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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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**MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND
DISTRICT COMMANDS, CHIEFS, OPERATIONS DIVISIONS**

SUBJECT: Legends Award 2012 Recipients

1. Reference Memorandum, CECW-CO, 2 March 2012, subject: Request for Nominations for the American Recreation Coalition's Legends and Beacon Awards.
2. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has selected Mr. Scott Jackson and Dr. Kathleen Perales, Research Biologists at the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center as joint recipients of the 2012 American Recreation Coalition's Legends Award.
3. Over the past 35 years Mr. Jackson's efforts have shaped and guided the Corps of Engineers Natural Resources Management (NRM) program. His work with national leadership teams and talent for transforming concepts into desired outcomes has led to the development of many tools, processes, and pathways to achieve outstanding results. Mr. Jackson has guided and supported the Recreation and Stewardship Leadership Advisory Teams, which have had significant impacts on the direction of the NRM program. Mr. Jackson has had a major influence on the development and content of the Recreation Strategic Plan and was instrumental in supporting the implementation of the plan. The NRM Community of Practice has relied on his ideas and creativity to test and evaluate both strategic and tactical actions to improve the program and provide sound advice to the field. His leadership has been vital to the NRM program in addressing critical challenges of the day and has helped position the Corps of Engineers to remain an effective provider of recreation opportunities for the American public.
4. For the past 30 years, Dr. Kathleen Perales' technical contributions including the development of standardized protocols for monitoring visitation, and creation of the Natural Resources Management (NRM) Gateway, addressed some of the most complex challenges facing the NRM program and provided thousands of managers with an indispensable tool to improve their effectiveness, while helping millions of visitors find healthy fun on Corps Lakes. Dr. Perales' imagination and ability to visualize creative approaches, harnessing the power of social media, including Facebook and YouTube to expand its reach and connect with an ever increasing audience, is evidenced by the over 65 million page views recorded on the Gateway in 2011. The NRM program has benefited significantly from her support of the Recreation Strategic Plan and recruitment of key program partners and stakeholders. Dr. Perales' exceptional technical, leadership and communication skills are well known throughout the Corps of Engineers, the NRM Community of Practice, and colleagues in her profession and will leave a lasting benefit to the program.

5. The Legends award winners from each agency will be honored at the Recreation Exchange Luncheon 6 June 2012 in Washington, D.C. during Great Outdoors Week. Mr. Jackson's and Dr. Perales' accomplishments and teamwork bring positive recognition to the Corps of Engineers and our partners. Their commitment to excellence has established a distinguished standard for others to emulate.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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