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

**SUBJECT: 2016 National Volunteer Award Selection**

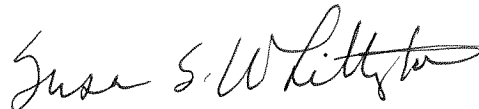
1. I am pleased to announce that Mr. Bill Barnes, a volunteer at the Lake Ouachita Project (MVK) has been selected as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recipient of the 2016 National Volunteer Award.
2. Mr. Barnes was selected for his 25 years of dedication to the recreation; water/boating safety, and natural resource management programs at Lake Ouachita. Always striving to enhance the visitor experience, he has annually led special events for the visiting public such as fireworks displays, parades, and the Veteran's Relax and Relate Festival.
3. In 2016, Mr. Barnes donated in excess of 500 hours of volunteer service on the Lake Ouachita Citizen's Focus Committee. As a volunteer, he has been influential in providing insight for recreation area enhancements. His work with the Wounded Warrior Squirrel Hunt ensured its success. As a first responder and Chief of the Joplin Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Barnes has also improved safety around Lake Ouachita with his quick response and assertiveness in many emergencies. He continues to demonstrate a high level of integrity, dedication, and service that is extremely beneficial to the Lake Ouachita Project and the visiting public.
4. The National Volunteer Award is co-sponsored by the Corps Foundation in recognition of the extraordinary service provided by volunteers. This award distinguishes individuals, couples, and family units who give their skills, talents, and time beyond the normal call of duty and whose creditable service to the Corps has resulted in the significant enhancement to one or more of the Corps programs. The award will be presented to Mr. Barnes in the spring/summer of 2017.

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5. All of the nominees for this year's National Volunteer Award provided significant service and contributions to their Corps sites and are deserving of special mention. They are: Robert "Bob" Moyes, J. Percy Priest Lake (LRD); Chester and Phyllis Briggs, Lake Red Rock (MVD); Don and Marilyn Van Baale, Lake Red Rock (MVD); Larae and Eleanor Smith, Tioga-Hammond & Cowanesque Lakes (NAD); Dan Bauer, John Day Project (NWD); Jackie Morava, Rouge River Basin (NWD); Carl Colantonio, Walter F George Lake (SAD); Don Johnson, the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway (SAD); Clifton and Debbie Willeford, Canton Lake (SWD); and Glenn and Bobbie Wehrmann, Lake Texoma (SWD).

6. Please pass along my congratulations to Mr. Barnes as the 2016 national winner and to all of the nominees for their outstanding service! My point of contact for this award is Ms. Miriam Fleming, who can be reached at 706-334-2044.



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