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Memorandum of Understanding signed!

At the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers biennial Environmental and Natural Resources Conference in San Antonio, the Corps of Engineers Natural Resources Education Foundation and the Corps of Engineers officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding on October 30. The MOU establishes a cooperative relationship between the Corps and the Foundation regarding environmental and recreation projects at Corps facilities.

Board President Peter B. Lewis was joined on stage by Foundation directors Debby Chenoweth, Rich Deline and Treasurer Darrell Lewis. LTG Robert L. Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers, signed on behalf of the Corps. In his remarks, Mr. Lewis stated, “the mission of the Foundation is to provide additional financial and volunteer support for projects which enhance the Corps Natural Resources Management mission, and facilitate partnerships between the public and private sectors which strategically invest in public education and the conservation and sustainable use of natural and cultural resources managed by the Corps. Lewis went on to say, “There are many important projects out there and the Corps Foundation looks forward to bridging partnerships between facilities and stakeholders. Successful outcomes from the Corps Foundation will help sustain and enhance the lands and facilities of the Corps.”

The Corps Foundation is a membership organization and as such, Lewis presented LTG Van Antwerp with an honorary lifetime membership in the non-profit entity. “This foundation has been a long time coming,” said Van Antwerp, “we are very glad these good people have stepped up to assist the NRM mission of the Corps.”

Following the MOU signing, Darrell E. Lewis, Treasurer of the Foundation introduced the Corps Foundation to conference attendees. The discussion included a history of the Foundation, how the organization will function and the Foundation’s goals and a lively Q&A session.

The Foundation heard about several major projects it will consider, including Corps lakes and parks restoration needed after the Texas floods of 2007.

For more information about the Foundation, go to www.corpsfoundation.org.