

Welcome to the Spring, 2019 Edition of the Corps Foundation Newsletter.

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Corps Foundation Wins NDPA Lifesaver of the Year Award

On April 15, the Corps Foundation was awarded the Lifesaver of the Year Award at the 2019 National Drowning Prevention Alliance Conference in New Orleans, LA. Pam Doty, USACE National Water Safety Program Manager nominated the Corps Foundation for this prestigious award. The foundation received the award for everything they have done and continue to do to support and promote the Life Jackets Worn...Nobody Mourns National Water Safety Campaign that targets adults.



Pictured left to right: Cindy Johnson, NDPA Board Member; Pam Doty, USACE National Water Safety Program Manager; Rachel Garren, Corps Foundation Special Programs Director; Laura Metro, NDPA Board Member; Jeremy Smith, NDPA Treasurer.

Corps Foundation is Collecting Stories from Park Rangers and other Natural Resource Management Employees

Soon, you will be able to read stories and learn from more than 50 past and present Corps of Engineers rangers, resource managers and other natural resource management (NRM) employees.

For the past six months, the Corps Foundation has been collecting stories and interviewing past and present Corps NRM employees.

Some of the stories come from four of the former chiefs in headquarters. Some stories came from some of the groundbreaking female rangers and others who shaped the program over the years. Many past and current employees have added their stories so far.

If you regret that you did not contribute a story, please get in touch with Corps Foundation Communications Chair, Pat Barry at <u>jpatbarry@hotmail.com</u> There may still be time, but do not delay.

A few skills are still needed. If you have superior graphic arts skills, we still need a cover design. Editing, layout, photo editing skills are also needed to get this book published. There is no budget to reimburse you. We are an all-volunteer board. But, your reward will be a product we can all read with pride. Please help us with this worthwhile effort to preserve some of our institutional memory.

Sweet's receive Volunteer Coins at Thurmond



Thurmond OPM Scott Hyatt presenting the volunteer coins to the Sweets (the winners of the last water safety contest for volunteers).

Change at the Corps Foundation

Darrell Lewis, who is one of the founding members of the Corps Foundation, has turned over the responsibilities of serving as Treasurer to Marilyn Jones. Marilyn, who has been Secretary on the Board of Directors has also assumed the responsibilities of Treasurer while also holding down the responsibilities of Secretary until a replacement is found. The other members of the Board of Directors want to thank both Darrell and Marilyn for their volunteer service to these positions. Darrell will remain involved as Founding Director Emeritus.

Corps Foundation Calls for Nominations for the Enduring Service Volunteer Award

The Corps Foundation is still accepting applications for the "Enduring Service Volunteer Award." The "Enduring Service Volunteer Award" is an annual award honoring long-term service and outstanding accomplishments by individual and families of volunteers at Corps lakes and waterways; and who have achieved results in such areas as conservation, education, recreation, safety and community engagement. Additionally, these volunteer efforts should contribute to the advancement of:

• The mission: "The Corps Foundation engages the public to ensure the environmental health and recreational enjoyment of our nation's lakes, lands, and waterways administered by the US Army Corps of Engineers."

• Positive relationships between the Corps management, the visitors and the local community.

• Public knowledge of and involvement in the Corps natural resources management program.

• Partnerships and collaboration with other community organizations locally, regionally or nationally.

Application forms, which are normally accepted each year between January15 and April 30, can be found at: <u>http://docdro.id/gshlOVC</u>

We are continuing to accept nominations this year.

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Contributors at levels of \$50 and above will receive the Corps Foundation logo tote bag. And we *mean this tote bag* because this is the last one we have left!

Coming soon...new rewards for joining.



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