

Crooked Creek Lake Volunteers Go Above and Beyond

Crooked Creek Lake volunteer, Patrick Schrock, was awarded a National Volunteer Coin from the Corps Foundation for his outstanding efforts at Crooked Creek Lake on September 21, 2016. Mr. Patrick Schrock has volunteered over 100 hours at Crooked Creek Lake during the 2016 recreation season. His accomplishments include performing trail maintenance, refurbishing benches and picnic tables, painting parking lot bumper blocks, performing beautification of landscape beds throughout the day use areas of the park, assisting in enhancement of new project conference room by constructing new office chairs, conducting inspections of Geocache sites, aiding in the Crooked Creek Lake Visitor Information Center renovation project by relocating materials throughout the park, refurbishing several horseshoe pits, building owl boxes, constructing shelving and organizing Water Safety materials, and removing and replacing bunkers on multiple boat trailers. Mr. Schrock's actions have improved the aesthetic appeal of the park and supported the flood damage reduction, recreation, and environmental stewardship missions, respectively. Mr. Schrock's efforts have inspired the participation of additional volunteers at the project.



Mr. Schrock is not the only volunteer to have the honor of receiving a National Volunteer Coin from the Corps Foundation. Ms. Marge Van Tassel was awarded with the National Volunteer Coin for her service



of more than 10 years and over 4,000 hours on March 4, 2016. Her outstanding dedication and exemplary volunteer service is an asset to the Corps of Engineers at Crooked Creek Lake. Ms. Van Tassel's consistent, year-round efforts have furnished an average of 400 volunteer hours each year, completing bird inventories, photographs, managing the blue bird program, coordination on establishing a purple martin population and giving impromptu interpretive programs to the park visitors. She not only supplies the project accurate biological inventory data, but also reports anticipated problems, maintenance concerns, and security issues. Ms. Van Tassel's commitment to Environmental Stewardship and Crooked Creek Lake is commendable.