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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 2025 National Water Safety Awards

1. Chelsea Jones, Natural Resources Specialist in the Pittsburgh District, has been selected as the recipient of the 2025 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) National Water Safety Employee Award. Chelsea demonstrated exceptional dedication and enthusiasm toward promoting water safety. Under her direct supervision, water safety contacts in LRP returned to pre-Covid numbers and she maintained an active role with more than 28 water safety partners and an additional 71 co-partners. Her initiatives, passion for water safety, and consistent engagement with the community is admirable and reflects great credit upon herself and USACE.
2. The Rathbun Lake Staff in the Kansas City District has been selected as the recipient of the 2025 USACE National Water Safety Team Award. The team's successes included a 48% increase in direct water safety interpretive contacts, 120 water safety social media posts, and 12 well-received and highly attended water safety events supported by a network of partners. This successful approach demonstrates 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 Ms. Jones, the Rathbun Lake Staff, 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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