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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 2021 National Water Safety Awards

1. Ms. Shawna Polen, Natural Resources Specialist, Coralville Lake, Rock Island District has been selected as the recipient of the 2021 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) National Water Safety Employee Award. In 2020, Ms. Polen shifted outreach efforts to virtual and social media platforms, developed key partnerships with local entities, coordinated placement of a water safety billboard along a major highway, and redesigned the Coralville Lake Visitor Center to better incorporate water safety. Her innovation, dedication, and personal drive to share the message of water safety and deliver the program reflect great credit upon herself and USACE.
2. The J. Percy Priest Lake Seasonal Park Ranger Team has been selected as the recipient of the 2021 USACE National Water Safety Team Award. The Seasonal Park Ranger Team and their efforts in 2020 contributed greatly to water safety awareness at J. Percy Priest Lake. The team members concentrated on increasing the number of visual cues that would prompt visitors to wear life jackets, increased posts and audience interaction regarding water safety on social media, conducted water safety interpretive programs and vessel safety checks, and maintained and inspected life jacket loaner stations. This team exercised great diligence and enthusiasm and made the USACE water safety mission their own personal mission.
3. These awards are coordinated in partnership with the National Boating Federation. The awards will be presented to Ms. Polen, the J. Percy Priest Lake Seasonal Park Ranger Team, and USACE Division Water Safety Award Winners later this year.
4. My point of contact for these awards is Ms. Pam Doty, National Water Safety Program Manager at pamela.j.doty@usace.army.mil or 817-886-1727.

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