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Generally Speaking – Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard is flanked by Maj. Gen. Leo J. Baxter, Fort Sill commander, on his left, and Brig. Gen. Henry Miller, Southwestern Division commander. This meeting took place at Fort Sill, one of the chief's stops on his two-day visit to Tulsa District.

Chief of Engineers Visits Tulsa District

Rick Hedrick, Contracting Division

CHIEF OF ENGINEERS LT. GEN. JOE N. BALLARD VISITED PARTS OF THE TULSA DISTRICT ON JULY 9 AND 10. Ballard reviewed activities at Sheppard Air Force Base and Fort Sill.

The chief of engineers was visibly impressed with the teamwork between the district and its customers, commenting numerous times about the excellent relationships developed by the two field offices.

While at Sheppard AFB, he visited several projects under construction and a few completed ones. The customers were very complimentary about the service ren-

dered by Dan Johnson and his staff at Sheppard Resident Office as well as that of the project manager, Richard Alexander, Programs and Project Management Division.

After making the short flight to Fort Sill, the three-star general visited with the fort's commander, and was given a joint briefing by Fort Sill and Tulsa District. Burl Ragland, PPMD, gave a briefing of the program at Fort Sill managed by the district, and answered the general's questions regarding our plans and challenges.

Rick West, Fort Sill Area Office, explained efforts underway to co-locate the area office with the office of the Directorate of Public Works.

Both briefings were well received by the general. Site visits of completed barracks and the new Environmental Training Center gave the general an appreciation of the district's quality work.

The chief of engineers left our district with kind words for our accomplishments to date and encouragement for the challenges facing us.

Colonel's Corner



Col. Timothy Sanford
District Engineer

This is a test . . .

THE FUTURE OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS IS BRIGHT AND FULL OF OPPORTUNITY because you and people just like you around the Tulsa District, the Southwestern Division, and the Corps have taken to heart the challenge to operate as *One Corps*, to *Create Delighted Customers*, and to truly *Revolutionize Effectiveness*. I commend and thank all who are actively contributing to our efforts to significantly change how we do business, and I encourage everyone to join the team and make a difference in your future.

Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Joe Ballard visited Tulsa District on July 9. Our teams at Sheppard Air Force Base and Fort Sill (project manager, resident engineer and staff, DPW/BCE and staff) showed the chief just what it means to work together to get results and serve the installations they support.

Gen. Ballard commented that the unity, spirit and teamwork that he saw during his visit to the Southwestern Division should be the standard for the entire Corps. He confirmed what Brig. Gen. Miller has been telling us – we are leading the Corps in revolutionizing how we do business. Both Gen. Ballard and Gen. Miller commended the district for the *One Corps* approach we have taken in many areas to meet customers' requirements.

It is because of our intense efforts to better serve customers and our emphasis on regional and Corps teamwork that the Southwestern Division has been selected as a "Test Division" for the Corps. Along with the South Atlantic Division, we will evaluate several new ways of doing business over the next few months in order to help establish new standards of operation for the Corps.

The areas to be evaluated will be recommended by the district and division this month. Some areas that we may be looking at as part of this test are:

- * The DPW/resident office teamwork at Fort Sill
- * Full use of the Operations Division chain to our civil works customers
- * The HTRW Design Center reorganization
- * Establishment of a Planning and Environmental Division

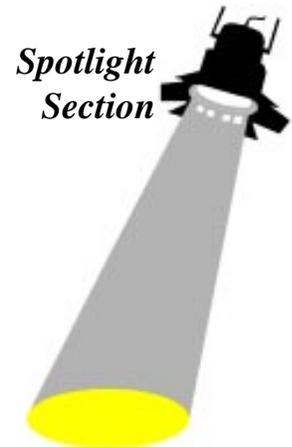
The division will look at several initiatives as part of the test. Other districts will have the lead on some initiatives where we will need to play a role as part of the regional team to evaluate the validity of a concept. This is a great opportunity for the district and the division to lead the Corps into the 21st century. It is also a great responsibility – one I am confident we are prepared to meet!

The Test Division initiatives just scratch the surface of the many superb initiatives that are being pursued across the district. We will continue all of our ongoing efforts to make the Corps Vision a reality. Each of us needs to keep looking for the small efficiencies in how we do business. We all need to identify and share ideas to eliminate the roadblocks that frustrate or prevent us from delivering the very best service possible to our customers. Bring your ideas to your chain of command, to me or to the Total Quality Steering Committee. We will make changes and adopt ideas that *Revolutionize Effectiveness*.

We have made huge strides over the past two years in improving our customer focus, building a regional teamwork mentality, and working as One Corps to serve customers. You have created many **opportunities** with your hard work. **Let's seize them!!**

Please welcome **Lt. Col. Mike Norton**, our new deputy district engineer, when you see him around the district. Mike, his wife, Jackie, and their three children joined us on July 31. Lt. Col. Norton is returning to the United States after a tour of duty as director of public works in Vicenza, Italy. It's great to have the Nortons join our district family.

Next month will see the start of our annual Combined Federal Campaign. This



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New Deputy Commander on Board

LT. COL. LAWRENCE MICHAEL NORTON ARRIVED IN THE TULSA DISTRICT JULY 31 TO BEGIN HIS ASSIGNMENT AS DEPUTY DISTRICT ENGINEER. Norton replaces Lt. Col. Thomas Frendak who is now assigned to the Army Environmental Center at Edgewood Arsenal, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

Norton begins his Tulsa District assignment following a 20-month tour of duty in Vicenza, Italy, as the director of public works for the 22d Area Support Group.

From 1993 to 1995, he was assigned in Germany working as an engineer staff officer in support of training and doctrine for the U. S. Army, Europe. Previously, he acted as an advisor and engineer branch chief for the Pennsylvania Reserve and National Guard units in Oakdale, Penn.

Other assignments included duty with engineer troop units at Fort Polk, La.; Dexheim, Germany; FORSCOM Headquarters, Fort McPherson, Ga.; and the 299th Engineer Battalion at Fort Sill which included a deployment to support Operation Desert Storm.

Norton graduated from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He was commissioned in 1976 through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He is a graduate of the Command and General



**Lt. Col. Lawrence Michael Norton
Deputy Commander**

Staff College. Additional military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and various other advanced engineering courses.

He is an Engineer-in-Training in Alabama.

Norton was born in Alabama, and he and his wife, Jackie, have three children.

A Look at the Future – Virtual Teamwork

Jennifer Patrick, Little Rock District

TEAMWORK: WHAT WAS THE BUZZ WORD OF YESTERDAY HAS BECOME THE BUSINESS SURVIVAL TECHNIQUE OF TODAY. The Corps of Engineers, throughout all levels of the organization, is stressing the importance of teamwork, not only within districts, but also between districts.

With workloads decreasing and shifting, the traditional answer would be to shift people to meet those needs or for districts to compete for work. But the idea behind regional teams is to share work between districts without physically relocating employees.

Regional teams are developing across Southwestern Division as a way to meet the needs of our customers while capitalizing on the expertise within the division. Team members can be in different office buildings in different states, all working on the same project using today's "virtual" technology.

"The inherent adventure in virtual teams is to find out how far the Corps can go in bringing work to the people instead of moving the people to the work," said Ed Cohn, SWD director of project management.

Each district within SWD has at least one working regional team. In some cases, regional teams consist of employees from districts across the Corps, with customers halfway around the world.

The goal of regional teams is to draw on the expertise of employees from around the Corps and use the most up-to-date technology to produce a product that will delight their customers.

"We have a number of highly-visible regional project teams that are managing specific projects and doing whatever is necessary for success," said Jim Medlock, Virtual Resource Team leader. "These teams consistently face challenges in exchanging information and collaborating on these projects between themselves and

their customers over geographical distances."

That is where the Virtual Resource Team can help. The mission of the VRT is to establish an environment that will allow regional teams to flourish.

The VRT consists of 27 employees: eight from Ft. Worth District, six each from Tulsa and Little Rock districts, four from Galveston District and three from division office. Team members come from backgrounds spanning a gamut of disciplines. Tulsa District's VRT members are Tom Verdel, Joanne Hensley, Sandy Egan, Blake English, Yolane Hartsfield and Rick Gardner.

The team will evaluate new tools and technology to help regional teams and customers find easier ways to communicate. They will look at standardizing hardware and software to ease information exchanges, and will publish lessons learned and success stories to benefit the next generation of regional teams. The VRT also

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will work to eliminate duplicate data entry requirements and redundant policies or procedures.

"We are not here to take over the management of regional projects," Medlock said. "We are here to work out the bugs that can develop when regional teams are used. With the VRT studying and addressing issues or problems that develop, the regional teams are given more time to devote to their projects."

Regional team members are still involved with and helping on the VRT. At the VRT's first face-to-face meeting at Dallas in June, members of existing regional teams briefed the group on problems and successes they have experienced.

Tulsa District's efforts to convert an old hospital into a Defense Finance and Accounting Services administration facility was a perfect opportunity to pull together a regional team. Little Rock and Fort Worth districts came on board to provide architectural, mechanical, structural and civil design support.

Drawings and documents are produced electronically using common software applications. Management buy-in was successfully obtained at all levels in each district, and file management responsibilities and common formats were established.

But there are still areas for improvement.

"Our project has worked well, but we still need to work on planning ahead for file transfer protocols," said Joanne Hensley, project manager in Tulsa. "We also need to use video teleconferencing more often and to resolve questions on the format to use for specifications."

The Korea Master Planning Effort uses a regional team to meet the needs of customers who are on the other side of the world.

Five Corps districts – Savannah, Fort Worth, Mobile, Far East and Omaha – are pooling their resources to provide military master planning and geographic information service to the 19th Theater Army Area Command for Camps Humphreys and Carroll in South Korea.

"We are able to function as a team because of the technology that is available today," said Randall Mayne, project manager in Fort Worth, "but each district can still maintain technical lead in their area of expertise." More communication between the team members, better use of technology and more team meetings would help facilitate the process, he said.

A regional team, with Galveston District in the lead working closely with Tulsa District, is handling the cleanup of the Environmental Protection Agency's BRIO Refinery Superfund Project.

"The most improvement that we could suggest would be to update our software," said Richard Tomlinson. "We have had problems sharing information with our customers because our software is not compatible."

These and about 65 additional issues were identified by the VRT members as concerns to be addressed. The issues were ranked, and 11 were judged to be the most important and needing immediate attention.

The main issues included the need to develop a process that would help regional teams flourish, the roles and responsibilities of team members, standardizing software or hardware, maintaining customer satisfaction, providing regional access to programs such as CEFMS or PROMIS, getting management buy-in, developing and maintaining a resources database and determining how to allocate resources within a regional framework.

Three action teams are currently addressing these topics and reporting their findings. While the action teams are working on these topics, they will hold "virtual" meetings to test the available technology and to keep the communication lines open.

"Downsizing and the consistently changing workload for federal agencies is not going away," Medlock said. "Using regional teams when possible will be the best way to keep our customers happy and to keep our workforce in place."



- Aug. 9-10 Drag Boat Race, Pryor Creek, Fort Gibson Lake
- Sept. 11 Retiree Breakfast
- Sept. 12 Day of Caring
- Sept. 16 Combined Federal Campaign Kick-Off
- Sept. 27 Second Annual National Hunting and Fishing Day at Tenkiller Lake
- Sept. 20-28 Deer Hunt for Persons with Physical Disabilities, Marion Lake
- Oct. 10 Headquarters Building Autumn Decorations
- Oct. 16 End-of-Year Closeout Picnic
- Nov. 4-6 Ranger In-Service Training, Sheraton Hotel, Tulsa

Recycling Results



June 1997 Savings

KWHs of energy	27,347		
Gallons of water		46,690.00	
Cubic yards of landfill		22.01	
Pounds of air pollution		400.20	
Month	Trees Saved	Tons of Paper	Amount Made
Jan.	160	9.41	187.25
Feb.	130	7.66	139.25
March	139	8.15	114.20
April	96	5.63	89.88
May	122	7.16	84.15
June	113	6.67	80.90
Totals	760	44.68	695.63

Questions for the Human Resources Office in Fort Worth?



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year's effort will begin with the Day of Caring on Sept. 12. **Bert Sherrell** of Civil Design Section has been busy heading up that effort. On that Friday, he and his crew of about 50 employees and retirees will head to a local service organization where they'll put in a hard day's work while learning about at least one agency which benefits from your CFC contributions. The campaign itself will start the following week, and we look forward to another successful year thanks to the generosity and spirit of caring of the entire Corps Family!

Congratulations to **Vernon George**, Internal Review Office. He has been chosen to attend the upcoming session of the Army Management Staff College at Fort Belvoir, Va., Sept. 23 through Dec. 12.

David Hays, the health physicist in the Safety Office, spends most of his time out of the district. He is currently supporting the Alaska District and will be working with Albuquerque District and Pacific Ocean Division on the Johnston atoll project. Great work, David!

You might see **Angela Harbin** wearing something with the St. Paul District logo. That district was very appreciative of the work Angela did training their travel staff on the ins and outs of CEFMS so they made her a recipient of one of their "Apparel Awards." Congratulations, Angela.

Ed Reinhardt of Cost Engineering Branch has been doing an outstanding job while serving on the Wellness Committee. In June, 154 employees took part in a very successful blood drive, and many others participated in the medical lectures and tests which spanned three Tuesdays that month. Thanks for a super job, Ed!

All of our lakes are involved in publicizing and encouraging water safety. The **Pat Mayse Lake staff** has come up with one innovative way to help spread the Corps message thanks to the cooperative staff at the local Dairy Queen. The lake office purchased several water safety tee shirts, and donated them to the eating establishment. DQ employees wear the shirts during the Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day holiday weekends. The store manager takes them back after the weekend, washes them and stores them away until the next holiday. What a great way to spread the water safety message to the public!

Finally, let me use this space to bid a final farewell to a great officer and his family, Lt. Col. Tom Friendak. Lt. Col. Friendak has done a great deal for this district during his tours in Tulsa. His accomplishments are far too numerous to list. I want to commend and thank him for his selfless service to the district and our customers. We all wish he and his family the very best of luck in Maryland and at his new assignment with the Army Environmental Center!!

Essays!!

From the Mail



To David Steele from John Harrison, PhD, PE, director, Environmental Laboratory, Waterways Experiment Station:

I want to express my appreciation for the outstanding cooperation and assistance of Drs. Frank Winchell and Edwin Rossman in support of the U.S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station research work unit on Ethnic Cultures and Corps Recreation participation. With their help, we were recently able to conduct three focus groups with Native American leaders from numerous tribes at Muskogee, Pawnee and Anadarko, Okla. The data acquired in these meetings will be invaluable in the preparation of a Tech Note on Native American recreation and in the preparation of a Technical Report on recreation habits among ethnic minority groups in America.

The assistance of Drs. Winchell and Rossman in organizing these meetings and inviting the Native American participants to the focus groups conducted June 23-25 enabled the WES to successfully complete this important work. Their enthusiasm and professionalism should be commended. The WES looks forward to future collaborations with the Tulsa District.

To Arlyn Hendricks, Copan Lake, from Wayne Fish, Technical Resources Division, Phillips Petroleum Company:

The purpose of this letter is to thank the Corps on behalf of Phillips Petroleum Company for the excellent water safety presentation by Steve Sanders at the Technical Resources Division safety meeting. A large number of individuals asked that I relay their thanks to Steve for his interesting and informative presentation.

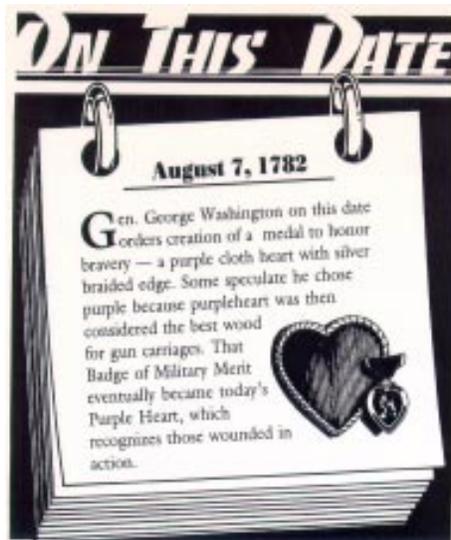
I would like to add my personal thanks to your organization, to Gwen Engelbert and to Steve Sanders. Your group and individual patience and "get-it-done" attitudes on such late notice and right after your busiest time of the year has earned my unwavering support. If all your employees demonstrate the willingness to help that Gwen and Steve demonstrated, yours is indeed an exemplary organization.

Again, thank you for your community support, and I wish the Corps continued success on your future endeavors.

Traveling for pleasure?

The recreation council receives rebates on leisure travel booked through the Carlson Agency. The money received helps defray costs of activities such as the Christmas Dance, Corps Day picnic, Corporate Challenge cookout, etc.

To take advantage of the travel service – and benefit the recreation council fund – call 918/664-9122 or 918/254-1608. Identify yourself as a Corps employee or retiree, and the personal travel rebate will be credited to the district's account.



Tulsa Family

Condolences

Belated condolences to Elizabeth Patterson on the Jan. 15th death of her husband, Leonard, a Tulsa District retiree. Mr. Patterson retired in 1961.

To the family and friends of Arthur Varner, retiree, who passed away June 19. He was 87 years old, and had been residing in Sun City, Ariz. He was a supervisory hydraulic engineer with the Water Resources Investigation Section.

To Jacque Goff, retired chief, Accounts Payable, on the June 25th death of her husband, Vinton.

To the family and friends of Raymond Hill, former park ranger at Lake Texoma, who died June 27 in Denison, Texas.

To family and friends of Ralph H. Smith, retiree, who died July 4.

To Brad and Kari Barr on the tragic death of their eight-day-old son, Matthew Charles, on July 9. Kari is a computer specialist in Information Management Office.

To the family and friends of Neill Fooshee, retiree, who passed away July 23.

Free Newsletter Available

Federal employees and retirees now have access to a free e-mail newsletter on their pay and benefits, *FEDweek.com*, from Don Mace, a veteran journalist who has covered the federal news beat for more than 25 years in the nation's capital.

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Retirees!

You're invited!!***



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an e-mail message every Wednesday containing the latest news.

A typical issue might include the latest thrift savings plan investment results, what the next federal pay raise will be, whether congress will increase health insurance rates for federal workers, the size of the next retiree COLA and when it will be paid, base closure information, whether buyouts will be offered, changes to the Medicare program and so on.

Family additions

Ashley Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, born July 21 – granddaughter of Slim and Helen McDaniel. Slim is a security guard in the Tulsa Office building. The proud parents are stationed at St. Maugan, UK.



Invitation to Retirees

Would you like to take part in this year's Day of Caring? If so, call Bert Sherrell at 918/669-7058.

Retiree Responses

Editor's note: We asked retirees to share news of their lives now or memories of their time in the district. Here are some of their responses.

I retired from the Environmental Resources Branch in 1990. How can the years go so fast? I volunteer at the Red Cross one day a week, and enjoy the day with the workforce. Also work at my church office one-half day a week.

My husband and I are active in the motorcycling world, mostly in the Christian Motorcyclists Association where we coordinate nine chapters in Oklahoma. Seven to eight months of the year, our weekends are busy with secular rallies, CMA rallies, swap meets, bikeshows, Christmas toy runs, etc. All of this is very rewarding. We also cycle to our son and family in the northeast once a year.

In between, I find time for the necessary household duties which do not stop when retired. If health allows, don't let the rocking chair get or keep you down. Retire and refire. God bless you all!

Jo Moore, Tulsa

Our first job was in 1941. Tulsa Bomber Plant, Fort Supply, Wister Dam, etc., and Core Drill to build other dams.

Mrs. Thomas Miller, Denison, Tex.

Just a few words to the Corps. I loved my 43 years with the Corps. Have been in the new Corps building; sure is a nice one. Feeling fine.

Hillis Mayes, Pryor, Okla.

I was always glad that I was a part of the start up of Denison, Fort Gibson, Tenkiller, Eufaula, Keystone, Webbers Falls, Kerr, Broken Bow Powerhouses, lots of other duties. Flood control, dams, the waterway, too. Lots of work. No regrets.

Robert Maxon, Muskogee, Okla.

My husband, LeRoy Crabbe, deceased, retired from Tulsa District (32 years service). I worked at Tulsa District

approximately nine years as chief, Finance and Accounting Section, and as the first Federal Womens Program Coordinator. Perhaps I will be interested in Tulsa District for as long as I live. I enjoy receiving and reading the Record. Hope you can continue.

I love to hear about the retirees. I also love to see and read about what is happening there today. The pictures really are great, too. I really love to see someone that I know there and who has the job now of the people that I knew then ('60s/'70s) until I finally retired from Galveston District plus three years with OCE ('80s).

That adds to 23 years with the Corps of Engineers of the 38 years that I worked. Sometimes I wish I could say hello to and chat with every one of my friends there and all the other places where I worked. I miss all of them and the work, too. Best wishes.

Millie Crabbe, Montgomery, Tex.

I am not a Tulsa District retiree, however, I worked for the Tulsa District as an electrical engineer at the Altus Base from August 1952 until January 1957 when I transferred to the Tulsa office in the Chamber of Commerce Building. My wife, Roberta Doris, also worked at Altus.

I worked in the Electrical Section with Bob Rychel and Gordon Short, Oscar Beasley, etc., it being under the Electrical/Mechanical headed by Al Eynon.

I and Gordon Short transferred overseas to the Trans East District in Karachi, Pakistan, June 1958, which was under the Mediterranean Division, Livorno, Italy. I worked in both the Engineering and the Construction Divisions. Gordon stayed there for one 18-month tour, and I stayed until May 1961, at which time I would have had to relocate to a residency in Teheran, Iran, due to the downgrading of the Trans East District.

I transferred to the Resident Office Cigli Air Base, Izmir, Turkey, which was under the Mediterranean Division. I stayed there until November 1962, at which time I would have had to relocate to Ankara due to the downgrading of the office at Izmir.

I then transferred to USAREUR, Southern Army Command at McGraw Kaserne, Munich, Germany, which was under the Department of the Army. I worked in the Utilities Branch, Engineer-

ing Division. I stayed there until February 1964 at which time I would have had to relocate to Frankfurt, Germany, due to the proposed relocation of the Southern Command Headquarters.

I then transferred back with the Mediterranean Division, Livorno, Italy. I worked in the Projects Branch, Engineering Division. I stayed there until June 1967, at which time I returned to the states due to the health of my wife's father.

I then transferred to the Headquarters, STRATCOM, Fort Huachuca, Ariz. I worked in the Engineering Division. I stayed there until April 1969 at which time I was due to return to Mediterranean Division, however, I did not go due to a technicality raised in the Chief of Engineers Office in Washington, D.C., as to my being back in the states only 22 months in lieu of the required two years (a friend of a friend in the chief's office wanted to go to Italy - which he did, and I understand he did not complete his tour).

I then transferred to the Panama Canal Company, Department of the Army, in the Panama Canal Zone. I worked in the Engineering Division, Projects Branch, and as chief, Specifications and Estimates Branch. Due to the pending Panama Canal Treaty, I retired October 1979. I stayed in Panama until my wife also retired there July 1983.

While in the Canal Zone, I portrayed Santa Claus from November 1973 through December 1982 for the benefit of thousands of children in the Canal Zone and the Republic of Panama. I visited hospitals, schools, churches, orphanages, nurseries, housing areas, community centers and military installations both in the Canal Zone and Panama, all at my own expense and time. For this effort, I received the Gold Medal Panama Canal Honorary Public Service Award April 30, 1979.

Jean Burns, Tulsa

Th, th, th, that's all, folks!

These are the final letters from retirees on file. If you would like this feature to continue, send your letters to:

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Canton Worker Unearths a Bit of Corps History

Although the Corps of Engineers now has a song of its own (or at least music to a song), such was apparently not the case in 1942. Ernest Kingcade, a maintenance worker at Canton Lake, recently ran across an interesting newspaper article in an edition of the Pampa, Texas, *Pampa Daily News* from that year. The article, which is bordered by the admonition to "Buy Victory Stamps," follows:

Engineer Corps Also Has Poem

The Corps of Engineers which is represented at Pampa Army Air Field by Captain John R. Kaiserman, is one of the few branches of the armed forces that has not been glamorized in song.

But it's not because there is a lack of the spirit of song among the "hair ears" whose service is packed with tradition and esprit de corps. Members of the Corps of Engineers have a poem that compares with the best turned out in the service. The poem follows:

*They've a song about the Army,
The Navy and Marines,
They've got one for the Air Corps
In fact, the whole darn works, it
seems,
But they've never taken the trouble,
Though we've served them all for
years,
To even write a poem
For the Corps of Engineers.*

*We built their roads and airfields,
Their pipelines and their camps
From Underground Munitions Dumps
To concrete Loading Ramps.
Railroads, dams and bridges,
Electric power lines.
Canals and docks and harbors,
Even coal and iron mines.*

*But the Engineers aren't kicking
For when the Army's moving in
We know it's just another place
Where we've already been.
Before the Army got there,
We had to break the ground
And build it all to suit their needs
Solid, safe and sound.*

*If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scene
They would find the streets are guarded
By the United States Marines.
Now who will guard the streets up there
We aren't disposed to say
But we offer this suggestion
If they look at things that way.
When the marines have taken over,
In that land that knows no years.
We think they'll find it was all designed
By the Corps of Engineers.*



Combined Federal Campaign

Dates to Remember

**Day of Caring
Friday, Sept. 12**

**Campaign Kick-Off
Tuesday, Sept. 16
2:00, Room 201**

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