

Dear Colonel Willer:

Thank you for your statement filed for the record at the public meeting of the Mississippi River Commission held in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 8, 2003, regarding the 10th anniversary of the commissioning of the Motor Vessel MISSISSIPPI and the recognition of those involved in its construction.

The Commission regrets that you and your wife were not able to attend the special ceremony that was held on board the vessel for this event. Many individuals who played a significant role in the construction of the vessel were present and were recognized for their efforts. The Commission would like to take this opportunity to recognize you as the District Commander who was responsible for this construction effort.

The Commission appreciates receiving your views and will be pleased to hear from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

Don T. Riley
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
President Designee, Mississippi
River Commission