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

SUBJECT: Announcement of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers winners of the National Boating Federation's 2024 National Water Safety Awards

1. Travis England, Natural Resources Specialist at Allatoona Lake in the Mobile District, has been selected as the recipient of the 2024 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) National Water Safety Employee Award. Mr. England stands out for his innovative and comprehensive contributions to water safety. He assisted with coordinating the distribution of over 7,000 donated loaner life jackets across the South Atlantic Division, educated nearly 2,000 students about water safety, and created the Golden Life Jacket award at Allatoona Lake, which has fostered a continuing culture of safety amongst the lake's staff. His initiatives, passion for water safety, and consistent engagement with the community is admirable and reflects great credit upon himself and USACE.

2. The Carlyle Lake Water Safety Team in the St. Louis District has been selected as the recipient of the 2024 USACE National Water Safety Team Award. Despite being faced with many challenges the team exhibited unwavering dedication to promoting water safety. They established new partnerships and participated in new events while still focusing on their popular annual events and initiatives, which included utilizing partnerships to continue their "I got Caught" initiative at Carlyle Lake and coordinated with local schools to present water safety programs to over 850 high school students. This proactive approach demonstrates their commitment to going above and beyond in promoting water safety and is greatly appreciated.

3. These awards are coordinated in partnership with the National Boating Federation and will be presented to Mr. England, the Carlyle 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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