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

SUBJECT: 2020 National Volunteer Award Selection

- 1. I am pleased to announce that Mr. James Zueger of Youghiogheny River Lake in the Pittsburgh District (LRP) has been selected as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) recipient of the 2020 National Volunteer Award.
- 2. Mr. Zueger has been selected for this award for his dedicated service to the natural resource and environmental stewardship programs at Youghiogheny River Lake. He has donated over 2,000 hours of volunteer service over a two-year period. Mr. Zueger has made it his mission to remove trash from the lake's shoreline. Using his kayak, he removed over 100 cubic yards of trash and cleaned over 38 miles of shoreline. His outstanding efforts have inspired the greater Youghiogheny River Lake community increased involvement in additional cleanup efforts with project partners and other individuals in the area.
- 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 families who give their skills, talents, and time beyond the normal call of duty and whose creditable service to USACE has resulted in the significant enhancement to one or more of the USACE business lines. The award will be presented to Mr. Zueger later in the year.
- 4. All of the nominees provided significant contributions to their USACE sites and are deserving of special mention. They are Curtis Taylor from Benbrook Lake (SWF); Jimmy Barker from Benbrook Lake (SWF); Robert Anderson from Georgetown Lake (SWF); Wayne and DeEtt Farnham from Lake Seminole (SAM); Marty Thomas from Perry Lake (NWK); and James C. Bunch from Lost Creek Lake (NWP).
- 5. Please pass along my congratulations to James Zueger as the 2020 overall winner and to all the nominees for their outstanding service! My point of contact for this award is Heather Burke, National Partnership Program Manager, who can be reached via e-mail at heather.d.burke@usace.army.mil or phone at 503-808-4313.

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