

Corps Foundation Volunteer Coin, Lake Ouachita Field Office

On behalf of the Ouachita Project Management Office, Natural Resources Specialist, Joseph Bailey, met with Joe Johnson, owner and operator of Smoking in Style BBQ. Mr. Bailey presented present him with Corps Foundation Volunteer coin for his outstanding service to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

Mr. Johnson was awarded the coin for his work and contribution to the First Annual Warrior Squirrel Hunt held at the Lake Ouachita.

During the event, Mr. Johnson donated chopped beef, chopped pork, ribs and all the trimmings that feed over 60 participants, families and volunteers. The Lake Ouachita staff



strives to minimize costs for participants. Prior to assistance from local business owners, these costs were provided by donations from the project staff. There were many other local business owners and volunteers that made the First Annual Warrior Hunt (WH) possible. Since the number of coins were limited, we chose recognize Mr. Johnson due to many years of service and generosity to Lake Ouachita and support of other partners.

Warrior Hunt 2016

Since November 2010, Mr. Johnson has annually provided lunch for over 30 hunters, family members and volunteers who participated in the America with Disabilities Deer Hunt (ADA). He has donated thousands of dollars of food and supplies that ensured the hunt was successful and feasible to anyone eligible to participate.



ADA Hunt 2016

Other notable contributions included the Ouachita River Valley Association (ORVA). ORVA is a non-profit organization engaged in the development of projects that have been proven to be economically and environmentally justified in the Ouachita River Basin. In 2015, ORVA conducted their annual convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Daily meetings were held at the Lake Ouachita Field Office conference room. Mr. Johnson provided lunch at cost for over 100 attendees.

As mentioned previously, it takes many volunteers to execute the Warrior and ADA hunts to be fully successful. For over 6-years, Mr. Johnson's generosity has allowed the Corps of Engineers to accomplish its goals. His assistance enabled the Corps to provide recreational opportunities to all members of the public; regardless of the physical or financial means. The Ouachita Project Management Office and the Lake Ouachita Field Office are proud to call Mr. Johnson a friend of the Corps and a valued partner.