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

**SUBJECT: 2021 National Volunteer Award Selection**

1. I am pleased to announce that Brenda Grano and Wynona Brakeman of Allatoona Lake in the Mobile District (SAD) have been selected as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) recipients of the 2021 National Volunteer Award.
2. Ms. Grano and Ms. Brakeman have been selected for this award for their dedicated service to the natural resource, recreation, and environmental stewardship programs at Allatoona Lake. They have donated over 4,800 hours of volunteer service over a four-year period. This mother and daughter team have served in a variety of volunteer duties but have distinguished themselves by building a robust recycling program at Allatoona. Their efforts in growing the recycling program have led to new partnerships and volunteer programs and garnered praise from the visiting public.
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 Ms. Grano and Ms. Brakeman later in the year.
4. All of the nominees provided significant contributions to their USACE sites and are deserving of special mention. They are Alfred Barboza from Benbrook Lake (SWF); Darrell and Beckie Fitts from Lake Georgetown (SWF); Larry and Laura Rueger from Kaw Lake (SWT); Willene and Wilburn Keeter from Walter F. George Reservoir (SAM); Arthur L. Storbo from Mud Mountain Dam (NWS); Donna Terry from Harry S. Truman Reservoir (NWK); Mark Rawdon from Alum Creek Lake (LRH); Eric Jageman from Crooked Creek Lake (LRP); and Tom and Kristi Battles from Lake Barkley (LRN).
5. Please pass along my congratulations to Brenda Grano and Wynona Brakeman as the 2021 overall winners and to all of 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](mailto:heather.d.burke@usace.army.mil) or phone at 503-808-4313.

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