

# 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 may be donated 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

