



Selected from an impressive group of individuals, the Corps Foundation is pleased to announce our 2020 “Enduring Service” awardees. These individuals are recognized for their continued service and numerous accomplishments at US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) lakes, lands and waterways. We also thank and appreciate Bass Pro Shops’ support in bringing this year’s award to fruition.

Established in January 2016, the Foundation’s Enduring Service Volunteer Award honors the long-term service and outstanding accomplishments of volunteer individuals and families. This year’s award winners are:

- Ronald Rabena, 24 years of dedicated service at Raystown Lake, Pennsylvania
- Kim Jackson & David Piercy, 18 years of dedicated service at Milford Lake, Kansas

Ron Rabena serves as the only President of the Friends of Raystown Lake (FRL) for nearly 25 years since its founding in 1996. Throughout this time, Ron has been instrumental in developing and organizing countless FRL projects, providing valued volunteer operations and maintenance support to Raystown Lake’s staff. In 1988, Ron helped develop, organize, and participated in the very first Raystown Lake Cleanup Day event, hosted by the Raystown Lake Cleanup Committee and has continued his vigorous support of the annual event which inspires volunteers across Pennsylvania to become lifelong environmental stewards of the lake. As President, he has volunteered over 5,000 hours, not counting his off-the-clock volunteer time. Ron led FRL’s partnering with Raystown Lake staff in USACE Cooperative Joint Management program, running the agency’s highest revenue-generating campground in 2012 and 2013. This 2-year management partnership resulted in a \$1.1M investment of direct funding used for campground improvements. Through Ron’s leadership, the FRL also played an invaluable role in supporting the Corps environmental stewardship program, planting more than 4,500 American Chestnut trees over a 21-year period in partnership with the American Chestnut Foundation and constructing and placing over 1,300 fish spawning structures in Raystown Lake over a 15-year period.

Kim Jackson and David Piercy have been the backbone of School Creek Off-Road Association (SCORVA) for almost 18 years at Milford Lake, Kansas. They maintain the School Creek ORV Park trails and promote public use of the trail area throughout the community. This past year

alone, Kim and David worked over 800 hours maintaining the park. Their efforts cleaning and clearing trails after the 2019 flood were instrumental to the park's reopening. Kim and David meet users on the trail while riding, recruiting many volunteers to SCORVA resulting in an even larger positive impact in the ORV area. They played an essential role in the successful 2016 Handshake Partnership Program award of \$19,000 for use in the ORV area. They assisted Lake staff in identifying the ORV area's needs, made recommendations for improvements, and recruited volunteers on behalf of SCORVA, ensuring completion of the work. They remain engaged with the local community, maintaining their own ORV Park Facebook Page, assist the public with any questions, and post and support events bringing in riders from all over the area. Kim and David promote Corps safety regulations, clearing and maintaining trails, which greatly reduces hazards and assures users a safe ride. With a look to the future, Kim and David also dedicate time to maintain a youth only trail area helping amateur riders gain experience on easier terrain.

While the years and hours of service of these awardees are notable, the exceptional quality and impact are central to their selection as outstanding volunteer recipients of the 2020 Enduring Service Award.

We wish to thank Bass Pro Shops for their generous support of this very special and meaningful award program.