

**Corps Foundation Volunteer Excellence Coin
Wappapello Lake 2022
St. Louis District**

On March 7, 2022, Wappapello Lake Volunteer Park Host Mike Williamson went above and beyond the call of duty to maintain order and keep all parties safe during an incident that occurred in the Redman Creek East Campground. Mike was enroute to assist a first-time camper when he encountered two belligerent individuals causing serious problems in the campground. The two individuals were driving their vehicle into another camper's RV. One of them was also kicking the campers' door. Mike recognized the two individuals as long-time users of the campground and attempted to make small talk with them to diffuse the situation. During the encounter, both individuals assaulted Mike and tried to provoke Mike into a physical altercation. Mike's even keeled temperament and calm, composed demeanor was integral in avoiding a much worse outcome. Even after the belligerent individuals intentionally used their vehicle to ram into his personal pickup truck, Mike continued to maintain his composure. Throughout the ordeal, including their assault on him, Mike maintained a calm disposition, ensuring everyone involved was safe from harm and handling the situation until law enforcement arrived on the scene. Mike always goes the extra mile to ensure incoming campers receive first-class treatment, and he is an integral part of the Wappapello Lake team. His dedication and service this day, and for the past ten years, makes him more than worthy of receiving the Corps Foundation Volunteer Excellence Coin.

