His public service career began in 1965, when he served as an intern in the Wyoming State Legislature. He served on the staff of the governor of Wyoming and then as an assistant to Wisconsin Rep. William A Steiger.

Cheney served in several federal government positions until March 1973, when he left government to become vice president of an investment advisory firm.

He returned to government in August 1974 as deputy assistant to President Gerald Ford. In November 1975, he was named assistant to the president

and White House chief of staff.

Cheney was elected to Congress in 1978. In December 1988, Cheney was elected as House Republican Whip for the 101st Congress -- the second ranking GOP position.

Cheney served on the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He also served as ranking Republican on the House Select Committee to Investigate Covert Arms Deals with Iran.



Groenemann on crutches?

Gary Groenemann, Chief of Safety and Occupational Health, has been seen walking the halls on crutches recently.

An accident? Gary? Playing softball he says.

Obviously softball is an unsafe practice for Gary -- at his age.





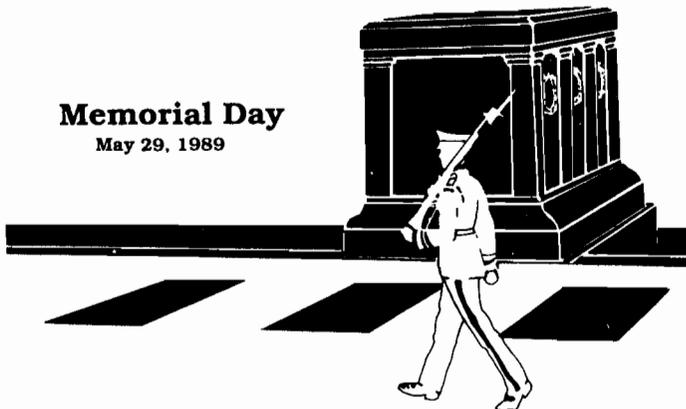
The President's Memorial Day Message

On Memorial Day, the citizens of the United States pause to reflect upon the courage and selflessness of the men and women who have given their lives in defense of our Nation. These heroes paid the ultimate price to ensure that their fellow Americans could continue to live in "freedom's holy light." We owe them our eternal gratitude.

As we honor those Americans who have made the supreme sacrifice in service to our country, we also salute you, the current members of our Armed Forces. By protecting our Nation's hard-won liberty, you help to ensure that the sacrifices of those who have gone before us were not made in vain. Your sense of purpose, professionalism, personal courage, and loyalty are an inspiration to us all.

As Commander in Chief, I proudly salute the past and present members of our Armed Forces who have so faithfully defended freedom -- the only sure foundation for peace -- around the world. Thank you, God bless you, and God bless America.

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George Bush
George Bush
President



The Secretary of Defense's Armed Forces Day Message

On this 40th anniversary of Armed Forces Day, I thank you, our men and women in uniform, for your selfless service and devotion to defending the United States of America.

Armed Forces Day is a significant day for our country. It is an occasion for our citizens to pause and reflect on the importance of our military services. It is also a time for them to thank you -- the members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard -- for being prepared and ever vigilant in defending and protecting our way of life.

No one knows better than you what it takes to make the words for this year's theme, "Keeping America Strong," a reality. The rigorous training you endure and the sometimes harsh sacrifices you make for this great country of ours are unmatched by any other profession.

On this day, your fellow citizens honor all of you in the uniform of our country. Let us, together, keep America strong for the generations to come.



Richard B. Cheney
Richard B. Cheney
Secretary of Defense



To your health

Running



News

The Corps of Engineers Running Club participated in this year's annual 'River to River' relay race on Saturday, April 15.

The District's eight-man team completed the 80 mile course in 10 hours, 32 minutes. This year's running team consisted of Colonel Corbin, Rich Mills (ED-H), John Dierker (ED-E), Tom Quigley (ED-D), Roger Hoell (ED-DA), Mike Brazier (ED-DW), Tom Ruf (ED-DA) and Jerry McClintock (ED-DA). Each member ran approximately 10 miles in three, three and one-third mile segments.

The race began in southern Illinois at Wolf Lake on the Mississippi River and ended in Golconda, Illinois, on the Ohio River.

Any individual interested in participating in next year's relay race should contact any of the runners listed above.

May: High Blood Pressure Month

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

May is National High Blood Pressure Month. High blood pressure -- hypertension -- is the No. 1 cause of strokes. It's also linked to heart attacks, kidney disease and other conditions. Because hypertension has no symptoms, it can easily go undetected. Therefore, it is important to get your blood pressure checked regularly.

According to Army Major Davis, a member of DoD's Health Promotion Education and Training Subcommittee, there are choices people can make that affect and control their blood pressure.

According to Davis, these are:

- * Avoid excess fat in the diet.

- * Maintain physical fitness by getting enough exercise.

- * Eat foods lower in fat, cholesterol and sodium.

- * Stop or don't start smoking.

- * Manage stress.

- * Maintain ideal body weight.

- * Control alcohol intake.

This year's education program will emphasize the importance of exercise. Among the blood pressure-lowering benefits of exercise are that it helps maintain ideal body weight, reduces the desire for tobacco and helps manage stress.

Dandelions: Good enough to eat

In a myth from ancient Greece, the moon goddess Hecate fed dandelions to the hero Theseus. They gave him power to kill a monster who devoured young boys and maidens.

Theseus actually got his strength from the same place Popeye does.

Dandelions have the same amount of thiamine as spinach. They also have six times the iron and four times the riboflavin found in iceberg lettuce. They have 40 percent more vitamin C than tomatoes plus 20 percent more vitamin A than carrots.



Dandelions cont.

The idea of letting dandelions grow is shocking to most of us. But as any greens keeper will tell you, they have more lives than an alley cat. The carrotlike root extends into the ground about one foot. If broken, a new plant grows from what's left. Its root is a nutrient sponge, absorbing vitamins and minerals from soil and other plants.

Though the root can be used in soups and is a superb source of vitamins, the leaves are the most versatile and accessible part of the plant. They add rich vitamin content to salads, soups and omelets.

Young leaves are best and most tender. When choosing them, be sure the area is free from pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and other chemicals.

If dandelions don't grow in your yard, don't fret. You'll enjoy a trip to the woods to gather the greens. Or they can be purchased at farmer's markets.

For a great soup, combine 4 cups chicken stock with 4 cups chopped dandelion leaves and a dash of pepper. Simmer. Make little meatballs from 1/2 lb. ground beef, an egg, minced onion and a tablespoon of wheat germ. Add the tiny meatballs to the soup and simmer another 10 to 15 minutes. Then garnish with parsley and Parmesan cheese. You'll have a good-looking, super-tasting and very nutritious lunch.

In honor of public service

By Tom Joyce
American Forces Information
Service

During Public Service Recognition Week, May 1-7, military and civilian public servants from the Department of Defense will join local, state and other federal agencies in a salute to the public servant. The event will take place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., and at local celebrations in every state in the union.

"Public Service Recognition Week is a time set aside to pay tribute to the profession of public service and to the unsung heroes and heroines that make up the public work force," said Joan Keston. She is executive director of the Public Employees Roundtable, a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to informing Americans about the quality of people in government. "Too few Americans are aware of the many contributions public employees have made to the quality of their lives. The occupations run the gamut from astronaut to zoologist and include such occupations as scientists, teachers, doctors and members of our armed forces," she said.

"The task of keeping this nation secure and at peace is indeed a

challenging one and one that is being met, to a great extent, because of the outstanding skills and creative abilities of the more than one million Defense Department civilian employees in the United States and throughout the world," a senior defense official said.

Public servants from DoD have made significant contributions over the years in all areas of American society. For instance, scientists at the Naval Research Laboratory developed the substance Teflon, which now covers most modern cookware. They also discovered the thin plastic wrap that keeps foods fresh in the supermarket.

Other DoD public servants worked on the development of vaccines for measles and meningitis, drugs for malaria and even the jet injection guns used for mass vaccinations.

These contributions have not gone unnoticed by the senior public servant -- President George Bush. As he stated in January 1989 to senior government civil servants: "There is no higher honor than to serve free men and women; no greater privilege than to labor in government... There is nothing more fulfilling than to serve your country and your fellow citizens and to do it well."



Retiree Review

Attendance was off, a little, for the April luncheon. Only 36 gathered for our second time at the Salad Bowl, but it was a good group.

Three of the most faithful old regulars were missing: Bob Maxwell, Howard Beinke, and Homer Duff. Homer was attending to a medical problem involving his sister-in-law. Don't know what Bob's excuse is. Howard has had some health problems of late, but no recent word on that.

On the other hand, Dan Flippen (former Chief of Construction) attended for the first time. Jake Baker was back, after a lengthy absence, as was former DE Jim Meanor.

Roger Cuddeback is now the current holder of the longest unbroken attendance streak still going, with 20 in a row. As far as we know, Homer is still the champ, with 23 successive luncheons.

The biggest development at the April luncheon was the decision to stay at the Salad Bowl for the indefinite future. When this was put to a vote, there were no dissenting votes. So, the Retiree Luncheons will be at the Salad Bowl, at least until someone comes up with a better place (and convinces the group).

Due to prior bookings, the May luncheon will be on Tuesday, May 16th. Then, from June on, we go back to the old routine of the Third Thursday of every month.

So, come join us...and bring a friend...heck, bring an enemy, everyone is welcome.

The Salad Bowl, 3949 Lindell (just west of Vandeventer). The bar opens at 11 a.m. Most of our group heads for the serving line a little before noon.

See you there!

Retirements...

Harold Duggins, a maintenance worker at Mark Twain Lake, retired 30 April after almost 20 years of government service.

William Kirk, who worked in the Melvin Price Locks and Dam Project Coordination Office, retired on 3 May after more than 30 years of federal service. Bill spent time with the military, the Post Office and the Corps in Germany and St. Louis.

Condolences

The District was saddened by the sudden death of Don Hitpas, a maintenance worker at Carlyle Lake, the evening of April 11. He began working for the Corps in July, 1966. Don had 31 1/2 years of government service.

Condolences from the District to Sharon Leeker (IM-SL) whose mother, Liguori A. Jansen, passed away the evening of 28 March.

Mrs. Muriel Gotwals, wife of former St. Louis District Engineer Major John C. Gotwals, passed away last month. Mrs. Gotwals retained a keen interest in the Corps of Engineers throughout her life and liked to be kept informed of the District's activities. She attended one of the District's retired employees luncheons as recently as May last year.

Correction/Apologies

Last month Esprit erroneously reported the death of Mary Lamb, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. It was Mary's husband, John, who passed away. We sincerely regret the error. A note of apology was dispatched to Mary.



Apology reply

Sunday 23rd Apr

Dear Mr. Wilkes,

I gladly accept your apology. However, something nice happened due to the error.

I had a nice visit with Rose Duda by phone and news of retirees I remember.

Also I appreciate all the cards and letters of sympathy I received.

I'm up there with the older retirees -- come Oct. 31st I will be 84 and still trying to play golf.

Sincerely,

Mary Lamb

Asian-Pacific American Week, May 6-13

By Sgt. Maj. Rudi Williams,
USA
American Forces Information
Service

The Department of Defense will observe Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week from May 6 to May 13. This year's theme is "Asian-Pacific American: Participation -- Partnership -- Progress."

May is a significant month for this segment of American society. Ceremonies to kick off the observance will be held on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on May 6. May 7 marks the 146th anniversary of the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to America. May 8 is the 120th anniversary of the driving of the "Golden Spike," signifying the contributions of Chinese Americans toward building the transcontinental railroad.

In the Asian-Pacific-American category, there are 28 Asian and 26 Pacific Islands subgroups. Members of these groups have made major contributions to the American way of life in agriculture, the sciences, medicine, commerce, government, philosophy, art, music, space and the military services.

Easily the most famous Asian-American military outfit, the 100th Infantry Battalion, a Japanese-American unit, formed in Hawaii in June 1942. Its smaller "brother" unit, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, was formed in 1943.

It was called the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in the history of the United States.

There have been nine Medals of Honor awarded to Asian-Pacific Americans.

There will be a showcase display on the 8th floor during the week of May 6 - 13.

Travel information

The Logistics Management Office, Transportation and Maintenance Branch, is in the process of expanding our travel information service. We now have current information on most hotels within the St. Louis Metropolitan area. Information that can be provided includes conference room design, rates, available services, menus, etc.

In addition, we are obtaining information on activities, attractions, restaurants and maps of the St. Louis area. This will be provided to help you assist travelers visiting our area.

We also plan to provide better service to our customers by obtaining an information brochure to assist in answering some questions on unusual situations which may occur while you are in a travel status.

Please direct any questions or comments to Cindy Morales at 3-5992.



Volunteer - It's good for you

In a ten-year study by the University of Michigan's Survey Research Center it was found that volunteering dramatically increased life expectancy.

But prolonged life is not the only reason to volunteer. Men and women volunteer for all kinds of reasons, including meeting people, becoming better known in the community or gaining personal satisfaction. Whatever the reason, volunteering can be fun, rewarding and an interesting experience for everybody.

United Way suggests that you ask the following questions before you accept a volunteer assignment.

* When can I volunteer? Figure out how many hours you wish to volunteer.

* Why do I want to

volunteer? Evaluate your own interests before volunteering.

* Where will I be volunteering? Consider geographical preferences and travel time.

* What am I interested in? Choose an area in which you're interested, such as working with children, handicapped, or in a recreational program.

Follow these guidelines and you'll be ready to join the millions of Americans who are increasing their life span through volunteer programs in their communities.

Now, contact United Way's Voluntary Action Center at (314)421-0700 and find out what volunteering opportunities exist for you.

'89 Savings Bond Campaign

The national theme for the 1989 Savings Bond Campaign is "U.S. Savings Bonds - The Great American Investment." The St. Louis District's 1989 Savings Bond Campaign will be held Tuesday, May 23, 1989, starting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1040. A promotional program will be presented and a representative from the Treasury will explain the benefits of Savings Bonds and answer questions.

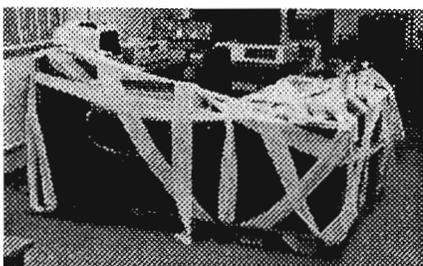
After the program, sign up cards will be available to interested employees. Any employee who purchases or increases Savings Bond allotments will be authorized to receive one hour administrative leave.

The Corps of Engineers' 1989 goal is to achieve 10% additional new bond buyers and 20% increased allotments.

The Savings Bond Coordinator for the District is Rosemary Puricelli.

Take a few moments and invest in your future!

April Fools Day



Has your desk disappeared under a mountain of paper? Don't feel bad. Some are at least as bad off as you.

April Fools Day brought out the pranksters. Some jokes were more visible than others as you can see.

Mother's Day

Blessed is the mother...
Who can hold onto her children while letting them go;

Who puts a tranquil home ahead of an immaculate house;

Who knows a kind act will be remembered longer than an easy word;

Whose faith in the future sweetens the present;

Whose sense of humor is alive and well.

Anon.





Corbin's Comments cont.

attempt to come to grips with what criteria should be used to evaluate a potential realignment and their will begin to develop a process to accomplish a review of the Corps as we relate to our future missions. Bottom line, any realignment is a long ways away!

Additionally, the Corps is trying to come to grips with the Cost of Doing Business, Program Management, and has had considerable success with C _____ P _____ A _____ R _____ (CPAR). I'll provide you more on the above when time and space permit.

LTG Hatch's evaluation of the Corps' programs for the future (approximately next five years) are that the military programs will decline, that the civil works program will remain "steady state", and that the Corps must move aggressively into "Environmental Engineering" (both the various Hazardous and Toxic Waste Programs and Environmental Development related to nature as we are doing in this district). He also indicated that there is every indication that President Bush means what he says about upgrading the "environment" and its corollary "no overall net loss of wetlands". Our push in the District to merge environmental and economic development as well as our efforts in the Environmental Management Program (EMP) put us at the forefront of this effort! STAY AFTER IT! Given the large amounts of hazardous and toxic wastes found in the environs of the St. Louis District, most of it in the Metro Area, there may be a significant place for us in this effort if the funds to do the work begin to flow in a timely fashion. To date, those funds have been slow to materialize due to both political and bureaucratic problems. LTG Hatch also stressed that he is going

to put "his resources where his mouth is" and upgrade the priority, personnel and effort provided in support of Army and Air Force Facility Engineering activities.

Much of this was rehashed at the Commander's Conference. In addition, I was given the opportunity to present a "pitch on our Drought Efforts" (which was extremely well received - thanks Claude, Rob and Chuck, et. al.) two other DEs gave pitches on "Project Management" (the Corps thrust at executions within cost and time) and a third DE gave a pitch on "Partnering" (industry and the Corps building projects together as a team as opposed to the more prevalent adversarial relationship). That should give you a strong indication of where the Corps is going and what concerns its senior leadership.,

LTG Hatch stressed and I can't reemphasize more strongly that the Corps has "marvelous people" who are doing a fantastic Job! What we are dealing with is how to proactively "build on success" in a proactive manner for the future. We are streamlining an already great effort, so don't misread our efforts! The world is changing at a rapid pace and we must change with it, hopefully just ahead of it to maintain the strong, positive effort needed in the years ahead.

A couple of final notes. Owen Dutt has been selected as the Division Planner of the Year - a totally deserved award for a tremendous guy who is doing a superb job; and the Second Lock EIS Group has been selected as the USACE Planning Effort of the Year - again totally deserved recognition for a great group of folks! More to follow later - but Thanks to All!

See you next month! Keep up the good work - It REally Is Appreciated!

Accident summary

GOVERNMENT VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

APRIL '89: None

Total vehicle accidents, FY 89: One

Total vehicle accidents, FY 88: None

PERSONAL INJURIES GOVERNMENT

EMPLOYEES - APRIL '89: One

Total accidents for FY 89: Fourteen

Total accidents for FY 88: Seventeen

An employee was standing on pipes when they rolled, causing his foot to go between the pipes and a piledrive hammer. This caused a laceration to his right foot.

PERSONAL INJURIES CONTRACTOR

EMPLOYEES - APRIL '89: One

Total accidents for FY 89: Four

Total accidents for FY 88: Twenty-nine

A laborer working at Melvin Price Locks and Dam, was fatally injured. He fell through the downstream bulkhead slot in Monolith L-15 to the concrete floor of the lock emptying culvert in the Missouri lockwall, a distance of 60.5 feet.

LAKE FATALITIES: APRIL '89: None

Total lake fatalities for FY 89: Two

Wappapello Lake - 1

Rend Lake - 1

Total lake fatalities for FY 88: Six

Carlyle Lake - 3

Wappapello Lake - 1

Lake Shelbyville - 1

Rend Lake - 1