

(1) Rob Beck – Mr. Beck has been instrumental in the daily operation of the J. Strom Thurmond Visitor Center (VC) that without his commitment to excellence and attention to detail would have forced the VC to close to the general public instead of it being open seven days a week. Mr. Beck spearheaded the daily VC operations that have proven to be critical to the overall support of the Recreation, Shoreline, Forest Fish and Wildlife (FF&W), contracting and other admin sections or counterparts. The J. Strom Thurmond dam is the largest project east of the Mississippi totaling 150,000+ acres of both water and land making efficiency, visitor access and daily management critical. These are all roles that Mr. Beck filled with the utmost respect for the visitor and desire to contribute to the greater good and the mission of the Corps of Engineers. His example should be an example for all to follow.

(2) Dan & Judy Todd – Mr. & Mrs. Todd have proven be the utmost respectful and contributing volunteers to the needs of the public as they personally manage and operate the Largest Day use area on J. Strom Thurmond Lake, that being Lake Springs Recreational Area. Without their commitment to excellence and selfless service to the public and the Corps of Engineers the Lake Springs Recreational Area would fail to have a strong and sturdy hand to oversee critical and emergency situations, visitor complaints and concerns and a significant water safety outreach program. A water safety program that made direct contacts with 28,297 people from April 27th, 2019 – Aug 11th, 2019.

(3) Hubert & Wilma Bishop – Mr. & Mrs. Bishop have volunteered at the J. Strom Thurmond Lake for over eight years and are continuing to come year in and year out. They have primarily served the FF&W section with any needs and or technical assistance needed from using and operating a chain saw, brush cutter, and other various types to equipment. Additionally they have assisted with conservation surveys, studies and taken precautionary measures to ensure the natural resources on both land and water at J. Strom Thurmond continue to flourish and are available for future generations to come. The FF&W volunteer position is one that is highly demanding and physical with limited slots being awarded only to the utmost deserving and caring individuals and never to more than two individuals at any given time.

(4) David Slauenwhite – Mr. Slauenwhite has been instrumental in maintaining operational readiness at the five day use areas at J. Strom Thurmond as he has personally filled in at each one for one reason or another over the course of this summer. He has also volunteered here at J. Strom Thurmond lake for the past five years where he has assisted in maintain and providing support for critical positions such as Day Use Gate House Attendant, Winfield Camp Ground Host, Night Shift Dispatcher and other various task. In 2019 if it was not for his assistance at the day use areas on more than one occasion they would have been closed to the public for a minimum of one week and some area longer than that due to lacking support and available volunteers. In 2018 if it was not for his assistance the Winfield campground would have closed for the season if not for his selfless service and commitment to the public as a result of losing our contract attendant due to health reasons. A job that he volunteered to do when others around him at other campgrounds were getting paid for the same actions. In 2014 -2017 he served as the Night Shift Dispatcher a critical position that ensures the safety of J. Strom Thurmond Rangers by being readily available to deploy resources and react to any situation that arises.

(5) Al & Pat Bednarski – Mr. & Mrs. Bednarski has served as an instrumental part of the J. Strom Thurmond Volunteer Program by being easily flexible, accommodating to demands of the program and having an outstanding commitment to the service of the public; through providing information, being knowledgeable and having a selfless service attitude. Their commitment to operating multiple day-use gate houses have enables the Thurmond Project to leave recreational areas open that would otherwise

be closed to the public. Mr. & Mrs. Bednarski have committed several years of their retirement to the Corps of Engineers enhancing our capabilities as an organization and our service to the public.