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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 2022 National Water Safety Awards

1. Ms. Caitlin Sloan, Natural Resources Specialist, Bayou Bodcau Dam and Reservoir, Vicksburg District has been selected as the recipient of the 2022 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) National Water Safety Employee Award. Ms. Sloan created new bulletin boards, flyers, brochures, and helped develop a project interactive map utilizing QR codes that highlights water safety. She maintained life jacket loaner stations, partnered with local schools to provide virtual water safety programs, organized a canoeing safety "Swamp Tour", developed partnership to enhance paddling trail, and was instrumental in getting a water safety trailer for her project. Her innovation and dedication to promoting water safety reflect great credit upon herself and USACE.
2. The Allatoona Lake Water Safety Team has been selected as the recipient of the 2022 USACE National Water Safety Team Award. Through efforts of staff members and volunteers the team managed a very large life jacket loaner program, expanded their "I Got Caught" initiative, created a water safety ranger of the week award, revamped their Allatoona Ranger Card Program, created and shared effective water safety messages on social media, utilized numerous partnerships to promote water safety including one that installed the nation's first water safety disc golf hole, and are a key member of the Allatoona Water Safety Task Force. This work resulted in a reduction of water-related public recreation fatalities at Allatoona Lake from five in FY20 to two in FY21.
3. These awards are coordinated in partnership with the National Boating Federation and will be presented to Ms. Sloan, the Allatoona Lake Water Safety Team, and USACE Division Water Safety Award Winners later this year. Winning nomination packets will be placed on the NRM Gateway.
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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