# 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 <u>uniformed team members</u> (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





#### 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





### 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 Klimaszeweski



Jessica Lee









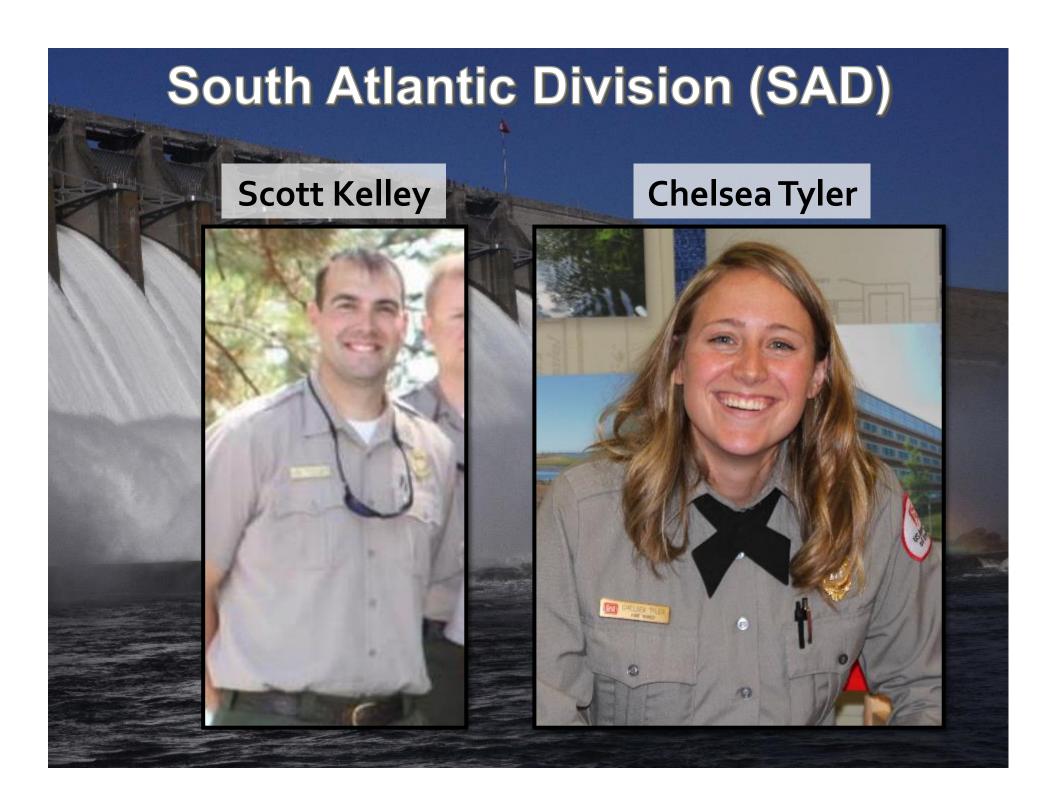
## Northwestern Division (NWD)

**Stanton Rains** 



**Cady Tyron** 

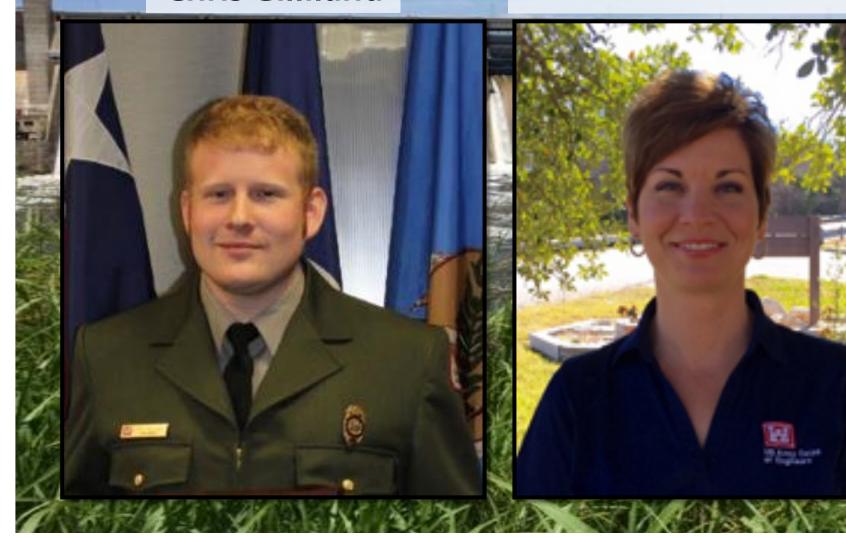


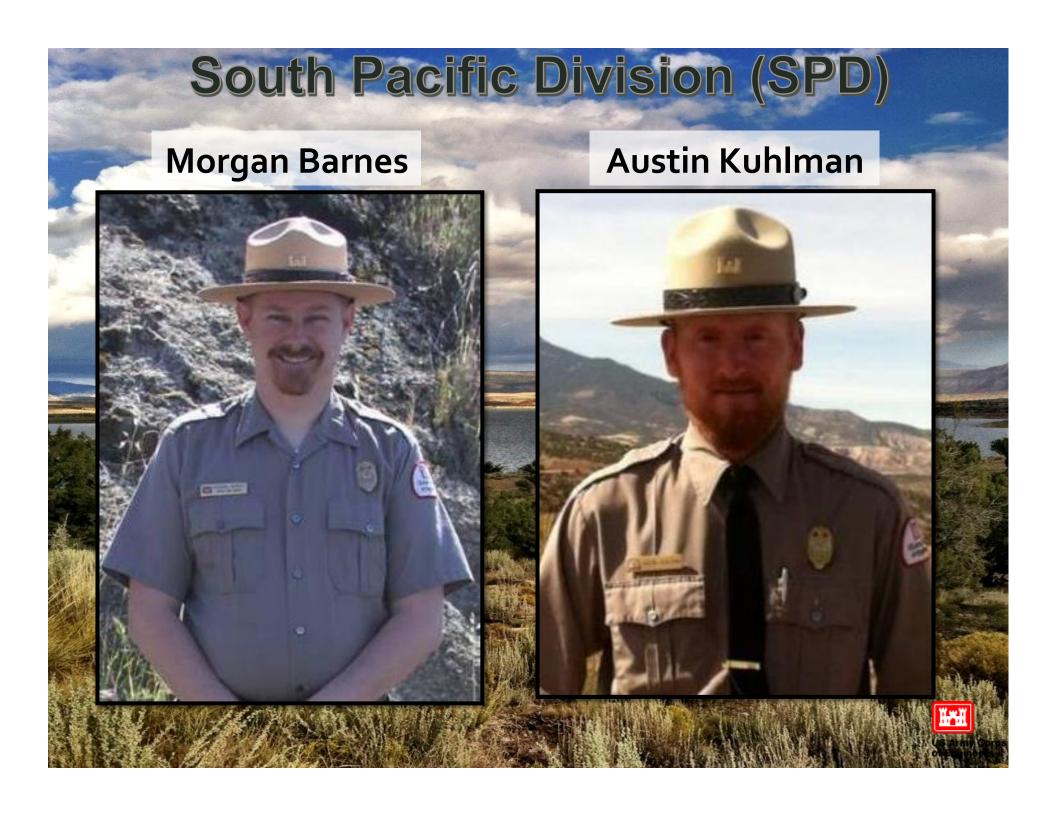


## Southwestern Division (SWD)

**Chris Gilliland** 

Courtney "Tennille"
Hammonds







## 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





#### 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





#### 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**

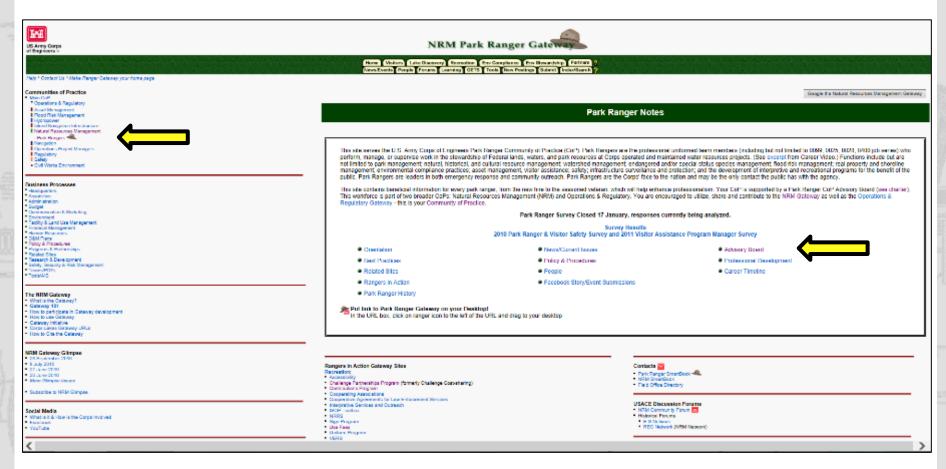
- ✓ Recruited/selected new Advisory Board members
- ✓ Drafted and forwarded to HQ memo to launch Safe Self on Gateway
- 1. 2016 Ranger Safety Survey
  - Conduct more in-depth survey analysis
  - Create a 'road map' for future advisory board actions
- 2. Draft and launch 2017 Survey added focus on uniform 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





### THE GATEWAY

https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/rangers/advisory.cfm?Option=Main









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