

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in recognition of the outstanding volunteer services provided by Mr. Larry Rueger at Kaw Lake since his joining of our team in February, 2016. Mr. Rueger, along with his wife Laura, resides at Osage Cove PUA, which is the largest recreation area we operate at Kaw Lake. Larry is always willing to assist when called upon in all parts of the lake, even outside his assigned areas. During the Summer 2017 flood event, Larry and Laura were extremely valuable in the clean-up and eventual restoration of Osage Cove campground and day use area.

The duties asked of Larry are wide and varied; however the following are examples of the type of tasks routinely completed: dead tree cutting and removal, controlled burning of leaves and recreation areas alongside full-time staff, mowing and weed eating, litter removal from all assigned recreation areas and project roads, campsite clean-up and debris removal, minor maintenance tasks, opening and closing project gates, painting of recreational facilities, construction of storage buildings, minor equipment operation, distribution of water safety materials, replacement of campsite reservation posts and serving as a general source of information for the visiting public.

One of the greatest attributes of Mr. Rueger is that he often performs the above tasks without supervision or guidance on my behalf. Larry diligently works on items he knows need to be completed to improve the recreation areas for the visiting public and is constantly looking for ways to better our facilities through upgrades. Those times when he is assigned tasks, they are always performed in a timely and professional manner to the best of his ability. Larry truly cares for the condition of Osage Cove Park and devotes himself to continued improvement nearly every day.

Larry is truly a public servant and his service and dedication will continue to be appreciated by our visitors for years to come. Continually he shows selfless service to the Nation through his work efforts. I consider his contributions to be just as valuable as any full-time staff at this project in accomplishing our mission and we are glad to include him on our team here at Kaw Lake.

I would be more than willing to give any further information regarding Mr. Larry Rueger and his services provided while volunteering for the US Army Corps of Engineers at Kaw Lake. Please feel free to contact me at 580-762-5611 ext. 3617 or 580-761-2453.

Thank you for considering Mr. Majors as a recipient of the Volunteer Excellence Coin.

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