## Volunteer Appreciation

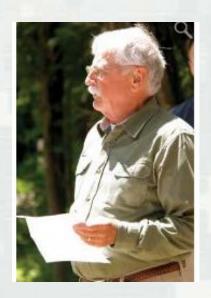


- Projects are encouraged to show appreciation for volunteer services received. Volunteers may be issued a certificate of appreciation to acknowledge their service, as well as be featured in articles, on websites, and thanked in person.
- Items such as celebration meals, appreciation gifts, or cash awards are not authorized for purchase with appropriated funds for volunteers, but <u>may be donated</u> by Friends groups, cooperating associations, or other partners to recognize outstanding volunteers.
- Volunteers may be eligible for DoD Public Service Awards which are listed in Army Regulation AR 608-1, Army Community Service, Appendix I.
- Individual and family/couple volunteers are now eligible for the National Volunteer Award and Volunteer Excellence Coins, sponsored by the Corps Foundation

#### National Volunteer Award



2015 recipient: Hugh Clark, Shenango River Lake, LRP





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**Volunteer Appreciation Walls** 









#### Volunteer Pass Program: Corps Pass

- Approved in November 2012: enables volunteers who have served a minimum of 100 hours at Corps managed areas to receive a free Annual Day Use Pass
- Volunteers can accumulate hours at multiple Corps projects.
- Volunteer hours will be verified and entered by volunteer coordinators in a centralized database.
- Database launched in late May 2013 https://wwwel.wes.army.mil/nrm/vhs/
- 45 lakes participating with 398 passes issued in 2013 2015
- Supplemented by the ATB Volunteer pass in 2016



#### Volunteer Pass Program: ATB Pass



Went into effect on January 1, 2016 when the Corps fully implemented the America the Beautiful pass program

- 250 hours of cumulative service = free America the Beautiful Volunteer Pass
- Volunteers can accumulate hours at Corps, BLM, BOR, FWS, USFS, and NPS sites. Hours earned at other agencies must be verified by the volunteer's prior coordinator.
- Volunteer hours earned at Corps lakes will be verified and entered by volunteer coordinators in the centralized database that is also used for the Corps pass.
- Covers entrance fees and day use fees at participating agencies for one year from date of issuance



## Volunteer Coin Program

- Created in May 2015. Sponsored by the Corps Foundation
- Coins awarded to regional nominees for the National Volunteer Award and national winner, and to volunteers who perform extraordinary acts of service
- Plan to expand to more award categories with corporate sponsorship

