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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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- Oct. 31  
Halloween
- Nov. 2  
Election Day
- Nov. 11  
Veteran's Day
- Nov. 17  
PRB
- Nov. 25  
Thanksgiving
- Nov. 30 - Dec. 3  
Small Business Conference  
Washington D.C.
- Dec. 7-9  
SWG Command Inspection
- Dec. 10  
SWG Christmas Party



**Baby News**

We have a new addition to the Corps family! *Lt. Col. Chris Sallèse, deputy district commander and his wife, Amanda* had a baby girl Oct. 9 at 3:24 p.m. *Melina Renee Sallèse* weighed in at 6lbs 8 ozs and was 19 1/2 inches long. Both mom and baby are doing well.

## Corps aids recovery effort after hurricanes

More than 1,300 Army Corps of Engineers employees are now supporting hurricane recovery efforts in Florida, Alabama and surrounding states affected by Hurricanes Charley, Francis, Ivan, and Jeanne.

The recovery operation is the largest of its type ever undertaken by the Corps of Engineers, officials said, and it extends to areas flooded by the storms' aftermath.

For many residents living along the eastern Florida coast, Hurricane Jeanne Sept. 26 was

another punch that they could not afford to take.

The Corps' emergency response to the destruction has been to provide ice, water, power, temporary roof covering, and technical oversight of debris removal at various locations hit hard by hurricanes. All of the Corps' effort is carried out in support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, officials said. They said the mission is a complex and tiring logistical operation shared by FEMA,

Corps personnel and numerous other organizations such as the Red Cross and state and local emergency responders.

Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Carl Strock is now visiting the Corps' Emergency Response and Recovery Organizations in Mobile, Ala., and in Pensacola, Fla. His staff is planning a subsequent visit for him to see Corps operations in eastern Florida this weekend.

One of the most widely

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## Haustein goes to Washington

On Sept. 13, Galveston District Commander Col. Steven Haustein met with Jamie Moore, Staff Assistant for Sen Kay Bailey Hutchinson (R-TX), Representative Ruben Hinojosa (D-TX-15), Rep. Chet Edwards (D-TX-11) and Rep. John Culberson (R-TX-7) in Washington, DC.

"I had a productive series of meetings with four Congressional offices of the Texas delegation. These offices are valued members of Team Galveston," said Haustein. "I'll continue to engage early and often with all of our Team members so that the whole Team is working together to better serve the Texas coast."

This visit gave Col. Haustein an opportunity to introduce himself as the new commander for SWG and discussed projects with in each member's area.



*With the help of their leader, Seaborne cadets plant one of many trees along the main entrance to the Jadwin building.*

## Seaborne has green thumb Fort Point construction continues with planting of trees and shrubs

On Oct. 1, the Seaborne Conservation Corps began planting a variety of trees and shrubs species along the Fort Point's perimeter as part of the new homeland security protection plan.

The cadets, most of them attending Galveston Commu-

nity College, have planted a portion of the 80 trees and shrubs that are in the plan.

Other volunteers include the Boy Scouts of America, who are already committed to providing bat and purple martin houses, both natural predators of bugs.

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## Kahala agrees to settle wetlands violation

Kahala Development, LLC, and the Galveston District, US Army Corps of Engineers, have reached an agreement after the developer was found to have filled 0.8 acres of jurisdictional wetlands without a Department of the Army permit. These wetlands are part of an eight-acre duneswale complex on the project site that is located south of FM 3005 and west of 8 - Mile Road on Galveston Island. A cease and desist order was issued for the project on May 20 by the Corps.

In a portion of the voluntary settlement, Kahala agrees to pay

\$125,000 for the violation of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

One hundred thousand dollars of the settlement will be voluntarily contributed to a Corps approved third-party organization for the purpose of funding a wetlands creation, restoration or preservation project acceptable to and approved by the Corps. This payment is separate and distinct from any restoration and/or additional mitigation that will be required for the impacts to the 0.8 acres that have been filled. In addition, the developer will

submit an archaeological survey and provide a wetland delineation of the entire project site.

It was also agreed that Kahala will assist the Corps in conducting a forum in the fall on wetlands for the benefit of Galveston area residents and business interests. This forum would involve topics including wetland delineations and Corps of Engineers regulations for obtaining permits. Kahala will cover all expenses for the forum, including advertisements in the local media. Time and location

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# Commander's Column



Col. Steve Haustein



## The Sand Castle

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These monthly newsletters remind me how quickly time flies. Sixty-days into command and I've completed my initial assessment of the District, along with meeting our stakeholders and partners along the Texas Coast, in Dallas and Washington. Team Galveston is strong, productive and extremely professional. Execution is everything and in FY04, Team Galveston executed very well in all appropriations categories. There isn't much room for improvement, but that's exactly the thin margin that we must find.

Herbie and I recently attended a conference and enjoyed listening to the guest speaker tell an interesting story. The story was about a young boy from the south who came from a split family. His family was shamefully divided among sweet tea drinkers and non-sweet tea drinkers. One day this boy, from a house of sweet tea drinkers, was visiting his grandmother's house and sat down to dinner, when he took a big drink of iced tea near his plate. He immediately noticed that this foul concoction was not sweet whatsoever. Barely managing to swallow the vile liquid, he quickly set out to correct the problem, grabbed the sugar bowl and proceeded to deposit several large spoons of sugar into his tea glass. As he started to put the third spoon full of sugar into the glass, his grandmother grabbed his arm, looked sternly at the boy and said, "Stir what ya got first." When you think about that, it's a wonderful saying and applicable to Team Galveston today. It tells us to get the most of what we have before we ask for more. We're going to do that in FY05 execution. We're going to stir what we have before we ask for more. We're not going to spend a lot of organizational energy wringing our hands over what we don't have, at the expense of getting the most out of the limited resources that we do. It applies now during the Continuing Resolution Authority period and it will apply once we get the President's FY05 Appropriation Act. Stir what you have, Team Galveston. I'll do all the worrying about getting us additional sugar for the tea glass.

This is one of my favorite times of the year. The leaves change from green to vibrant fall colors (or at least they do up north). The weekends are filled with fairs, festivals and football. The temperature drops down and the humidity becomes tolerable so that you can get outside and enjoy the Texas landscape. You should make the time to recharge your batteries and enjoy all the wonderful treasures nearby. The whole event kicks off with Veteran's Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Recently Veteran's Day has started to take on a new dimension as we include those civilians who have volunteered to go into harms way along with traditional military forces. Many Team Galveston members are among that group. I'd like to invite all Team Galveston members to take a special moment this year to recognize the heroes among us and thank them for their selfless service.

Let me close by reporting to you that in all of the conferences, meetings and contacts that I've had since arriving, I have repeatedly been told that Team Galveston is a terrific group of professionals who are easy to deal with and very helpful. Keep up the great work. Now I'm going out for more sugar.

## Team Galveston - Help the Combined Federal Campaign reach its goal of \$29,000



CFC District Coordinator, Sharon Tirpak holds the right end of the CFC goal marker and is surrounded by her Corps office coordinators.

It's that time of the year, the annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is beginning. For those of you that don't know about the CFC, it is the only sanctioned solicitation of federal employee donations for over 1500 non-profit agencies that range from charitable and environmental organizations, to medical research agencies and more.

You will be receiving a CFC booklet and pledge form from the CFC coordinator in your office (list is below). The booklet lists all of the organizations that are eligible to receive donation and if you would like to help the local community, local agencies are listed on the inside back cover of the booklet. The campaign will run through mid-November. If you are going to participate, please return your donation forms to your office coordinator as soon as possible. **Our goal this year is \$29,000.00.**

Thanks,  
Sharon Tirpak  
2004 CFC District Coordinator

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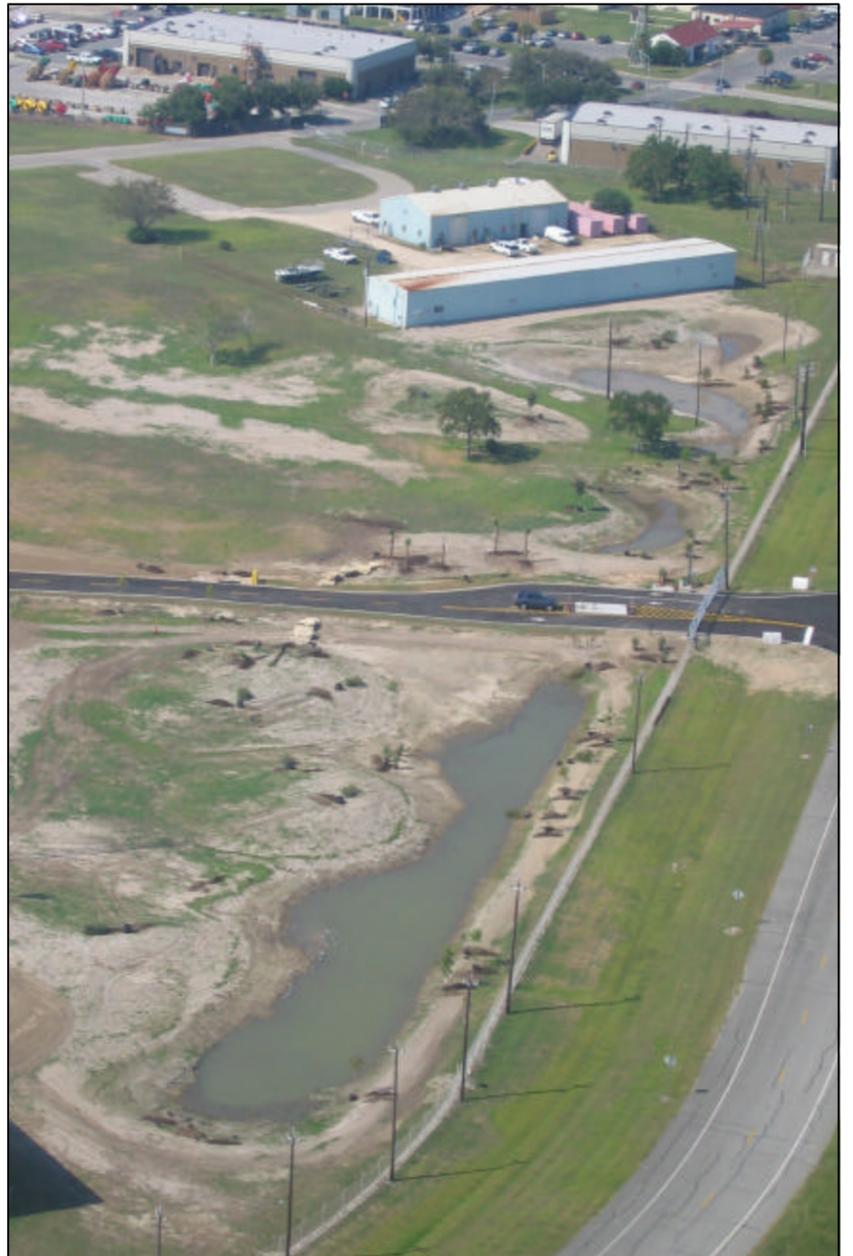
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Seaborne cadets plant shrubs around the installation.



Jake Walsdorf, general engineering, helps cadets dig and prepare before planting the tree in the ground. Over 70 trees will be planted around the perimeter.



An aerial view (taken by Cheryl Jaynes and Volker Schmidt) of the new main entrance with the "green" solution in homeland security protection - "water barriers."

## Clear Creek project video receives Telly Award

Attendees coming to the Clear Creek Study Team meeting were met with a red carpet and hailed as movie stars while the paparazzi flashed cameras in their faces.

The event was the celebration of the Clear Creek video winning a "Telly Award."

Founded in 1978, the Telly Awards are the premier awards honoring outstanding local, regional and cable commercials and programs as well as the finest video film productions.

The Corps video, produced by Crouch Environmental

Services, Inc., won a bronze award in the government category.

The statuette that signifies the Telly Award is designed by the firm that makes the Oscar and Emmy awards.

The Clear Creek video was designed to be used at public meetings on the project. Members of the study team who acted as stars on the video are Bob Heinley, Carol Halloway, Gerald Dunaway and Andrea Catanzaro.

CDs containing the video were given to stakeholders to



Members of Crouch Environmental pictured with Bob Heinly, Planning, Gerald Dunaway, Engineering, Natalie Rund, Environmental, and Carol Halloway, Planning. Bob Heinly is holding the Telly Award.

take home and share with friends and neighbors. More

than 10,000 entries were submitted for the Telly Awards.



## Corps Spotlights: Pat Agee

**Name:** Patricia Louise Bracken Irvin Smith Agee (Pat)

**Office:** PPMD/Executive Office

**Years in Service:** 21

**Hometown:** Hopkinsville, Kentucky

**Schooling:** Everyday

**Family:** Mother, 3 Daughters, 2 granddaughters, 2 grandsons, 6 sisters, 6 brothers and I won't count my nieces and nephews

**Most interesting assignment:** Moving to Galveston

**Secret goals:** Run for public office, (school board)

**Rainy days are for:** Thinking about what you are going to do on the sunny days.

**Favorite sport:** Watching my grandchildren play.

**Favorite Drink:** Coffee

**Favorite Musician:** Prince

**Favorite meal:** Bag of Ruffle Potato Chips and a Sprite soda.

**Dream Vacation:** Africa, Australia and the Fiji Islands

**Biggest Gripe:** People not caring about people.

**Favorite quote:** "Serenity Pray"

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known efforts assigned to the Corps by FEMA is the temporary covering of roofs damaged by the storms. Corps contractors are placing plastic sheeting over the roofs. The project was coined "Operation Blue Roof," for the color of the plastic sheeting

More than 25,000 roof covers have been installed so far throughout Florida. The day after Hurricane Jeanne roared through Florida, Corps and contractor teams installed 54 "blue roofs" in St. Lucie county.

Corps teams have delivered more than 150,000 self-help tarps to counties in Florida, and 30,000 in Alabama for residents to install themselves.

In Alabama, three counties have asked for Corps assistance with debris removal.

Working through the Advance Contracting Initiative, the Corps activated its contract with Phillips and Jordan to remove close to 1 million cubic yards of debris, an amount of material equivalent to about 33,000 large truckloads.

For some 200 east-coast Florida residents affected by Frances and Jeanne, FEMA is providing temporary housing at Saufley Field, adjacent to the Pensacola Naval Air Station.

The Corps of Engineers provided logistical support for the housing by setting up and



Corps employee Chad Jungman and Spc. Jackson Phillips from the Alabama National Guard unload a truck of roofing tarps in Brewton, N.C., to temporarily repair damaged roofs.

connecting temporary utilities.

The units each have a small bedroom, a bunk-bed area, a kitchen/living room area, a bathroom with a shower, air conditioning, a refrigerator and a stove.

This is the first time the Corps of Engineers has used the Expedient Housing plan which allows the Corps to provide logistical support for the housing very quickly.

The Corps and its contractors

agree to provide full logistical support within 72 hours after the needed materials arrive on site.

This type of temporary housing is unique because utilities are placed on top of the ground instead of buried under ground.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers teams have been working in Florida and Alabama for six weeks for Charley, Francis and Ivan and are now responding to their fourth

hurricane. The organization's effort, as are the hurricanes themselves, unprecedented, officials said.

"The Corps is very adaptable," said Col. Ray Alexander, leading the response and recovery effort in Alabama. "I know our folks are tired, but they keep on demonstrating their flexibility."

## Public meeting on LNG project has good turnout

A public meeting was held on the Cheniere Sabine Pass LNG project by the FERC and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District in Johnsons Bayou, La on Sept. 21.

Doug Boren and Bruce Bennett of Regulatory were in attendance represented the Corps.

There were approximately 170 people present with 22 offering comments.

The public was asked to address their concerns to both FERC and the Corps, both of whom were represented at the head table.

Twenty comments were in favor of the project and most of these requested expedited review and authorization. Many of these represented local governmental entities.

Speakers included: Cameron Parish, the local school board and school principal, Jefferson County Navigation District, Sabine Pilots, LA Dept. of Economic Development, Cameron Parish Economic Development Task Force, and West Cameron Port Board.

## District holds annual dredging conference

The Galveston District's 2004 Dredging Conference on Sept. 21 was a huge success - with 94 attendees, consisting of contractors, sponsors, state and local resource agencies, consultants, Coast Guard, and Corps employees. It was well represented by all our customers, said Joe Hrametz, chief of navigation.

The conference started with a dinner social the night before at Casey's Seafood.

Over 40 people attended the dinner, along with Danny Wyatt, chief of safety, who presented awards.

Safety coins were presented to: Great Lakes Dock & Dredge Company; Captain, *M/V Potomac River*, Great Lakes Dock & Dredge Company Crew Boat, excellence in housekeeping; Elton Skelly, Captain, *M/V Evelyn James*, Weeks Marine tow boat, excellence in housekeeping; Weeks Marine Dredge 646, excellence in housekeeping; T.W. LaQuay Dredge, Jason LaQuay, excellence in housekeeping; Luhr Bros



The district display at the annual dredging conference was of interest to attendees.

Construction, no lost time accidents; 1997 - present and Affolter Contracting, Ltd., no lost time accidents.

Safety awards were given to: Weeks, Marine, Inc.; Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel; Lecon, Inc.; Bean - Stuyvesant, Inc.; Great Lakes Dock & Dredge Co.; Goodloe Marine, Inc.; and Affolter Contracting, Ltd.

A project award was given to for Bean-Stuyvesant, with no lost time accidents on the Lower

Bayou Project from June 2000 - Dec 2003, with 323,974 manhours. Whereas, Weeks Marine, Inc. was awarded for exceeding the half million manhour mark with 694,027 manhours, no lost time accidents on the Mid Bay Project and King Fisher Marine Services, 809,632 manhours with no lost time accidents from January 29, 2000 and January 4, 2004.

# Wallisville Lake has successful National Public Lands Day

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Wallisville Lake Project, held their fourth annual National Public Lands Day on September 18, 2004. Over 100 volunteers, including two Boy Scout troops, two Girl Scout troops, two Sea Scout ships, a high school ROTC unit, and Chambers County Adult Probationers assisted in clean-up efforts along the Trinity River.

The Upper Texas Coast Water Borne Education Center and the Chambers-Liberty County Coastal Navigation District provided boats and crew members.

The cleanup, from 9 a.m. – noon, collected one full 20 yard roll-off dumpster of trash, 10 appliances, 19 tires and one old boat. Water, gloves, trash bags, and trash picker-uppers were provided by the Wallisville Lake Project.

“Each year the number of volunteers grow and each year the amount of trash removed from the Wallisville Lake Project grows,” said Richard Long, park manager.

“Wallisville is a beautiful place and it is obvious that it is this community’s desire to keep it that way.”

After the cleanup, a hot dog lunch was held for all the volunteers.

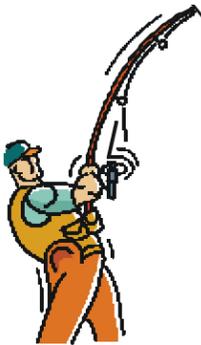
The lunch was courtesy of local businesses including: Hill’s Grocery of Anahuac, Abernathy’s Meat Market of Anahuac, Blimpie’s of Wallisville, Country Boy’s Country Store of Hankamer, J.J. Chevron of Wallisville, Youngblood’s Supply of Liberty, Bi-Rite Grocery of Anahuac, Family Dollar of Anahuac, Van-ta-um Grocery of Smith Point and Thrif-Tee Food Center of Mont Belvieu.

Last year, nearly 80,000 volunteers, their community partners, and numerous federal, state, and local agencies contributed \$10 million in improvements at 550 public parks, monuments, wildlife refuges, forests and grasslands, marine sanctuaries, lakes and reservoirs.

These workers built or refurbished 500 miles of trails, constructed 60 bridges and 100 other structures, planted 6,600 trees and 15,200 other plants, cleared nearly 60,000 pounds of invasive plants, and removed 2 million pounds of trash.

## Revised fishing policy makes for better fishing

### A Corps fishing pass still needs to be obtained in Operations



The Galveston District recently revised its fishing policy at Fort Point installation. “I revised the policy to make

one of the natural recreation opportunities here at Fort Point more readily available to Team Galveston,” said Col. Steve Haustein, commander of the Galveston District. This policy became effective on Sept. 27th.

“The policy is revisited each year and we determined that it was appropriate to return to the less restrictive policy of a few years ago,” said William Hopkins, chief of operations. “The new security measures in place also allow for a more fishing friendly policy.” To fish at the installation, you must first obtain a fishing pass. The following are eligible to fish at Fort Point Reservation with qualifying identification: current Corps of Engineers employees, Corp of Engineers retirees, members of the military, active, reserve and retired, and dependent family members of previously listed groups.

For those Corps of Engineers retirees who need retiree identification, contact building security at 409-766-3899 and request an identification for the purpose of fishing at Fort Point.

A fishing pass may be obtained after presenting qualifying identification and signing a liability release. Employees should call 409-766-3977 requesting a fishing pass from Sandra Morrison.

All other individuals meeting eligibility requirements should call 409-766-3977, or visit workstation 269D in the Jadwin Building between 8:00 a.m. and

11:30 a.m., Monday thru Thursday, federal holidays excluded.

No fishing pass will be issued, nor will fishing be allowed until a release is signed.

Each person holding a valid fishing pass may sponsor one guest per day of fishing.

The sponsor must bring the guest to workstation 269D in the Jadwin Building between 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Monday thru Thursday, federal holidays excluded, where they will be required to furnish identification and sign a liability release prior to receiving a temporary pass.

The sponsor must accompany the guest while on the facility. No fishing pass will be issued, nor will fishing be allowed until a release is signed.

The following restrictions are necessary to minimize interference with ongoing Corps operations involving personnel,

plant, and equipment and to maximize security and safe operations at this facility.

a. Fishing is permitted daily, including weekends.

b. No fishing is permitted from sunset to sunrise.

c. During peak season (November 1 thru January 31) only one fishing pole per person is authorized.

d. Fishing is permitted from the concrete bulkhead area, the hopper dredge dock when no ship is present at dockside, and the beach area east of the access road.

e. Fishermen will park in the shell/gravel parking lot. **No other parking areas are authorized.**

f. Fishermen are responsible for policing paper, debris, dead bait or fish, or other trash. Paper and cans should be placed in waste containers available at the site.

g. The use of alcohol and

drugs is prohibited.

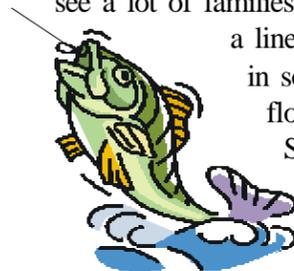
h. Eligible fishermen must fish in accordance with Texas State Law.

i. Individuals failing to fully comply with the above restrictions risk losing their fishing pass.

j. This policy supersedes the fishing policy memorandum dated 10 November 2003 and is subject to revision by the DE without prior notice.

k. Any questions relative to this matter should be directed to the Chief, Project Operations Branch, at (409) 766-6313.

“Now that the fishing has opened to guests and dependents, I hope that we’ll see a lot of families out wetting a line and hauling in some flounder,” said Sandra Morrison, operations.



## Fishing Pass Waiver

Please fill out, cut out and bring to Sandra Morrison.

FISHING RELEASE

PASS NO \_\_\_\_\_

I (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_ having been given permission to enter upon property located at Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas, for the purpose of such activities as stated in the current Fishing Policy Memorandum, hereby release and hold harmless the United States Government, its officers, agents, and employees from liability of every nature and kind growing out of or in anywise pertaining to said entry upon property and for the purpose as stated above. I hereby further acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the District’s rules and regulations pertaining to my privilege to utilize said facilities and hereby agree to adhere and comply with those rules and regulations.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF PERSON/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

QUALIFYING ID PRESENTED:

Corps of Engineers: Active ( ) CE Retired ( )

Military Active ( ) Reserve ( ) Retired ( ) Dependent ( )



## Warrior Ethos

by Bobbie Jo Schmedlapp

World War I - The War to End All Wars - brought this nation to a unified resolve perhaps more than any other event in our history up to that time.

Many people joined the military and served in Europe or here at home. Other Americans served in support of the war effort by working in factories and plants.

Millions of men and women gladly answered the call to serve in the military. The ranks grew from a small constabulary force to one of the largest militaries in history almost over night. Each volunteer had their own personal reason for answering the call. Most simply joined

because they were asked and they had a love for their country and our nation's ideals.

These men and women are a national treasure that continued to serve selflessly long after World War I ended.

Among the millions who stepped forward was a Midwestern barber named Martin Treptow. He enlisted in the Iowa National Guard and soon found himself part of the 42nd Division, the Rainbow Division.

The division was dubbed the Rainbow Division by virtue of its makeup, with soldiers from all sections of the country.

In July of 1918, the 42nd was committed to battle against the Germans to reduce the Marne Salient. In spite of withering machine gun fire and heavy artillery bombardment, the 168th Infantry took their objective.

As the battle drew to an end, a messenger was needed to deliver an important word to one of the platoons.

Private Martin A. Treptow, barber turned warrior, grabbed the message and moved out under fire.

As he reached the platoon leader, Treptow was shot down by a hail of bullets.

Later, in policing up Treptow's personnel effects, a diary was found in the blood-stained blouse of this doughboy.

Written in Treptow's own hands were the words entitled, My Pledge, words that serve as a memorial to the price he paid.

*America shall win this war.*

*Therefore I will work.*

*I will save.*

*I will sacrifice.*

*I will endure.*

*I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost,*

*As if the whole issue of the struggle depended on me alone.*

His pledge would be called a warrior's ethos among today's soldiers.

How does America produce sons and daughters whose values drive them to serve with such sense of duty and personal courage?

Private Triptow was just an ordinary citizen who did extraordinary things.

Private Triptow, like the 50 million other Americans who have fought for our country in the past 229 years, knew that freedom comes with a price.

This Veteran's Day remember Private Triptow and the one million others who have paid for your freedom with their "last full measure of devotion."

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As part of the voluntary settlement, the Corps will allow Kahala to apply for an After-the-Fact permit. This application must be accompanied by a Tolling Agreement that effectively suspends any applicable statute of limitations and allows the Corps to pursue any appropriate legal remedy if Kahala fails to comply with the agreement.

Any permit that may be authorized by the Corps not only would address the impacts to the

0.8 acres of wetlands that have occurred on the site to this date, but would also address any other proposed impacts to other wetlands on this site due to planned development. The permit evaluation will include not only assessments of avoidance and minimization of proposed impacts to wetlands, but the permit process also provides the opportunity for comments from the public and federal and state resource agencies on the proposed project and project impacts.

## Castle Comments



Fisher Hampshire

### Congratulations

Fisher Hampshire, son of Selma Hampsire, resource management office, earned his black belt in Tae Kwon Do on June 19, 2004. He was age 12 at the time. He trained at Korean Martial Arts (KMA) in Santa Fe under Master Carolyn Moser.

### Community Outreach

This year the Wallisville Lake Project played a bigger roll in Gatorfest than in years past. Not only did they man a booth at Gatorfest, the project also served as an aid station for the Gatorfest 2004 Bike Tour.

Rangers Donnie Smith and Ruth Milsaps manned a booth at the festival on Sept 11th and 12th. They distributed a variety of items to kids and adults alike dealing with the purpose and uses of the project, water safety, and the Corps in general.



Ruth Milsaps visits with locals.

## Viva Cuba!

### HEP celebrates Cuba during a luncheon



Corps employees go through the Cuban-style buffet line.



Tom Benero and Maria Green show off their dancing moves.

On Sept. 22, the Hispanic Employment Program held a luncheon in celebration of Cuba.

"The food was great," said Mark Lumen, office of counsel. "But who was that strange dancing man in the white suit?" Lumen concluded.

Tom Benero, chief of

contracting and Maria Green, regulatory, provide the luncheon with dancing entertainment.

"I appreciate all the effort that was put into the event," said David Campbell, chief of engineering. "I just don't know how I feel yet about Tom's dancing."