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MEMORANDUM FOR: Operations Manager, Miami River Project

SUBJECT: Take A Warrior Fishing Event - June 8th, 2013

1. The first Take A Warrior Fishing Event for the Louisville District was held at Caesar Creek Lake on Saturday, June 8th. Fifty veterans ranging in age from 24 to 93 years old spanning from northern Kentucky to the north side of Dayton, OH attended the event. Corps staff and volunteers were able to accommodate veterans with all disabilities ranging from back and shoulder injuries to those in wheelchairs and with PTSD. With these veterans were 100 of their friends and family members, 40 volunteer boat captains, and 20 other volunteers who joined Corps Staff in honoring local heroes through a day of fishing and fun.
2. Local sponsors and participating organizations included: CAST Foundation, Lebanon Ford, Southwest Ohio Muskie Club, Kentucky Muskie Club, Ohio Bass Federation Nation, Project Healing Waters, Little Miami Flyfishers, Larry Draughn, Warren County Veterans Services, Cincinnati VA Hospital, Dayton VA Hospital, Local American Legions, Local VFWs, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Marketing Department, Cox Media Group Ohio, National Get Outdoors Day, McDonalds Lebanon, The Golden Lamb Restaurant, Dick's Sporting Goods, Bass Pro Shops, Powderkeg Harley Davidson, Tri-county Krogers, LCNB Bank, Ohio Division of Wildlife, Ohio Department of Watercraft, Ohio State Parks, and Friends of Caesar Creek.
3. Veterans and their families enjoyed a morning of fishing with equipment provided by the CAST Foundation, Ohio State Parks, Ohio Division of Watercraft, and Ohio Division of Wildlife. After a morning on the water, everyone was invited back to the Corps of Engineers Visitor Center for a free meal provided by Golden Lamb, live bluegrass music by Kentucky31 and Retread, and a chance to win donated prizes from event sponsors. A color guard ended the event with a ceremonial volley and the playing of taps.
4. See attachment for photos. P.O.C. for this matter is Samantha Bachelder (513)897-1050.

Samantha Bachelder
Park Ranger
Buckhorn Lake

Project Iraq Freedom Vet, Allen, and his family along with Percy and his family getting ready to launch!



Volunteers assisting Korean War Vet, Kelly, onto his boat for the day.



Father and Daughter with their matching catches!



All ages had fun at this event!



Good food, good music, and a great day!



Out on the lake.

