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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEFS, OPERATIONS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND DISTRICT COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Announcement of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers award winners of the National Boating Federation's 2020 National Water Safety Awards

1. Ms. Juanita Souther, Park Ranger, John H. Kerr Lake, Wilmington District has been selected as the recipient of the 2020 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) National Water Safety Employee Award. In 2019, Ms. Souther made more than 7,000 personal water safety contacts and indirectly influenced thousands of others at John H. Kerr Lake and the surrounding community. Through her efforts to build and strengthen partnerships in the community, her day to day park patrols, and presentation of programs in schools and libraries, Juanita is truly making a huge difference in the lives of many people.
2. The Huntington District Water Safety Team has been selected as the recipient of the 2020 USACE National Water Safety Team Award. The Huntington District Water Safety Team and their efforts in 2019 contributed greatly to water safety awareness and reduction of water-related fatalities within their district. The team looked at fatality data and trends to find their target audience and then focused their safety messaging towards that audience, which is adult males. They provided public service announcements that were shown at local theaters, partnered with radio stations to get the message out, held water safety events, increased the number of life jacket loaner stations and vessel safety inspections, and emphasized water safety education for new park rangers.
3. Ms. Souther, the Huntington District Water Safety Team, and USACE Division Water Safety Award Winners will be recognized by the National Boating Federation at the National Water Safety Conference award ceremony on 6 April 2020 in Fort Worth, TX. Salary, travel, and per diem costs to attend the National Water Safety Conference are the responsibility of the home project or district. Conference approvals for attendees must be coordinated through the awardee's District and Division Commanders in accordance with USACE conference policy.
4. My point of contact for these awards is Pam Doty, National Water Safety Program Manager at pamela.j.doty@usace.army.mil or 817-886-1727.


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