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Jetties ease navigation at Rockhold Creek

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It may have taken only nine months to construct, but the new and improved jetties on Rockhold Creek will save communities and businesses in and around Deale, Md., countless millions of dollars in future dredging costs and repairs from storm damage. Approximately \$1.8 million in benefits are projected annually over the next 50 years.

The once quiet Rockhold Creek and its adjacent harbors in Herring Bay have become a popular recreational boating center in recent years, serving as home to 18 marinas and more than 2,000 boat slips. The creek and harbors provide boat slips, repair facilities and other amenities for commercial watermen, charter boats, recreational boaters and transient vessels. The creek area also contains a



(Photo by Christopher Augsburger, Public Affairs)

The \$4 million Rockhold Creek jetty project consists of a 1,070-foot breakwater and rebuilding an existing jetty adjacent to the federal navigation channel in Herring Bay. The effect of the breakwater reduces the rate of shoaling, which lengthens the dredging cycle and offers boaters unencumbered access to the channel without the need for dredging for the next 20 years.

broad-based service economy that features restaurants and seafood packing businesses along its shorelines.

Over the years, the increasing cost and need of dredging the valuable channel, plus damages incurred to the unprotected harbor from storm surges and winds, have taken an economic toll on the community. Before the construction of this jetty project, which began in December 2005, the cost of keeping the channel clear

approached \$1 million per year. And unlike most channels, the dredging cycle for Rockhold Creek was every six years, instead of every 20 years.

Local leaders, such as Rep. Steny Hoyer and Anne Arundel County Executive Janet Owens, worked closely with members of the community, business owners and the U.S. Army

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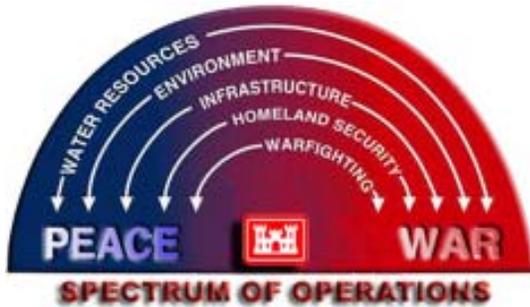


Commander's Comment

Accomplishing Our Mission

By Col. Peter W. Mueller
Commander and District Engineer

My focus for my first 30 days here in the Baltimore District has been to learn about the District's mission and the role every division, branch and section contributes to achieving it. Officially, our mission is: *To provide quality engineering, technical and environmental services to a variety of Department of Defense and non-Defense customers throughout the mid-Atlantic region and overseas.* If you have read my command philosophy, achieving this mission must be our first priority — it is the most important thing that we do each day.



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has maintained a superb reputation throughout our history as a military organization that gets the tough jobs done. This reputation dates back to the first task of the first Chief Engineer to the Continental Army in 1775, building the fortifications at Bunker Hill. This reputation has endured for 231 years through peacetime and wartime contributions.

A clear mission statement includes both a task and purpose and should answer the questions who, what, when, where and why. **The mission statement provides clarity of task and purpose and a unifying objective for an organization.** Missions at various levels of

command, from subordinate to higher headquarters, are also 'nested' or coordinated so they complement the missions throughout the chain of command.

The Chief of Staff of the Army has identified the need for a "*Campaign Quality Army*," an Army in which all members of the team understand and contribute to the organization's overarching mission — to win the Global War on Terrorism and Transform our Army into a more relevant and ready force. The Army Corps of Engineers' mission has nested purposes — to win the Global War on Terrorism, enhance the economy of the United States, and our natural environment.

The Baltimore District's service to the Nation through military construction, water resources infrastructure development, environmental efforts, disaster recovery assistance or support to warfighting units directly supports the CSA's and the Corps' nested objectives. Your efforts make a difference through military construction at 23 installations, real estate actions for recruiting stations or civil works projects, levees and dams along the Susquehanna River basin that protect local economies, maintaining Baltimore Harbor, efficient delivery of drinking water by the Washington Aqueduct, environmental cleanup at Spring Valley, volunteers serving overseas at the front line of the war on terrorism, and through administrative support provided to all our project delivery teams.

Our reputation is defined by our ability to achieve our critical missions efficiently, effectively and to standard. We are not a business, but a vital federal entity that uses some best business practices to accomplish our unique mission. Wherever you are serving, you must ensure you understand your critical role and strive to do your best to contribute to our **number one priority — Accomplishing Our Mission** — that is why we have endured for more than 231 years!

— Essayons

Engineers manage Myer's construction

By Matt McFarland
Pentagram Staff Writer

Editor's Note: The following article, which was published in the July 28 issue of the Pentagram, Fort Myer's installation newspaper, offers yet another testimony of how Baltimore District is making a difference at military installations in our area of responsibility.

If you drive by a construction site and see anyone with a red stripe on his or her hard hat, it's probably someone from the Army Corps of Engineers.

"It's not like people talk about a government employee who reads a newspaper all day or whatever. These guys are out there where the rubber meets the road," said Fort Myer's resident engineer, Buddy Billington.

The Fort Myer Resident Office of the Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, supports the Directorate of Public Works on major construction projects. Their salaries are paid from a 5.7 percent cut of the contracts they dole out.

Recent project oversight includes the \$2 million demolition of Tencza Terrace, the \$6 million renovation of Conmy Hall and the \$9 million construction of the Old Guard motor pool, which is set to open soon.

"We're proud of all of them," said Billington. "After you've been doing this for a while you drive around and remember you've had something to do with this building or that building. There's a lot of satisfaction once you get a job finished."

The Corps recently completed a project at Arlington National Cemetery, dubbed land development 90, which

developed land visible from parts of Route 110.

The staff is growing to handle the new barracks project. A trailer complex will be set up near Building 406 to house the additional staff.

Billington's staff oversees operations and maintenance on the installation when contracts reach \$1 million, like the replacement of air handlers in Spates Hall and the Officer's Club.

"Col. Pete Mueller's staff of experts from the Army's Baltimore District Corps of Engineers, who are located on Fort Myer, are an essential part of the Fort Myer Military Community team. We are committed to improving our installation to better serve Soldiers and Pete's folks ensure we do just that," said Garrison Commander Col. Thomas A. Allmon.

Their primary responsibilities are on Fort Myer, but if the local workload permits, they will send employees outside

Fort Myer's gates. Employee Jasper Burton has been in New Orleans for three months. He left after finishing the Conmy Hall project.

Billington's staff of nine can call upon expertise from other offices if they need structural, electrical or mechanical engineers. The Corps includes roughly 34,600 Civilians and 250 Army officers.

Billington, a member of one of six debris removal teams in the country, spent two months of last year along the Gulf Coast.

He said the biggest challenge he faced was keeping up with change orders on the job. It's common for there to be a change in the design or site conditions, which leaves Billington's office with a lot of paperwork.

"By the time we're done with it, it's a stack of papers at least an inch thick," said Billington.



(Photo by Adam Skoczylas, Pentagram)

Phil Daniel (left), a contractor, and Jose Burgos, a project engineer in Construction Division, look at plans for the Old Guard motorpool.



(Photo courtesy of Mountain Christian Church)

Jim Payne, a project manager in military construction, clears swamp grass from the rooftop of his group's assigned home in St. Bernard Parish, La., while students and leaders wrap up below.

“What has really stuck in my mind was the amount of trash there was and that it was as high as the rooftops.”

-Robby Hanson
Son of Richard Hanson, EN
and Sandy Hanson, PPMD

Volunteers support cleanup efforts

By Joyce M. Conant
Public Affairs Office

It's been one year since Hurricane Katrina hit the gulf coasts of Louisiana and Mississippi causing massive amounts of destruction, but much work is still needed to bring some sense of normalcy to the people who reside there.

Two months ago, Jim Payne, project manager in military construction, set out for St. Bernard Parish — located a few miles outside the city of New Orleans, La. — to clean and gut houses to prepare them for reconstruction. With Payne was a group of nine adults and 45 ninth and tenth grade students from Mountain Christian Church in Joppa, Md., including Robby Hanson — son of

Baltimore District employees Richard and Sandy Hanson.

Getting to their destination was not without its challenges. The bus hired to take the group to Louisiana broke down halfway to their first stop.

“We were scheduled to stay at a Hampton Inn in Greenville, S.C., that first night, but because the bus broke down we arrived much later than expected,” said Payne.

The bus trip took two days to reach its final destination. When they arrived, the group was taken to the church that put them up for the next five days. The large open room in which they stayed was lined with cots for each of them.

“The students and adult chaperones brought everything they needed to live and the church provided us with our meals,” said Payne.

It wasn't long before the volunteers were ready to take on their

assignments for the next four and one-half days.

The large group was split into three smaller groups — each having one house, which was selected by the host church, to work on. Payne said a 22-foot high wall of water went through the homes initially, and about 11 feet stayed in the homes for a couple of weeks, making the homes a sea of muck, filled with debris, mold and snakes.

The house Payne and his group were assigned had so much debris behind the front door they had to break in through a side window to gain access. Due to the large amount of mold, they were required to wear respirators and Tyvek suits for safety while they were working.

“The kids really stepped up to the

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Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District to help make this project a reality.

“This project is one of the best examples of partnership I’ve ever seen,” said Owens during an Aug. 3 ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the completion of the project. Hoyer, District Commander Col. Peter Mueller and other local community leaders also attended the ceremony.

“With this amount of commerce and activity on the creek, maintaining a navigable channel is vital to the economic health of the community,” said Jim Dash, project manager for the Corps.

The \$4 million project consists of a 1,070-foot breakwater and rebuilding an existing jetty adjacent to the federal navigation channel in Herring Bay. The effect of the breakwater reduces the rate of shoaling, said Dash, which lengthens the dredging cycle and offers boaters unencumbered access to the channel without the need for dredging for the next 20 years. Simultaneously, the jetties provide safe harbor for

mariners and boats during storm events by reducing the effects of wind driven wave damage throughout the harbor basin.

“The Corps of Engineers has three missions for our country: National Security, Environmental Restoration and Economic

Development,” said Mueller of the project that will positively impact the environment and economy. “Today’s ceremony represents the Corps’ continuing commitment to fulfilling two of those missions in one project.”



(Photo by Christopher Augsburger, Public Affairs)

Col. Peter Mueller, commander of Baltimore District, discusses the Rockhold Creek jetty project with Rep. Steny Hoyer (left) of Maryland’s fifth congressional district and local business owner Stuart Chaney. The Aug. 3 ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated the cooperation among the community, local and federal government officials who helped make the project a reality.

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challenge — it was hot, they worked hard and didn’t complain,” said Payne.

“What has really stuck in my mind was the amount of trash there was and that it was as high as the rooftops,” said Robby. “I was also curious about what happened to all the people who used to live there.”

During their stay, the students had the opportunity to meet the people they were helping. They listened to the stories of the homeowners.

“I think we were the first group

that cared and listened — real people who cared — not contractors, but kids — we were very proud of them,” said Payne.

Robby Hanson’s mother Sandy, who works in the Programs and Project Management Division, echoed Payne’s pride in the students.

“Robby had only been with the youth group for a short time and was a little leery about going on the trip since he had no close friends in the group, but because both of his parents worked for the Corps he had a lot of interest in Hurricane Katrina,” said Sandy.

Prior to departing, the host church provided each member of the group with

rubber bracelets with the inscription “Pray First New Orleans” to remind them of the people of New Orleans and their daily needs.

“I’ve done mission trips in Mexico where the people are so poor, but to be in the United States where these people had absolutely nothing but the clothes on their backs gave me a real heart for them.

“It’s been a couple of months since we returned and I still haven’t taken my bracelet off — it reminds me daily of these people,” said Payne.

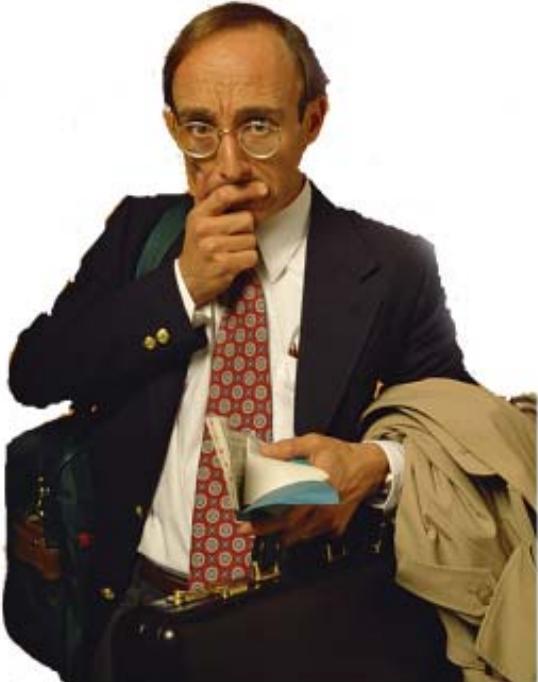
According to Sandy, Robby is still wearing his bracelet every day too.

Getting the **green light** on local travel:

A guide for understanding the rules of mileage reimbursement

By Leslie Kaye
Public Affairs Office

Many federal employees say one of the most pleasant aspects of government work is travel. Maneuvering the obstacle course of travel orders, codes, receipts, allowable reimbursements and travel vouchers can be a less pleasant aspect, but it doesn't require NASCAR qualification if you want to win the race and do it right.



The Joint Travel Regulation Volume 2 is a useful guide for answering many travel questions.

Here's an example of how the JTR can apply to a typical travel scenario: Joe Smith, a civil engineering technician from the Mt. Washington area working at Baltimore District is interested in advancing his career. Joe's supervisor is supportive of training and asks Joe to attend a leadership training course that will greatly enhance his team building skills. It is a half-day course being offered at Aberdeen Proving Ground and that's close enough to Baltimore to drive and be back within the business day. This is considered local travel.

Local travel often includes reimbursement for parking, tolls, etc., but perhaps the most confusing aspect of local travel is computing the reimbursement for mileage. There are several kinds of mileage that people talk about conversationally; commuter miles, local miles and vicinity miles.

According to Jody Svehla, an accountant in the Management, Manpower and Quality Assurance Branch of the Resource Management Office, "The JTR describes commuting distance as the distance

from your residence to your permanent duty station.

"Local mileage is the distance from your permanent duty station to your alternate work site within the local area," said Svehla.

"Vicinity mileage occurs when you are in a TDY status and you are required to travel to different sites within the TDY location."

Now let's go back to Joe.

"...perhaps the most confusing aspect of local travel is computing the reimbursement for mileage."

Since it is only 14 miles to work, Joe usually drives his car to the light rail station and takes the light rail to the office. But now that he will be traveling to Aberdeen, will those miles count if he decides to leave from work in a government vehicle? How do those miles figure in to the entire distance traveled? Joe wonders what will be covered as expenses while he travels.

Joe's total local travel mileage is going to be 44 miles each way. The miles that he drives to the light rail station and the miles on the commuter train—14—are considered commuter miles/commuting distance. The 30 miles from Baltimore to Aberdeen are local miles.

Joe plans to use a government vehicle, understanding that mileage reimbursement is not an issue.

When Joe arrives at the district the day before his training he has unusual news. There are no government vehicles available for the next couple of days. Can he take his POV? It would save time for him to leave from home. It is 38 miles to Aberdeen Proving Ground from his residence. What miles are reimbursable now?

The Resource Management Office explained that an employee traveling in a

POV from their residence to the training at Aberdeen Proving Ground can only claim reimbursable miles as the total number to and from the training (76) minus the number of

commuting miles (28). Joe is traveling 76 total miles, but 28 of them are commuter miles. Commuting miles equal the number of miles from your residence to your permanent duty station. According to the JTR, Volume 2, commuting miles are *not paid* as a reimbursable expense. Therefore, a total of 48 miles are reimbursable on Joe's travel voucher.

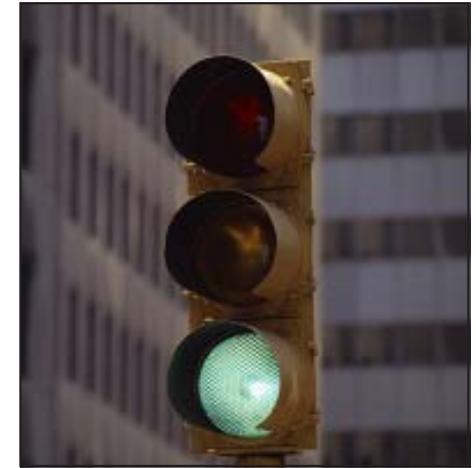
Another key phrase to consider when thinking about reimbursable miles is the statement from the JTR, Volume 2, "Advantageous to the Government." While this seems self-explanatory, there can be some confusion.

Svehla explained the regulation, "Advantageous to the government means that it needs to be cost-effective. An example is if a government vehicle is not available then using your personal vehicle

is more advantageous to the government."

Miles are paid at 44.5 cents in this case and elements such as gas, personal vehicle insurance and wear and tear on the vehicle are included in that per mile rate.

Even though commuter miles may not be covered as a reimbursable expense while traveling locally, it is noteworthy that the federal government spends approximately \$320,000 yearly on mass transportation vouchers as a benefit to Baltimore District employees. Baltimore District is committed to assisting employees with travel costs whether they are on TDY or traveling locally in and around the Baltimore metropolitan area on business each day.



Local travel tip: Both the Resource Management Office and the Logistics Management Office say the easiest way to approach a local travel situation is to *leave from or return to the district office* as your best reimbursable point of reference.

For more information on travel issues, contact Jody Svehla at 410-962-2956.

Are Joe's miles reimbursable?		
Point A to Point B	Number of Miles	Reimbursable
• From District Office to site via POV (roundtrip)	60	Yes
• From District Office to site via GOV (roundtrip)	60	No
• From residence to District Office (roundtrip)	28	No - commuting distance
• From residence to alternate work site (roundtrip)	76	Yes - but only the distance that exceeds the normal commuting distance. (76 - 28 = 48)

Call and say you're okay

In the event of an emergency, the Corps wants to know you are safe

By Chanel S. Weaver
Public Affairs Office

Although most people prefer not to think about danger, wise people understand that emergencies and unexpected events do occur and it is a good idea to prepare for them.

Both 9/11 and last year's tragic hurricane season have taught Americans to be aware that the United States is not invincible and that a tragedy can suddenly strike.

The Army Corps of Engineers has taken a proactive approach to prepare for emergencies. Just as families have a fire escape plan to guide their actions if their home is ever ablaze, Baltimore District has developed a Continuity of Operations Plan that details what employees should do during an emergency.

"In a nutshell, the COOP identifies how each Division/Office in our District will function in the event of an emergency," said Maria de la Torre, acting chief of the District's Emergency Management Branch in Construction Division.

"The bottom line is that we care about our employees and their safety. If we lose a laptop or a phone, those items are replaceable. Our employees are not."

-Maria de la Torre
Acting chief of Emergency Management
Construction Division

Although maintaining District functions is certainly a principal focus during an emergency, a critical component of this COOP is the procedure for **personnel accountability**.

"In the COOP, each office has outlined how they will account for their employees during an emergency," said de



la Torre, "but the method of accounting for employees may vary."

In some offices, the supervisor will contact their staff and account for their safety, while others require employees to contact their supervisor during an emergency.

Do you know what the procedure for your office is?

If you are not sure, de la Torre recommends that you ask your supervisor for clarification.

Because accounting for Corps personnel during an emergency is a top priority, Corps headquarters has also set up a toll-free number that employees can call when they cannot follow locally-established procedures for accountability.

That number is **1-877-HI-USACE** (1-877-448-7223).

In addition, employees who are not able to access a phone line can send an e-mail to 877.hi.usace@usace.army.mil to say they are okay.

It is important for employees to identify themselves by name and organization and provide contact information when they use the headquarters' toll-free number or e-mail address during an emergency.

According to de la Torre, accounting for employees during an emergency is important because people are the Corps' greatest asset.

"The bottom line is that we care about our employees and their safety," said de la Torre. "If we lose a laptop or a phone, those items are replaceable. Our employees are not."

September is National Cholesterol Education Month

Reduce cholesterol levels through exercise and diet

By Chanel S. Weaver
Public Affairs Office

A little cholesterol in one's diet is okay, but too much cholesterol can cause problems for the body.

When an individual's cholesterol levels are too high, the heart is at risk.

In fact, high blood cholesterol is one of the major risk factors for heart disease — the nation's No. 1 killer.

Here are some steps one can take to combat high blood cholesterol and lower their risk of developing heart disease:

- **Have blood cholesterol levels checked** – Because high blood cholesterol itself does not cause any symptoms, many people may have elevated cholesterol levels and not know it. Thus, doctors recommend that individuals who are over 20 have their cholesterol levels checked every five years.

- **Change diet** – Saturated fat and cholesterol in food can make blood cholesterol levels go up. Foods low in saturated fat include fat-free or one percent dairy products, lean meats, fish, skinless poultry, whole grain foods, fruits and vegetables. Limit high-cholesterol foods such as liver, egg yolks and full-fat dairy products.

- **Get some exercise** – Regular physical activity can help lower cholesterol levels and help one lose weight. It is a good idea to get at least 30 minutes of physical activity each day.

By eating in moderation and getting some daily exercise, one can lead a fuller, happier life.

Editor's Note: Information for this article was compiled from "High Blood Cholesterol: What You Need to Know," an article published by the National Institutes of Health in June 2005. For more information on lowering blood cholesterol, visit www.americanheart.org.

Cholesterol content of selected foods

Food (3 1/2 ounces)	cholesterol (mg)
Bacon	85
Cod, baked	55
Egg yolk	1602
Egg white	0
Chicken	
fried with skin	167
baked, no skin	85
Ice cream, regular	44
Crab	59
Salmon, baked	87
Milk	
whole	14
2 percent	7
skim	2
Bologna	59
Sherbet	7
Bratwurst	60

Source: Human Nutrition Information Service

Quick Poll: How do you maintain a healthy cholesterol level?



Randy W. Sitton
Construction Division

"I do aerobic exercises daily to keep the blood pumping, and I ensure that I maintain a correct diet. I also have a blood test twice a year to check cholesterol levels."



Karen Reed
Real Estate Division

"I take good care of myself. I eat what's healthy and I exercise regularly. So if my cholesterol level is high, I'm not gonna do anything differently because I am already taking good care of myself."



Jared Olsen
Programs and Project Management Division

"I try to maintain a diet that suits my metabolism and body type. I have my cholesterol checked annually. In fact, I just had my cholesterol checked and it was under 200 – so I do okay."

Three employees earn recognition at USACE Senior Leaders' Conference



(Photo by Christopher Augsburger, Public Affairs)

Gary Schilling is interviewed by Melanie Alnwick, a reporter with Fox 5 television station in Washington, D.C. Schilling received the Ronald J. Ruffenach Communicator Award for his work on the Spring Valley project.



(Photo by Karen Hackett, Operations Division)

Ranger Jeffrey DeFosse provides archery instruction during Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lake's annual youth field day event in 2005. DeFosse received the Natural Resources Management Recreation Employee of the Year award for his work at Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lakes.



Three members of Baltimore District were formally recognized by Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock, chief of engineers, during the Senior Leaders' Conference in San Diego, Calif., in August.

Gary Schilling received the Ronald J. Ruffenach Communicator award. Schilling leads the team that manages the Spring Valley Formerly Used Defense Site Project in Washington, D.C. As the public face for this project, he successfully communicates challenging Corps missions and programs through numerous media interviews and meetings with local citizens, elected officials and stakeholders.

The Ronald J. Ruffenach Communicator award was named in honor of the deceased public affairs chief from Fort Worth District who was known for his expertise in conveying critical, sensitive and controversial information to local, regional and national news media. Schilling is the first recipient to receive this award.

The Chief of Engineers Natural Resource Management Awards are awarded annually to those individuals who have demonstrated exceptional achievements within the field of natural resources during the previous year. Jeffrey DeFosse and Jeffrey Krause were both recognized for their exemplary work in this field.

DeFosse, lead park ranger at Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lakes, received the Recreation Employee of the Year award. DeFosse significantly strengthened the team culture at Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lakes, resulting in significant cost savings and improved internal and external customer service.

Krause received the Stewardship Employee of the Year award. As a wildlife biologist for the Raystown Lake project, Krause has not only been dedicated to the continued growth of Raystown Lake's natural resources management program, but also to the growth and visibility of the Corps of Engineers and its environmental stewardship program and Environmental Operating Principles.

Wildlife Biologist Jeffrey Krause discusses site preparation for native grasses with Calvin Felton, a maintenance worker at Raystown Lake. Krause received the Natural Resources Management Stewardship Employee of the Year award for his work at the Raystown Lake project.

(Photo by Richard Antes, resource volunteer at Raystown Lake)

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept. 15 is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico declared its independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18. They are important dates in Hispanic heritage, marking the birth of seven new nations.

In 1968, a Presidential Proclamation was issued to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Week each year for the week that included September 16.

In 1989, however, that proclamation was changed, to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month annually from Sept. 15 - Oct. 15.

This month is a time when the proud peoples of Spanish, Hispanic, and Latino origin celebrate the customs and traditions passed down to them through the ages. For other Americans, it is a time to recognize

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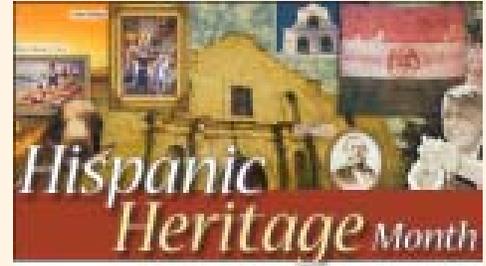
HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Date: October 11, 2006

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: EEOC Conference Room, Fourth Floor

Contact Kim Brewton at (410) 962-6135 for more information.



and appreciate the invaluable contributions Hispanics have made to our nation.

Hispanic influence is everywhere in the United States. Many of the nation's states and cities, including California, Cape Canaveral, Colorado, Boca Raton,

Florida, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Montana, Nevada, and San Francisco are derived from the Spanish language.

And such words as tomato, chocolate, potato, guacamole, taco, sweet potato, salsa, tuna, and burrito are Spanish in origin.

In Memoriam



Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Gerald "Jed" Brown

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Gerald C. Brown, a career Army officer who served as Baltimore's district engineer from 1982 to 1984, died July 28 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center after a battle with bone cancer. He was 63.

Around the Baltimore District, Brown is remembered for his commitment to fulfilling the District's mission as well as his genuine concern for the welfare of all employees. He led the establishment of the William R. Murden Memorial, in honor of the engineer responsible for creating the Poplar Island bird sanctuary, made of dredged material, in the Chesapeake Bay.

In addition to serving as Baltimore District commander, Brown commanded the North Atlantic Division from June 1989 until October 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Jennings Brown; two daughters, Deborah and Suzanne; five sisters, three brothers and a host of other family and friends.

A memorial service for Brown will be held at the Fort Myer Chapel in Arlington, Va., on Sept. 25 at 9 a.m., and he will be buried immediately thereafter in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Members of the Baltimore District family are welcome to attend the ceremony.



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