

## 2019 Corps Foundation “Enduring Service” Awards Announced

We are pleased to announce the 2019 Corps Foundation “Enduring Service” awardees, selected from an impressive group of individuals nominated for their continued service and accomplishments at US Army Corps of Engineers lakes, lands and waterways. We greatly appreciate the support of Bass Pro Shops in bringing this award to fruition this year.

The Corps Foundation established the Enduring Service Volunteer Award in January 2016. It honors long-term service and outstanding accomplishments by individuals and families of volunteers at Corps lakes and waterways. This year’s award winners include:

- Glenn and Bobbie Wehrmann, 12 years of dedicated service at Lake Texoma, TX
- Rod Handkamp, 12 years of distinguished service at Canyon Lake, TX
- Darrell E. Lewis, 13 years of distinguished service as founding member and Treasurer on the Corps Foundation Board of Directors

Glenn and Bobbie Wehrmann served as volunteers at Lake Texoma where they assisted the maintenance staff by participating in the full range of day-to-day maintenance activities. Glenn was invaluable to the maintenance staff by operating most of the project’s heavy equipment including tractors, skid steer, backhoe and his commercial driver’s license allowed him to drive trucks and tractor trailers hauling materials to job sites. Glenn also provided equipment training for other volunteers and employees alike, and often served as a work leader for other volunteers. After a high water event in the fall of 2018, Glenn helped clean up downed trees, hauled rock, repaired roadways and installed new electric lines. Bobbie was a huge asset to the Corps natural resource management program at Lake Texoma by helping to maintain and beautify the Corps campgrounds, picking up truckloads of litter and debris every year. She assisted with fall leaf

removal and many other tasks in preparation of opening the campgrounds. Glenn and Bobbie have been key players in preparation for the Lake Texoma Youth Draw Hunts including cooking world class BBQ for the youth hunters. The Wehrmann's long-term dedication and service to Lake Texoma is well deserving of the Enduring Service Award.

Rod Handkamp served as volunteer, and maintenance project team leader at Canyon Lake, TX. His leadership quickly led to his selection as the designated equipment trainer for both staff members and volunteers on how to use hand tools, power tools, riding lawnmowers, and tractors. Rod spearheaded vegetative management and erosion control in Corps recreation areas by trimming trees, mowing grass, installing erosion control blankets, spreading grass seed and planting native wildflower seeds. Rod was involved in a partnership between the Corps of Engineers and the local Comal County Community Service Restitution Program, supervising community service workers. Those workers with specialized skills were assigned to assist Rod with his projects. Due to Rod's supervisory skills the Corps has been able to leverage both community service workers and volunteers to accomplish work normally done by contractors, helping the Corps keep parks open in periods of dwindling budgets and increased administrative duties. Rod's long-term dedication and service to Canyon Lake is well deserving of the Enduring Service Award.

Darrell Lewis served as a volunteer and founding member of the Corps Foundation's Board of Directors and as the organization's Treasurer for the past 13 years. His leadership and substantial knowledge positively influenced the growth of the Foundation, particularly in the areas of governance and fiscal accountability. His leadership was also instrumental in helping provide the vision and strategic direction for the Corps Foundation support of the Corps' Natural Resource Management program. Under his guidance as Treasurer, the Corps Foundation successfully secured and executed numerous Coast Guard Grants that resulted in an

award-winning water safety program. The grants would not have been as successful without Darrell's support as Treasurer to implement the different programs funded by the grant. Darrell's long-term dedication to the Corps Foundation is well deserving of the Enduring Service Award

While their years and hours of service are notable, it is the exceptional quality and impact of each of these outstanding volunteers that is central to their selection as the 2019 recipients of this award.

We look forward to presenting these awards this fall and again, we wish to thank Bass Pro Shops for their generous support of this very special and meaningful award program.