

# PARK RANGER COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ADVISORY BOARD

Park Ranger CoP Webinar

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## What is the Park Ranger CoP Advisory Board?

An advisory board that provides for a unified and on-going support platform for the USACE Park Ranger.

## Who does the CoP represent?

Park Rangers/Natural Resource Specialists/Park Guides/Etc.

the professional uniformed team members (including but not limited to 0099, 0025, 0028,0400 job series) who perform, manage, or supervise work and stewardship of Federal lands, waters and park resources at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operated and maintained water resources projects



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## Who are the members?

- 2 members representing each of the 8 Divisions who are field-level NRM team members authorized to wear the park ranger uniform and whose primary duties involve park ranger programs



- Advisory Board Chair
- Headquarters (HQ) proponent
- Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) representative to provide technical assistance



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# Park Ranger CoP – Meet the Members

**Board Chair**

**Scott Tichy**



**Vice Chair**

**Morgan Barnes**



# Park Ranger CoP – Meet the Members

## Advisors

**Steve Austin**



**Position:** HQ Proponent

**Bonnie Bryson**



**Position:** ERDC Advisor

**Michelle Frobose**



**Position:** Previous Chair

# Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (LRD)

Mark Klimaszewski



Jessica Lee



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# Mississippi Valley Division (MVD)

Jeremy Logan



Ely Lane



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# North Atlantic Division (NAD)

Nicole Giles



Natalie McCormack





# Northwestern Division (NWD)

Stanton Rains



Cady Tyron



# South Atlantic Division (SAD)

Scott Kelley



Chelsea Tyler



# Southwestern Division (SWD)

**Chris Gilliland**



**Courtney "Tennille"  
Hammonds**



# South Pacific Division (SPD)

Morgan Barnes



Austin Kuhlman



# Pacific Ocean Division (POD)

Angela Jones



Justin Kerwin



# WHO ARE WE?

# WHAT DO WE DO?

- Voice for the park rangers
- Conduit for change
- HQ Liaison to the field and to SME's
- Bridge gap between existing PDT's
- Facilitate communication within the CoP
- Provide **direction and leadership** for the future of the NRM/Ranger Program through HQ
- Provide focus on ranger safety and training



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## WHAT WE FOCUSED ON IN FY15

- ✓ Identified and improved communication networks between Advisory Board and with rangers in the field
  - ✓ Combined Rec Net, ES Net, Interp Net, Kevin Ewbank's DLL and Ranger Chat into new NRM Community Forum
- ✓ Began work on getting Safe Self content to properly function on government computers
- ✓ Assisted VA Cadre on standardizing self defense
- ✓ Conducted ranger safety survey test pilot in Rock Island and Sacramento Districts
- ✓ Continued to focus on MSU Study recommendations and AAR's
- ✓ Established Ranger History and Gateway PDTs



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## WHAT WE FOCUSED ON IN FY16

- ✓ Collaborated with Water Safety Team to design new Corps Watch posters. Promoted and supported rollout of updated Corps Watch program.
- ✓ Continued to work on getting SAFE SELF in a compatible format and recommended funding for additional scenarios
- ✓ Launched the first nation-wide Corps Park Ranger Safety Survey
- ✓ Assisted HQ in developing policy for UAS operation at civil works water resource projects for recreation & commercial purposes
- ✓ Drafted and provided to HQ a streamlined Title 18 AAR reporting and communication template
- ✓ Provided feedback and assistance to the Park Ranger History subgroup with development of permanent and mobile displays
- ✓ Conducted topic survey for the NRM Workshop





# OUR FOCUS FOR FY17

- ✓ Recruited/selected new Advisory Board members
  - ✓ Drafted and forwarded to HQ memo to launch Safe Self on Gateway
1. 2016 Ranger Safety Survey
    - Conduct more in-depth survey analysis
    - Create a 'road map' for future advisory board actions
  2. Draft and launch 2017 Survey – added focus on uniform questions
  3. Create VA Program audit inspection checklist
  4. Create a UAS (drone) Gateway Page
  5. Provide Title 36 revision recommendations
  6. Complete HQ Ranger History Display
  7. Develop and promote communications through quarterly webinars and the Gateway



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# THE GATEWAY

<https://corpslakes.erd.c.dren.mil/rangers/advisory.cfm?Option=Main>

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**NRM Park Ranger Gateway**

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Google the Natural Resources Management Gateway

**Communities of Practice**

- Main CoP
- Operations & Regulatory
- River Management
- Flood Risk Management
- Hydropower
- Federal Regulations Implementation
- Natural Resources Management
- Park Rangers
  - Navigation
  - Operations - Project Managers
  - Regulatory
  - Safety
  - Civil Works Environment

**Park Ranger Notes**

The site serves the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park Ranger Community of Practice (CoP). Park Rangers are the professional, uniformed team members (including but not limited to BSMR, MGS, MGA, DTRB job-series) who perform, manage, or supervise work in the stewardship of Federal lands, waters, and park resources at Corps operated and maintained water resources projects. (See [enact](#) from Career Video.) Functions include but are not limited to park management, natural, historical, and cultural resource management, watershed management, endangered and/or special status species management, flood risk management, real property and shoreline management, environmental compliance practices, asset management, visitor assistance, safety, infrastructure surveillance and protection, and the development of interpretive and recreational programs for the benefit of the public. Park Rangers are leaders in both emergency response and community outreach. Park Rangers are the Corps' face to the nation and may be the only contact the public has with the agency.

This website contains beneficial information for every park ranger, from the new hire to the seasoned veteran, who'd like to help enhance professionalization. Your CoP is supported by a Park Ranger CoP Advisory Board (see [chart](#)). This workforce is part of two broader CoPs: Natural Resources Management (NRM) and Operations & Regulatory. You are encouraged to utilize, share and contribute to the NRM Gateway as well as the [Operations & Regulatory Gateway](#) - this is your Community of Practice.

**Park Ranger Survey Closed 17 January, responses currently being analyzed.**

**Survey Results**

2010 Park Ranger & Visitor Safety Survey and 2011 Visitor Assistance Program Manager Survey

- Creation
- Used Feedback
- Related Sites
- Rangers in Action
- Park Ranger History
- News/Current Issues
- Policy & Procedures
- People
- Facebook Story/Event Submissions
- Advisory Board
- Professional Development
- Career Timeline

**Put link to Park Ranger Gateway on your Desktop!**  
In the URL box, click on ranger icon to the left of the URL and drag to your desktop

**Rangers in Action Gateway Sites**

**Accredited:**

- Accessibility
- Challenge Partnership Program (Formerly Challenge CoVenturing)
- Continuum of Programs
- Cooperating Association
- Cooperative Agreements for Law Enforcement Services
- Interpretive Services and Outreach
- Safety Services
- S&P
- Sign Program
- Use Pass
- Wildlife Program
- USACE

**Contacts**

- Park Ranger SmartBook
- NRM SmartBook
- Field Office Directory

**USACE Discussion Forums**

- NRM Community Forum
- Historical Forums
  - In 30 Seconds
  - REC Network (NRM Network)

**NRM Gateway Glance**

- 20 January 2015
- 9 July 2015
- 27 June 2015
- 20 June 2015
- More News/Events

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**Social Media**

- What is it & how is the Corps Involved
- Facebook
- YouTube





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