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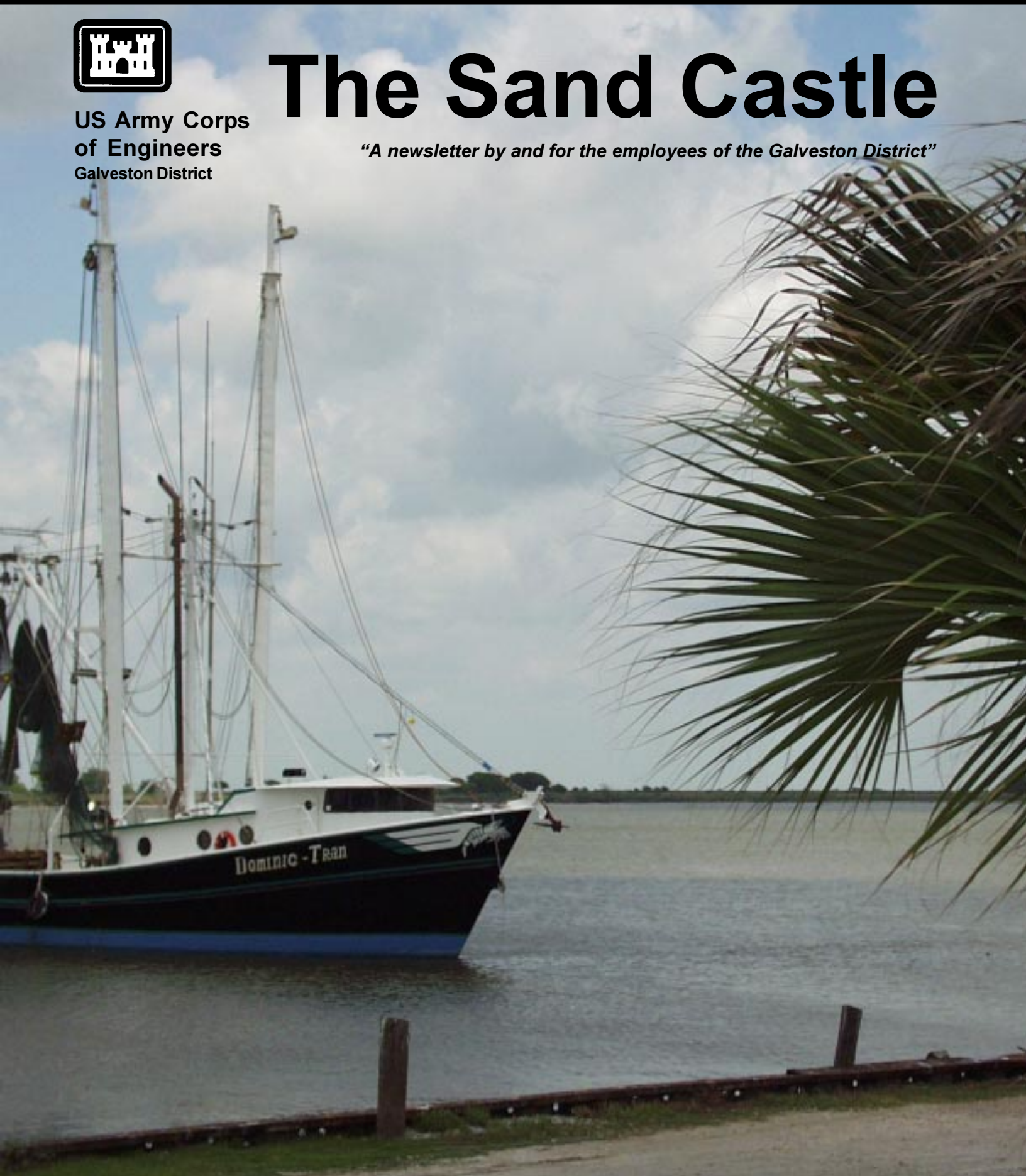

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Cover: Photo taken by Paula Wise, Planning Division, on the Sabine-Neches Waterway boat ride. On the right: the Sabine-Neches Waterway at the Gulf Intracoastal Wayerway.

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

COL Nicholas J. Buechler

With May showers come flowers, in this case new graduates. Many of our children are graduating from local high schools and a variety of colleges. Congratulations to each of you for a job well done. I logged my share of miles enjoying my son Jason's graduation from Colorado State University.

We were very pleased to have several members from Division and Headquarters join us meeting with our local sponsors on a number of projects. Richard Tomlinson coordinated the Sabine Neches Waterway Team project tour from the ports to the end of the jetties. The team then conducted a two-day alternative formulation briefing session working out many complicated issues. Diana Laird led similar actions on the GIWW Matagorda Bay reroute and Brays Bayou. Two public meetings were executed on Clear Creek further seeking input from the public on this much need flood control project. Don Allen and Robert Van Hook were the stars of the show under the mentorship of Dr. Lloyd Saunders. Carolyn Murphy and Dalton Kreuger briefed the Coastal Coordination Council Executive Committee on issues in the Laguna Madre and Galveston Bay. In every one of these efforts the district's work demonstrated a balanced approach to developing solutions with environmentally responsible features. I personally met with Commissioner David Dewhurst of the Texas General Land Office and he repeatedly shared with me his admiration for the great work routinely accomplished by the US Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District. Each of you should be proud of your accomplishments.

I would also like to recognize the hard work of the Operation's Division and Program's staff developing the FY03 O&M budget. The many hours devoted to this effort while simultaneously and intensely managing the FY 01 O&M budget execution reflect on your professionalism and commitment to the Corps.

This month we celebrated Vision Week were we learned more about LTG Flower's refreshed Vision and Campaign Plan. The District has been moving along this path for a number of months. I am impressed with how far we have come and remain ready to continue down this path with each of you. Together we can accomplish anything. With your help we will accomplish the Chief's objectives for people, process, and communications. Thanks.

I will close with a warm welcome to the numerous summer hires, some new and several back for a second or third summer. We look forward to future opportunities for your service to the Nation.

ESSAYONS!

Who We Are...

What We Do...

Where We Are Going....

The NEW Strategic Vision

from Lt. Gen. Bob Flowers, Commander and Chief of Engineers

Herbie Maurer; Denise Saenz; Billye Newcomb; Sandra Morrison, winner of Secretary of the Year; Bea Richardson, Pam Thibodeaux; and Meg Dunleavy, Chairperson of the Federal Women's Program.

Sandra Morrison Named *Secretary of the Year*

Herbie Maurer, Deputy of District Engineer, announced April 25th that Sandra Morrison, Operations Division, was named as Secretary of the Year.

"Sandra always makes a point to offer her assistance to others and with her positive attitude goes out of her way to do a better job than asked for. She is a real asset to the Corps of Engineers and the section she works for," said Charles Scheffler, Operations.

Other nominees included: Billye Newcomb, Denise Saenz, Bea Richardson, Daniel Williams, and Pam Thibodeaux. Each nominee received a potted plant with a memento of the occassion.

Secretaries Enjoy a Day at the Brays

The Federal Women's Program sponsored a field trip to Brays Bayou for Galveston employees on April 25th in honor of Secretary's Day.

Over ten secretaries enjoyed a guided tour of the facilities from Diana Laird, project manager of Brays Bayou, after eating lunch at the Rustic Oak.

S N W W B O A T R I D E

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, hosted a boatride down the Sabine Neches Waterway (SNWW), Wednesday, May 16, for the Feasibility Scoping Meeting (FSM) on the project.

"I was very impressed by the industry down the SNWW, along with what appears to be an undistured environment," says Chief of Project Management, Arthur Janecka.

Paula Wise, Rick Medina, Richard Tomlinson, Dave Bastian, Frank Reynolds, Herbie Mauer, Harry Kohler, Mike Castelline, Llyod Saunders, Rick Harrison, Robert Waterhouse, Danny Cruz, Frank Garcia, Jan Stokes, Richard Whitmire, Paul Blakely and Robert McIntyne from Headquarters, Larry Donavan and JoAnn Dunman from Southwestern Division; two PBS&J contractors and Tom Jackson, local sponsor and other Jefferson County Navigation District board members also were on the ride.

The FSM was held the next day in the Jadwin building to discuss alternatives to many complicated issues associated with the project.

QUICK FACTS:

- Sabine-Neches Waterway Study; the purpose is to improve the efficiency and safety of the waterway.
- Study length is approximately 4 years - it began on March 2000. Study cost is $7,000,000 of which half is paid by the Federal Gov't and the other half by the local sponsor (Jefferson County Navigation District).
- Waterway serves the following ports - Port of Sabine Pass, Port of Port Arthur, Port of Beaumont, and Port of Orange.
- Total length of waterway is 75 miles.

ENFORCE: From My Point of View

Sam Watson

It was the week of 6 May 2001. I was in Missouri for the first time and could not recall when I had seen so many stars at one sitting, or eagles for that matter. No, I was not walking the Ozark hills. I had the honor of accompanying Colonel Buechler to the Army Engineer Force Conference (ENFORCE) and the stars and eagles were on the collars of those sitting around me.

ENFORCE is the Engineer Corps' premier annual conference. Our Chief, Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers, along with about 650 other officers, senior noncommissioned officers, senior executive service civilians, and senior leaders gathered to discuss the past, present and future of the Corps. It was held at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., home of the Army's Engineer School.

The conference focused on the USACE Strategic Vision. Lt. Gen. Flowers explained his Vision of being "the world's premier public engineering organization responding to our nation's needs in peace and war." "A full spectrum Engineer Force of high quality, dedicated soldiers and civilians who are: trained and ready, a vital part of the Army, dedicated to public service, and an Army values-based organization." We discussed the strategic goals for people, process and communication; and the campaign plan, which spells out how to reach these goals. In his words, "You are a critical part of the Army, from a quality of life and readiness on installations to the transformation of the force for the future, helping to shape the Army for success.

You are especially important to the well being of the nation, and the livelihood of most Americans, through developing, managing, protecting, and improving our nation's water resources." The Vision and Campaign Plans can be viewed at: "http://corpsinfo.usace.army.mil/mp/n/50th/"

The theme of the conference was "Engineers Leading Transformation". The Army Vision calls for transforming the current forces as rapidly as possible, while maintaining the war-fighting readiness of its operational units. The USACE mission is to support this transformation through professional, cost-effective and timely engineer and technical support (applied research and development, planning, environmental analysis, engineering, design, construction management, real estate services, etc.) across the full spectrum of operations.

I had the opportunity to attend "breakout" sessions during the week on topics relating to the campaign plan and the strategic goals. The week was filled with great examples of leadership and outstanding speakers. Presentations were given on topics such as "USACE Communications Campaign Action Plan", "Fort Future and USACE", "Civil Works and the Army", the "Corporate Business Process", and the "Cost of Doing Business". Copies of these can be viewed at: "http://corpsinfo.usace.army.mil/mp/n/ENFORCE2001"

There were several other great events throughout the week to participate in such as the Regimental Review and Engineer Barbecue. Friday, the last day of the conference, began with the ENFORCE Run at 0530 hours, and ended with the Regiments' top brass putting on their best clothes to attend the 13th annual Regimental Dinner. I am now the proud owner of a Regimental tie.

I thoroughly enjoyed attending ENFORCE and am very fortunate to have had the opportunity. I gained a stronger appreciation for our leadership, for the history of the Corps, and for the sacrifices that have been made on our behalf. It allowed me to better understand our organization and how we in the Galveston District play a part in it. I wish everyone had the opportunity to attend. Also, there were quite a few Aggies there! Essayons! (that's French for "Let Us Try" for all you non-aggie types)

Gig'em Aggies..Corps Welcomes Four Co-ops to Planning Division

Name: Alicia Rea
Home: Galveston
School: Texas A&M Galveston
Major: Ocean/Coastal Resources
Graduation Date: May 2002

While co-oping, Alicia said she hopes to get a better understanding of what the Corps does and the role it plays in our environment and community.

Name: Samatha Tompkins
Home: South Carolina
School: Texas A&M Galveston
Major: Ocean/Coastal Resources
Garduation Date: Dec. 2002

Samatha says that she is very intersted in marine biology and hopes that working at the Corps will show her if this is really what she wants to do.

Name: Melissa Romigh
Home: Tulsa, Oklahoma
School: Texas A&M Galveston
Major: Marine Science
Garduation Date: May 2002

Melissa hopes to gain some good experience while working here and wants to learn more about the Gulf Coastal regions, the area she hopes to work in after graduation.

Name: Laura Wengierski
Home: Colorado
School: Texas A&M Galveston
Major: Marine Science
Garduation Date: May 2002

Laura said she got interested in the co-op prpgram after hearing about it from a professor and and attending an informational.

Galveston District Tips It's Hat to Corps' Graduates

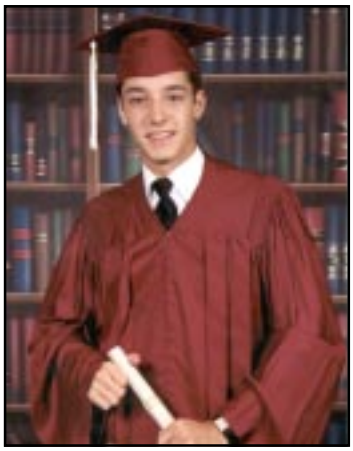
Jason Allen Buechler, son of Col. Nicholas J. Buechler, Commander and District Engineer, graduated from Colorado State University on May 12th with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He is now employed at an engineering firm in Denver, Colorado.

Elizabeth Jeanne Machol, daugher of John Machol (Regulatory), graduated from Galveston Ball High School Magna Cum Laude with a $500.00 award for perfect attendance for all 4 years of high school. She also received numerous awards for band and choir. She will be attending Texas A&M University in College Station as a honors student majoring in history.

Ryan Orr, son of Tracy Orr (Regulatory), graduated from Texas City High School, and will be attending Southwest Texas State University in the fall. He will be majoring in business and minoring in political science while planning to attend law school.

Brandon Simmons & his wife, Delinah, step-son and daughter-in-law of Guy Williams (IMO) and son of Kathy Williams graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi May 11, 2001. Brandon graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Outdoor Recreational Management. He has signed on to be a whitewater rafting base camp manager this summer for his internship in the mountains just north of Atlanta, GA. Delinah received a Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design. She will serve her internship doing commercial interior design in Atlanta.

Apryl Lynn Trevino, daughter of Gilbert (EC-EG) and Karyn Trevino (PE), graduated from Texas City High School and will be attending the University of Houston Honors College.



Christopher Michael Brunt, son of Dewey (EC-C) and Gloria Brunt (DD), graduated from Clear Creek High School and will be attending University of Houston Honors College, where he will be majoring in Business Adminstration.

Mary Colleen Martin, daughter of Art Martin (EC-EG) graduated from Santa Fe High School, where she was a member of the Santa Fe Varsity Basketball Team and an Honor student. She will be attending Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches and majoring in Communications and Economics.

Melinda Medina, daughter of Rick Medina, Planning, graduated from Clear Creek High School and will be attending University of Houston, majoring in Business.

Laurie Elizabeth Voelkel, daughter of Betty Voelkel (PM), graduated from LaMarque High School on May 25th, 2001 and will be attending junior college.

Geoff Hauch, son of Robert Hauch, Planning, graduated from Clear Creek High School, where he was active in basketball, theatre arts, and the National Honor Society. He will be attending the University of North Texas, where he will major in Radio/Television/Film, with a minor in history.

Nicole Irene Salinas, daughter of Pat Salinas (LO) graduated from Dickinson High School. She plans to attend College of the Mainland.

Colby Wise, son of Bill Wise (PM), graduated from Clear Creek High School on May 19, 2001. He will be attending Texas A&M University, college Station, in the fall as an engineering major.

Twins Jessica and Jake Moratto, niece and nephew of Joan Moratto (Bay Area Office), will graduate from Palisade High School in Colorado on May 30, 2001.

Robert Mathew Aguanno, son of Roseanne Theobald (PM), graduated from the University of Houston (Clear Lake) with a degree in Math Sciences on Friday, May 11, 2001.

Kimberly Elaine Christmas, daughter of Billy Christmas, Colorado River Locks, graduated on May 25th from Van Vleck High School. Kimberly completed her high school career in just three short years. She is ranked as number 10 in a class of 64, with a G.P.A. of 4.0. She is a member of her school's National Honor Society and Drama Club. The school's Drama Club recently advanced in the UIL One-Act Play competition. Performing in Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" as Grumella the servant, Kimberly received All Star Cast Honorable Mention. Aside from school, Kim is deeply involved in her church activities. She is a vocalist on the praise and worship team and a leader in the youth group. She has gone on 2 mission trips to Saltillo, Mexico. After graduation, she plans to attend Alvin Community College. At ACC she will work to get her license in Massage Therapy.

Danny Franklin Cruz, Jr., 6, son of Danny Cruz, (Real Estate), graduated from kindergarten at Heights Elementary School in Texas City. His plans for the future are to become one of the Power Rangers.

Joshua David Jordan Simmons, 4, son of Johnnie Simmons, RMO, will be graduating from Deborah's Day Care June 8. He will be going to St. John's Pre-K.

2001 Engineer Day

Aloha! Employees, retirees and family members!
Engineer Day 2001 plans have been finalized! The date is June 22 and will kick off with an award ceremony in the Jadwin building Room 175 at 10:00 am. Following the ceremony, everyone is invited to participate in the festivities that are being held on the "East Beach." The theme is "Luau Day at the Corps" and everyone will be greeted at the beach with a lei.

Our famous chef, Carl Anderson, promises some "finger lick'n" barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. After everyone has stuffed themselves, several games are scheduled through-out the afternoon. There will be games of volleyball, tug-of-war, horseshoes, watermelon seed spitting competition and several activities for the youngsters. Of course, swimming is always available along with a sand castle building competition! We will have some awnings but we suggest you bring your umbrella and lawn chair and be prepared to have some fun! This will be Col. Buechler's last big get-to-gether before the change of command on August 2nd so let's give him a day of memories to take with him when he goes to the "stuffy ole Washington, D.C."

Tickets are $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for ages 10 and under. Contact a recreation committee for your ticket or send your check to U.S. Army Corps of Engineer, Galveston District, PAO, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Tx 77550. We'll get your ticket back to you.

Questions, tickets?? Contact Ana Gordon, Randy Moore, Vicky Crisp, Carl Anderson, Helene Kieslich, Michelle Clark, Ella Cassity, Naime Foster, Aroha Dahl or Phyllis Bledsoe.

CUT OFF DATE FOR GETTING YOUR TICKET IS JUNE 20TH.

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Amber Cne' Simmons, 11, daughter of Johnnie Simmons, RMO, will be graduating from Charles B. Scott Elementary School on May 29, 2001. She will be going to the 6th grade.

Roslyn Colston, daughter of Fredalyn Colston, Engineering, is an honor graduate at Mineral Springs High School, Mineral Springs, Ark. She has received a 4 year acedemic scholarship at Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas where she plans to major in biology, eventually transfering to Texas A&M University to specialize in Marine Biology.

Thomas John Machol, 10, son of John Machol (PE), graduated from Satori School and will be attending Weis Middle School next year.

Clear Creek Public Hearing

The Galveston District hosted two public scoping meetings on May 3 at the League City Civic Center and May 9 at the Pearland Nelson Auditorium on the Clear Creek watershed.

Before each meeting, an "open house" was held in the foyer, where residents and visitors were given ther opportunity to walk through various displays, ask questions and leave written comments.

Col. Buechler, Herbie Maurer, Carolyn Murphy, Art Janecka, Lloyd Saunders, Rhonda Brown, Carlos Tate, Mike Castelline, Robert Van Hook, Aroha Dahl, Rick Medina, Carol Hollaway, Don Allen, Phyllis Bledsoe, and Marilyn Uhrich represented the Galveston District at the League City meeting.

Carolyn Murphy (PE-E) speaks to a resident from the Pearland area.

WALLISVILLE LAKE PROJECT:
DUCK BLIND PERMIT DRAWING

You may have just put your shot gun away from the 2000-2001 waterfowl hunting season, but the staff at the Wallisville Lake Project is already thinking about the 2001-2002 waterfowl hunting season. And, if you are interested in having a blind during the next season at Wallisville, it is time that you start thinking about it also.

Wallisville Lake Project will be accepting applications for Duck Blind Permits from May 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001. As in years past, only 150 permits will be issued through a drawing. Successful applicants will be contacted around August 1, 2001, with directions on how to complete the permitting process. Instructions for applying for the permit have changed, so please follow the instructions below carefully.

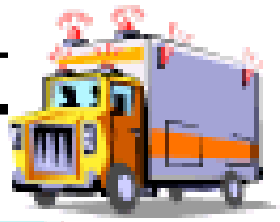
All applicants must be at least 18 years old. Only one application per person will be accepted. If duplicate applications are received, both applications will be discarded. The validity of entries will be determined by driver's license numbers.

The information requested below must be PRINTED CLEARLY on a 3" x 5" card and mailed or delivered to the Wallisville Lake Project Visitor Center between May 1, 2001, and 30 June, 2001. if applications are hand delivered, they must arrive on or between the above dates. If applications are mailed, they must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2001. All applications arriving outside of these dates will be discarded. Please provide the following information on a 3" x 5" card: full name as it appears on your driver's license; driver's license number; complete mailing address; daytime phone number; home/evening phone number

Cards may be mailed or delivered to the following address:

(Mailing Address)
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Wallisville Project Office Attn: Duck Blind
P. O. Box 293
Wallisville, TX 77597

(Delivery Address)
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Wallisville Lake Visitor's Center
20020 I-10 Feeder Road
Wallisville, TX 77597



Fast Action Can Save a Life

Any accident resulting in injuries requires fast action. If you witness such an accident, your knowledge of a few emergency procedures could save your life.

First Things First

Park your vehicle as quickly and safely as you can. Turn on your four-way emergency flashers and place reflective triangles (or other warning devices) ahead of and behind your vehicle as required by law. Others who stop can be asked to warn approaching traffic of the hazard and they may also be sent to call for emergency assistance.

Assessing the Dangers

Look for conditions that might pose a hazard to you and to others who pass by. Is there spilled or leaking fuel? Can you detect smoke? Do you see any sparking wires or leaking refrigerant? Such hazards may require action before you can offer first aid. If you cannot remove or avoid these dangers, call for emergency assistance immediately. Stay in a safe place while waiting for emergency vehicles to arrive.

If you can approach the scene safely, check to see if the injured people are in immediate danger. If a victim lies in the path of traffic or is in a smoke-filled car, must be weighed against the existing dangers. Crash victims may have neck and spine injuries, and moving them incorrectly can permanently injure.

If an accident victim must be moved, keep the injured party's head and neck lined up straight.

Assessing the Injuries

Determine what kinds of injuries the accident victims may be suffering, and their seriousness. First aid priorities are:

Breathing: If someone's breath has stopped, permanent brain damage or death will result in four to six minutes. If you suspect neck or back injury, keep the victim's head and neck straight, even while moving the jaw forward to clear the airway. If breathing will not start, begin rescue breathing as quickly as possible.

Severe Bleeding: Place a sterile, clean or, if it's all you have, any cloth on the wound and apply direct pressure. Once bleeding has stopped, secure the cloth with adhesive tape or tie another cloth just tightly enough to keep the saturated cloth in place. A tourniquet should be a last option. Attempt it only if you've received proper training.

Once you've treated any life-threatening conditions, and if no one else has been free to call for emergency help, do so at once. Give as specific information as possible. Tell the location, the hazards present, the number of victims and the types of injuries. Take as much time as you need to make the call, but return quickly to the accident scene.

Other Serious Conditions

Next stop moderate bleeding and begin to treat for shock. Cover the victims lightly to maintain normal body temperature. Determine if any have broken or dislocated bones, which require immobilization. See if anyone has an eye injury that needs protection.

With neck and back injuries, exercise special care. Keep the victim still and his head and neck lined up straight.

Remain at the scene until the emergency personnel and police advise you that you are free to go.

Summing Up

Your mastery of first aid and emergency procedures prepares you to work confidently, methodically and without confusion when the need arises. The calmness of your response and the purposefulness of your actions may have a calming effect on others. This, in itself, may save lives.

Natural Cures for Summer Woes

Summer is rapidly approaching, and with it the woes of sunburn, insects, carsickness, poisonous plants, and other maladies. Fortunately, the impacts of these woes can be minimized with natural treatments. Most of these treatments are probably already in your kitchen or medicine cabinet. If not, they are easy to find in health-food stores, Let's take a look at some of the common summer woes and ways to treat and/or cure them naturally.

Bee, wasp, and hornet stings are common during the summer months. To treat a sting, slice an onion in half (it doesn't matter what kind) and rub it over a bite. Onions contain an enzyme that breaks down prostaglandin, compounds that cause pain and inflammation.

Insect bites may also be a concern in the summer. If you are bitten, don't scratch; try baking soda. Mix 1 tablespoon of baking soda with enough water to make a paste, and apply it to the bites.

When traveling during the summer months, motion sickness can put a damper on your vacation. Ginger, taken as tea or capsules, relieves nausea in kids and adults. Unlike over-the-counter drugs for motion sickness, it doesn't cause drowsiness. To make the tea, slice a 2-inch piece of fresh gingerroot. In a large covered pot, bring a quart of water to a boil. Add the ginger and simmer for 15 minutes. If desired, sweeten with honey or sugar. Drink 1 cup about a half hour before you set off on your trip. Take the rest with you in a water bottle in case you need it. If you prefer pills, take two 250-milligram ginger capsules before you leave, then two capsules every four hours if queasiness persists.

The fungus that causes athlete's foot is prevalent during the summer. It thrives when feet are warm and sweaty. Kill the culprit and soothe the itch with tea-tree oil, derived from the leaves of a tree that grows only in Australia. Some people are allergic to this, so test your sensitivity. Put a drop of the oil on your forearm. If there is no redness or inflammation after a few minutes, it is safe to apply a small amount of the oil to the affected areas twice a day. However, don't use it if your skin is severely cracked or broken.

Noxious plants, such as poison ivy and poison oak, are also a concern, especially in the summertime when you spend a lot of time outdoors. If you come in contact with these plants and develop a rash, relax in an oatmeal bath. You can buy Aveeno, a special colloidal oatmeal, but the rolled oats you have in your kitchen will work just as well. Place 1 cup of uncooked oats in a pair of panty hose and knot the top. Add this to a bathtub filled with warm water (hot water may irate the rash) and soak for 20 minutes. Be careful getting out of the tub however, the oatmeal usually leaves a slippery residue.

Sunburn, especially along the Texas coast, can be a serious problem. Help skin heal with aloe vera. The best products contain 100 percent aloe. Buy a gel or cream with aloe at the top of the ingredient list. Mix it with the oil from a Vitamin E capsule, which eases inflammation and promotes healing. Don't use anything on a blistering sunburn. It might make things worse.

Indigestion can also be a malady of the summer. If that hotdog or hamburger you ate at the picnic or baseball game didn't agree with you, drink 1 cup of chamomile or fennel tea to calm your stomach. Chamomile tea bags are widely available. To make fennel tea, steep ½ teaspoon of crushed fennel seed in 1 cup of boiled water for 10 minutes. Or, if you prefer, simply chew the fennel seeds. Rarely, people with ragweed allergies have a reaction to chamomile.

Along possible summertime problem is swimmer's ear. Prevent this painful bacterial infection by wearing earplugs when swimming. But if your ears do get wet, don't worry! Place a few drops of diluted vinegar (one part to one part rubbing alcohol) in each year. Keep your head tilted for a few seconds so the solution stays in the ear canal.

Hopefully, the aforementioned tips will help you minimize the woes of summertime with natural treatments. So, stock up on these handy home remedies and enjoy the activities of the summer.

Lending A Helping Hand

Way to go, Team Galveston! Galveston District Corps employees participated in a blood/bone marrow donor drive for Sal Arcidiacono of Real Estate and Christy Sorrels of Planning on May 8, 2001 in the main conference of the Jadwin Building.

Forty-five corps employees showed up to donate blood, while thirty-eight were able to donate (many requested their donation go to Sal). Of these, six were first-time donors. In addition, over 20 individuals signed up for the bone marrow donor program.

As many as you know, Christy is diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma and is in need of a bone marrow transplant.She will be having surgery the weekend of May 26.

On the other hand, Sal, who has been suffering severe complications from his surgery, seems to be improving. Just recently, he was sent home from the hospital and visited the office.

Carol Nelson, Contracting, donates blood. According to Tracy Orr, Regulatory Branch and Chairperson of the Wellness Committee, this was one of the most successful drives that we have had. "I hope to combine future drives with the Coast Guard Safety Unit that will be moving into the building later on," he said.

UTMB nurse gets information from Edward Huff, Bay Area Office, before taking blood.

Blood Donors

From the May 8 Blood/Bone Marrow Drive

Shirley Fanuiel
Reginald Thomas
Vinh Nguyen
Donald Carelock
Frank Garcia
Leroy Hilton
Margaret Dunleavy
Paul Cox
Michelle Clark
Judie Lester
Delia Deckard
Clark Bartee
Eric Russek
Fredalyn Colston
Carl Mertz
Denise Sloan
Kenny Jaynes
Thelma Jaynes
Bill Jakeway
Patricia Lingo
Rhonda Brown
Ryan Fordyce
Cecil McClenan
Casey Cutler
John Machol
Catherine Gutierrez
Tracy Orr
John Davidson
Celia Cockburn
Valerie Riedel
Gloria Appell
Edmund Ching
Carol Nelson
Edward Huff
Alton Meyer
William Wise
Erik Nelson
Karl Brown

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Birthdays

Geva Roberts - May 9
Don Nanninga - May 11
John Machol - May 21
Marianne Fullen - May 23
Aroha Dahl - May 24
Erik Nelson - May 27

Anniversaries

Congratulations to **Cheryl and Kenny Jaynes** who celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary on May 17th. "It keeps getting better every year," Cheryl says.

Happy Anniversary to **Randy and Kathy Moore** who celebrated 10 wonderful years of marriage on May 16th.

Get Well Soon

Corps retiree Eddie Cobb, Jr., now living in Abilene, Tex., has been in the hospital for over a month following a diagnosis of cancer. He has opted for chemo treatments and latest word is that he is doing well. For those wishing to send cards, he and wife, Tommie, live at 2458 Roundtree Dr., Abilene, TX 79601.

Congrats

Congratulations to **T.J. Machol, son of John Machol of the Regulatory Branch.** He won 2nd place in the Mechanical Engineering category in the city-wide science fair on April 28, 2001. He built an earthquake simulator and tested the stability of 4 types of building construction.

Congratulations to **Payge Orr** and the Galveston "Twisters," U-12 girl's soccer team. The "Twisters" finished in third place in the Sylvan Beach Soccer Tournament held on the weekend of 28-29 April in LaPorte. **Payge is the daughter of Tracy Orr of the Regulatory Branch.**

Congratulations to **Ryan Orr, son of Tracy Orr, Regulatory.** At the annual soccer awards banquet held at Texas City High School on 17 April 2001, Ryan received the "Sportsmanship Award." This is one of the most prestigous awards given and the recipient is chosen by his teammates. Ryan, a senior, played first string fullback for the 2001 varsity soccer team and was Co-Captain. He was named to first team "All-District" and was honorable mention for "All-County."

Speechmakers

On May 3, 2001, **Dalton Krueger (PM)**, spoke to the Coastal Coordination Council in Austin about the Houston-Galveston Navigation Channels, Texas Project.

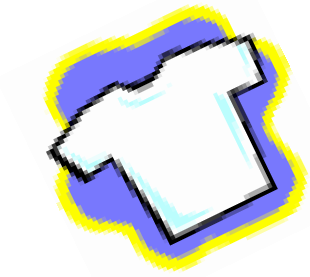
John Machol of Regulatory Branch, spoke on wetlands to Col.Basilotto's "Sea Aggie" class last month.
He also gave his second annual talk to College of the Mainland students about the Corps regulatory program on May 1, 2001.

Condolences

Hugh Berry, who was Chief of the Management and Disposal Branch here in Real Estate until he retired several years ago, passed away on Saturday morning. About a month ago, he was diagnosed with advanced liver cancer. His wife, Bobbie, said that they had no idea the cancer would be so aggressive in such a short time.
He will be buried on Thursday in Virginia. Bobbie, when she returns from Virginia in about two-three weeks, will have a memorial service for him in Texas City.

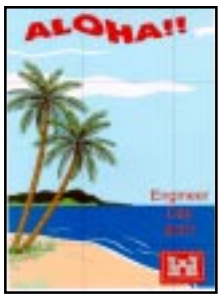
Weddings

Don (RE-E) and Leslie Hester had a wedding in their family on May 12, 2001, when their daughter, Cala, married Larry Ewert of Pasadena, Texas. The newlyweds are on a honey moon cruise in the Bahamas and will reside in League City, Texas.



Buy Your Engineer Day T-Shirt NOW!

The Engineer Day T-Shirts, designed by Paula Wise, are ready to be ordered. The shirts will have the attached Aloha design on the front and are white with 50% cotton and 50% polyester (so there should not be too much shrinkage). Make any checks payable to SWG Recreation Committee. You may order T-shirts up through the 5th of June. All orders will be turned over to the printer on 6 June. Please turn in order forms and money to Carl Anderson or Randy Moore in Project Management on the 3rd floor.



Cost of T-shirts are $10.00 for adult sizes, $12.00 for larger adult sizes and $9.00 for child sizes.

THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Results Are In...

Elections for Local # 33 have been completed, the following is a list of the Union Officers.

President
Darrell Davis
1st Vice President
David Petit
2nd Vice President
Denise Sloan
3rd Vice President
Helene Kieslich
4th Vice President
Rich Rodakowski
Chief Steward
Clark Colquitt
Treasurer
Kathy Moore
Secretary
Billye Newcomb

Partnership Council Members

Co-Chair
Darrell Davis
Member
Gary Owens
Member
Joy Smith
Member
Rich Rodakowski
Member
Randy Moore

Upcoming Events

June 4 - June 6
General Flowers Visits SWD

June 6
PRB
8:30 a.m. - Noon

June 14
Flag Day

June 17
Father's Day

June 20 and 21
PRB - BOD
Little Rock

June 22
Engineer Day

DID YOU KNOW?

An Engineer was Important in Grant's Success?

MG James B. McPherson

One of the most striking characteristics of the Corps of Engineers during the Civil War was its ability to provide officers who could serve in almost any capacity—from building roads to directing staffs to commanding troops. Certainly one of the best examples of this facility was Major General James Birdseye McPherson. An 1853 graduate of West Point, McPherson worked on the defenses of New York Harbor and was Superintending Engineer of the construction of the Alcatraz Island fortifications when the Civil War broke out. He promptly returned to the East, where he aided in recruiting the U.S. Engineer Battalion.

In late 1861 he was transferred to the Department of Missouri. There he attracted the attention of then Brigadier General Ulysses S. Grant, on whose staff he served as chief engineer, Army of the Tennessee, at the capture of Forts Henry and Donelson and at the Battle of Shiloh (6-7 April 1862). For 5 months he was the Superintendent of Military Railroads for the District of West Tennessee, and managed despite a shortage of equipment and constant guerrilla harassment, to keep the railroads open for Grant's forces.

BG Ulysses S. Grant

From October 1862 onward he was constantly in the field, commanding first a brigade, then a division, and finally an army corps in the operations against Vicksburg.During the siege of the fortress, he frequently acted as his own engineer. His most arduous field service was in Major General William T. Sherman's Atlanta campaign, when he led the Army of the Tennessee. Now a brigadier general in the Regular Army, as well as a major general of volunteers, he frequently commanded Sherman's flanking column, participating in the actions of Resaca, Dallas, Kennesaw Mountain, the crossing of the Chattahoochee.

Tragically, on 22 July 1864, he was killed in action. While hurrying to correct a faulty deployment of his troops, he encountered a party of Confederate skirmishers. Upon ignoring their order to halt, he was shot out of his saddle. McPherson, whom Grant expected to eventually become general-in-chief, was just 36 years old.

On 18 October 1876, members of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee unveiled an equestrian statue, with captured cannon, of McPherson surveying a battlefield. Today this site, known as McPherson Square, also is a popular Washington, D.C. Metro transit commuter-rail stop.