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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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

SUBJECT: Legends and Beacon Award 2013 Recipients

1. Reference Memorandum, CECW-CO, 21 March 2013, subject: Request for Nominations for the American Recreation Coalition's Legends and Beacon Awards.
2. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has selected Ms. Rachel Garren, Natural Resources Specialist, St. Louis District as the recipient of the 2013 American Recreation Coalition's Legends Award.
3. Over the past 31 years Ms. Garren's efforts have contributed significantly to the improvement of visitor recreational experiences and also potentially saved numerous lives on Corps managed waters nationwide through her efforts with the National Water Safety Program. Rachel has freely shared her knowledge and expertise in interpretive services by teaching PROSPECT courses, conducting district training workshops, and managing seven visitor center exhibit renovations. Her accomplishments in enhancing water safety initiatives include the national life jacket loaner program policy and guidelines, development of the Corps Student Conservation Association Public Safety Intern training program, the Strategic Campaign Plan for Reducing Public Fatalities, and the mandatory life jacket study. Ms. Garren is admired for her leadership and communication skills as an interpreter and water safety subject matter expert, which has been recognized by leading organizations in those fields of expertise. She leaves behind a legacy of accomplishments in the recreation community of practice that will benefit Corps employees for years to come.
4. The American Recreation Coalition has chosen to honor Mr. John Wargo, Park Ranger at Alum Creek Lake, Huntington District as the 2013 Beacon Award Recipient.
5. Mr. Wargo has creatively used technology to promote water and boating safety throughout the central Ohio region. With Corey the Safety Boat, he educates, promotes, and entertains thousands of students, visitors, and families with the Corps safety messages. His experience and skills have made a distinct and popular visitor service impact on education of youth and promotion of water and boating safety.

6. The Beacon award winners from each agency will be honored at a ceremony 03 June 2013 and the Legends award winners from each agency will be honored at the Recreation Exchange Luncheon 05 June 2013 in Washington, D.C. during Great Outdoors Week. Ms. Garren's and Mr. Wargo's accomplishments and efforts bring positive recognition to the Corps and our partners. Their commitment to excellence has established a distinguished standard for others to emulate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Hannon", with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

JAMES R. HANNON
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