



We are pleased to announce the first **Corps Foundation “Enduring Service” Awardees**, selected from an impressive group of individuals nominated for their continued service and accomplishments at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps of Engineers) lakes, lands and waterways.

The Enduring Service Volunteer Award was established in January 2016 by the nonprofit, Corps of Engineers Natural Resources Education Foundation, doing business as the Corps Foundation. The award honors long term service and outstanding accomplishments by individuals and families as volunteers at Corps of Engineers operated lakes and waterways.

This year’s two award winners are:

- **Bob Kendrick, 28 years of distinguished service at Mark Twain Lake in Monroe City, Missouri**
- **Pauline and Orville Nichols, 21 years of dedicated service at Keystone Lake area in Sand Springs, Oklahoma**

We are glad to have the generous support of the Bass Pro Shops for this very special and meaningful award program. The award recipients received a plaque and recognition package consisting of a gift certificate and cash award sponsored by Bass Pro Shops.

Since its inception the Corps Foundation has recognized the importance of volunteers in the direct labor they contribute and in their value in connecting communities. Volunteers are invaluable in helping the Corps of Engineers meet its recreation and environmental stewardship goals. This year the work of more than 48,000 volunteers equated to approximately 27% of the Corps’ workforce.

The Enduring Service Volunteer Award recognizes the extraordinary service provided by volunteers; it draws attention to their contributions and encourages an attitude of public responsibility in caring for Corps operated lakes and their resources. Each year the Corps Foundation presents the award to two individuals or families who display exceptional voluntary leadership, and have made or are making a positive difference in Corps lakes, waterways and the communities they serve. While the years and hours of service of this year's awardees are notable, it is the exceptional quality and impact of each of these outstanding volunteers that is central to their selection as the first recipients of this award.

Bob Kendrick's dedicated effort has united the community around Mark Twain Lake to provide thousands of hours of volunteer service and the necessary resources to support annual special events including the Mark Twain Lake Deer Hunt for People with Disabilities, the Youth Shed Antler Hunt, Earth Day Special Event, and National Public Lands Day event. His advocacy on behalf of the Mark Twain Lake Region helped to secure resources to develop the M.W. Boudreaux Memorial Visitor Center Campus, a premier educational facility serving visitors to Mark Twain Lake.



September 29, 2016 - Bass Pro Shop, Columbia, Missouri – Mr. Bob Kendrick of Monroe City, Missouri was presented with the Enduring Service Volunteer Award for his volunteer service at Mark Twain Lake. The award was presented by Greg Miller, Chairperson Board of Directors for the Corps Foundation and David Smith representing Bass Pro Shops.

Pauline and Orville Nichols play a vital role in helping keep the parks at Keystone Lake safe and presentable for the public. Together they have logged over 26,000 hours of service, saving the Corps of Engineers more than half a million dollars. During the floods of 2015, the Nichols were among the last to leave the campgrounds and the first to return, immediately helping to clean flood debris in order re-open the campgrounds. They often go above and beyond to assist the public recreating at the park; and have a good working relationship with local law enforcement and first responders.



September 22, 2016 - Case Community Center, Sand Springs, Oklahoma - Orville and Pauline Nichols were presented the Enduring Service Award Volunteer Award for their volunteer service at Keystone Lake. Col. Christopher Hussin, Commander, Tulsa District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers joins Greg Miller, Chairperson, Board of Directors, Corps Foundation in presenting the award.

Nominations for the 2017 awards will be accepted between January 15 and April 30, 2017. Go to www.CorpsFoundation.org in January for more information on how to nominate your most exceptional volunteers.

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