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

SUBJECT: 2017 National Volunteer Award Selection

1. I am pleased to announce Will and Judy Carter of Saylorville Lake in the Rock Island District (MVD) have been selected as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recipients of the 2017 National Volunteer Award.

2. Mr. and Mrs. Carter have been awarded the 2017 National Volunteer Award for their dedicated service to the natural resource program and efforts at Saylorville Lake. Together they have donated over 9,250 hours of volunteer service in a 12 year period. Mr. and Mrs. Carter's efforts in prairie and pollinator habitat enhancement, tree planting, and public education have been instrumental to the enhancement of habitats, improving the visitor experience, and strengthening public outreach at Saylorville Lake.

3. 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 business lines. The award will be presented to Mr. and Mrs. Carter in the spring of 2018.

4. All of the nominees for this year's awards provided significant service and contributions to their Corps sites and are deserving of special mention. They are:

- Annette Walsh from the National Great River Museum (MVS)
- Gretchen Tumelson from Enid Lake (MVK)
- Gail Henderson from Hartwell Lake (SAS)
- Diana Varnell from Ice Harbor (NWW)
- Patrick Shull from East Brimfield Lake (NAE)
- Bob and Phyllis Harp from Tenkiller Lake (SWT)
- Jacqueline Messer-Palombo from J. Strom Thurmond (SAS)
- Robert and Donna Wagner from Black Warrior and Tombigbee Lakes (SAM)
- Debbie Borchers from Lost Creek Lake/Rogue River Basin Project (NWP)
- Keith and Kent Hanson from Stillhouse Lake (SWF)
- Dewayne Eiland from Bardwell Lake (SWF)

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5. Please pass along my congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carter as the 2017 national winner and to all of the nominees for their outstanding service! My point of contact for this award is Mrs. Taylor Saia, Partnership Advisory Committee member, who can be reached at 209-772-1343.



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