

## Enduring Service Award: Nomination Packet for Ms. Maxine Watts

### 1. Nominator

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### 2. Nominee

- a. Name: Anna M Watts (goes by Maxine Watts)
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### 3. ACTION: What did your nominee do to make a difference?

I, along with the rest of the Oologah Lake Project Staff, would like to acknowledge the long-term effort, commitment and dedication shown by Ms. Maxine Watts to the Oologah Lake Project by nominating her for a Volunteer Excellence Coin.

Ms. Maxine Watts has been a vital part of the Oologah Lake Recreational Program, providing thousands of hours of volunteer service for over 23 years. That's longer than any of the current project staff! She continually supports the mission of the Corps Foundation by providing outstanding customer service and engaging with the recreational public as they visit the Hawthorn Beach Public Use Area (PUA), which is the highest grossing and most heavily visited day use area on Oologah Lake and is ranked among the top in the Tulsa District. Her involvement has proven paramount to the smooth operation and efficiency of the Beach Shack. She continually provides support to the Project Staff by providing coverage on the Contract Gate Attendant's (CGA) non-working days, helping maintain an open line of communication with the visiting public and saving the government an estimated \$5,000 annually in CGA services. In addition to staffing the Hawthorn Beach Shack, Ms. Watts also works hand in hand with the CGA and Recreation Fee Cashier (RFC) to collect and maintain funds collected in the Project Honor Vaults in various locations all around the lake. Her integrity and work ethic continually shines through as she helps new CGAs and assists the RFC train them on proper procedure and documentation, continually providing an outstanding representation of the Corps of Engineers with her unwavering commitment and outgoing, friendly nature.

While she has been heavily involved in Recreation Management, Ms. Watts also works to support our Natural Resource Management program by taking advantage of her position

in the gate shack to promote the annual Sun and Fun Kids Fishing Derby, an outreach event that provides 250+ children with life jackets and teaches them lessons in environmental stewardship, as well as the National Lands Day, which is a collaborative effort with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and the local community to provide 30+ fish habitat structures throughout the lake annually.

Ms. Watts is always willing to lend a helping hand and her involvement has not been restricted to the Hawthorn Bluff area. She has also volunteered as a camp host, providing oversight and assistance to campers in the Redbud Bay Campground. This area does not have a CGA to manage camping reservations and is strictly first come, first serve. She has actively worked with the visiting public to ensure they were able to reserve a campsite and have a fun and pleasant experience during their time there. Overall, Ms. Watts has proved herself to be a key piece of the Oologah Lake Project and the surrounding Oologah Lake community.

4. Reference:

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