

Savannah District Diversity Day a hit



Jeannine Dukes, EEO student aide, greets district team members at the sign-in booth during the Diversity Day event in Telfair Square. *Photo by George Jumara.*

Perfect weather and the Hostess City's historic Telfair Square set the scene for Savannah district's Diversity Day, April 13. The celebration, sponsored by the Special Emphasis Program Committee under the auspices of the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, started with a Fun Run/Walk, followed by guest presentations on diversity and multi-cultural performances. Almost 200 people entered the "Passport to Diversity" scavenger hunt and received a list of items that they were to find and check off. They searched for the items at the food booths, "Areas of Expression" displays, and other areas in the square. Real Estate Division's Patty Casey won the appropriate grand prize, a desk-sized globe.

Tritten assumes deputy commander position



Maj. Brian J. Tritten became the Acting Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District on April 15. He assumed these duties from Lt. Col. David T. London, who is currently deployed to Afghanistan. Tritten arrived from the U.S. Army Student Detachment, Fort Jackson, S.C., with duty in Norfolk, Va.,

where he attended graduate school at Old Dominion University from August 2009 to December 2010. Tritten also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries and Wildlife from Michigan State University. Commissioned as an Engineer Officer in June of 2000, Tritten has served in various engineer command and staff positions in the United States and overseas. He has received numerous awards and decorations throughout his career including the Bronze Star Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), and Army Achievement Medal.

Emergency Management welcomes new chief



Judith K. Patterson became the Chief of Emergency Management Division in May 2011. As chief, Patterson serves as principal advisor to the commander on all matters relating to natural disasters, national emergencies, other contingency operations requiring support to civil authority, and terrorism activities. She

also leads a district-wide team in developing plans for natural disasters/emergency conditions and participates in regional and district-wide exercises to ensure the readiness of the division and districts. Before assuming her current position, she was the Natural Disaster Manager with the district.

During her 31 years of service with the Savannah district, Patterson has served in numerous positions to include security officer, national emergency manager and national emergency specialist. She has been recognized with two Commander's Awards for Civilian Service.