



# THE CORPS FOUNDATION

OFFICIAL NONPROFIT OF  
AMERICA'S LAKES AND WATERWAYS



# Why?

- Support for projects
  - Declining funding
  - Shrinking staff
- Parallel National Park Foundation and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation functions for Corps sites



# What?

- Project support
- Facilitate partnerships/ grow local friends groups
- Serve as connection /hub for partner groups
- Inform key players of value of Corps Program: ADVOCATE (not lobby)



# Who?

## ■ Membership

- Corps retirees (\$50/yr)
- Friends and Friends groups (\$50/yr)
- Active Corps employees (\$50/yr)
- Active Corps GS-9 or lower (\$25/yr)
- Corporations (\$500/yr)
- Projects (\$300/yr)
- Lifetime (\$1,000)



# Who?

## ■ Board of Directors

(9 positions: goal 1/3 Corps, 1/3 Rec/NRM specialists, 1/3 Financial leaders)

- Chairman – Greg Miller
- Treasurer – Darrell Lewis
- Secretary – Marilyn Jones

### ➤ Directors:

- Debby Chenoweth
- Rich Deline
- Peter Lewis
- Donna Asbury
- Tom Burrell

- Articles of Incorporation December 2006
- IRS 501(c)(3) designation January 2007



# Who We Are:

The Corps Foundation engages the public to ensure the environmental health and recreational enjoyment of our nation's lakes and waterways, in partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

## Goals:

- Well informed public
- Involved public
- Strong partnerships
- Healthy, sustainable, accessible natural resources



# How?

Support/connect Friends groups

- Grant training
- Act as fund recipient
- Water safety signs
- Funded project proposals
- WiFi services







# Allstate/Oh Ranger! Water Safety Panels





## Oh Ranger!/CNREF MOU for WiFi Services

- WiFi policy September 4 allowing Corps to provide WiFi in recreation areas
- Corps Foundation signed an MOU with APN to partner on this project
- First round pilot locations: Chittenden Locks, Bonneville






# Present

- Redirecting focus to grow project and partners capacity
- Focus on increasing partners capacity
- New mission, goals, board responsibilities. Shift from Corps focus to public need.
- Seeking points of contact in private sector, recreation retail/manufacturing, state parks



# Present

- Key focus items: Advocacy for the Corps, working with other associations to get information out to elected officials for new legislation needed
- Volunteer recognition item purchase- Foundation will work with PAC to develop items that they will buy and provide to Corps
- New website design



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## Helping America's Lakes and Waterways

Americans love the lakes, rivers and waterways operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These special places rely on the help of many organizations and individuals to create a positive visitor experience. The Corps Foundation is the only nationwide nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to supporting our nation's lakes, rivers and their many resources.

People join the Foundation to express their deep appreciation for these water resources. In the company of likeminded people, many support Corps Lakes financially and as volunteers to help maintain the quality experiences we all love and cherish.

## WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

In a time of decreasing federal funding America's lakes and waterways are at risk of reduced access, eliminated programs, even closures. With your financial support we can help maintain and improve programs and facilities and keep these treasured resources vibrant.

**Join**



# Partnership Award 2014





# APPL 2013





# Inaugural PROSPECT class







## Future...

- Fully developed Board and new Advisory Council
- Absorption of funds/staffing from ORHF and OLWF?
- Foundation may seek intern AmeriCorps or SCA
- Eventually hire professional staff for Executive Director position
- Inclusion in CFC



# You Can Help With...

- Membership
- Networking
- Ideas
- New board members



# Website

[www.corpsfoundation.org](http://www.corpsfoundation.org)

**THE CORPS FOUNDATION**  
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*“ The Corps is the largest federal provider of outdoor recreation with nearly 400 million visitors annually and managing over 11 million acres of land and water located in 43 states. ”*

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# Questions?

