

## **Executive Summary**

### **A Summary of Dawn M. Kovarik's Accomplishments in 2006**

- Dawn has been the lead ranger for the Interpretive Services and Outreach Program for the past 11 years at Rend Lake, Benton, IL
- Strong advocate for public safety – President of the St. Louis Water Safety Team, Master Instructor for Hunting and Boating Safety, Certified Child Passenger Safety technician
- Chosen to represent the Corps of Engineers at the Pentagon to provide an estimated 4000 Pentagon employees with important water safety information, while showcasing the Corps program and park rangers.
- Lead a team of Interpreters to create a water safety program and present to over 6800 school age students 3 – 12 yrs of age, during the month of March 2006.
- Created display at the Rend Lake Visitor Center to highlight Corps of Engineers employees deployed to Iraq.
- Represented the Corps of Engineers and Rend Lake at the St. Louis Sports show.
- Highlighted the Corps of Engineers and the Rend Lake area at the World Shooting Complex's Grand American Trap Shoot, an international event and the largest trap shooting event in the world.
- Spokesperson for the Corps of Engineers in the filming of "The Best of the Midwest" segment. The special edition book and the cable network show were compiled by Midwest Living Magazine.
- Was selected as a first prize winner in the National Public Lands Day Celebration Photo contest.
- Coordinated and partnered with local Chambers of Commerce to provide an Independence Day Celebration which attracted an estimated 30,000 visitors to the Rend Lake Visitor Center to celebrate our nation's freedom.
- Worked hand in hand with Rend Lake's Cooperating Association, the Kiwanis Club Foundation, to provide quality educational experience to the public through activities such as the Rend Lake Earth Day Celebration, Rend Lake Cleanup/National Public Lands Day Celebration, Beach Blast, Environmental Science Series and Sunset Series of Programs.