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Engineer Day Awards Presented

VICKSBURG, Miss., June 4, 1999 -- At a Mississippi Valley Division/Mississippi River Commission (MVD/MRC), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, awards ceremony June 3, 1999, several awards were presented:

Woman of the Year

Mrs. Mary Logan

Personnel Management Specialist, Directorate of Human Resources Management

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division

Mrs. Mary Logan was the recipient of the 1999 Mississippi Valley Division Woman of the Year award. Mrs. Logan was commended for outstanding achievement in her career field and service to the community. During the past year, she handled all assignments with the highest efficiency and professionalism. She is a gifted, hard-working individual who puts all her energies into her work. Her professionalism and drive are evident in all her work and community involvement. In addition, she made valuable contributions related to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and to the community with her involvement with the Vicksburg Area Chapter of America Red Cross. Mrs. Logan is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Mayfield.

2-2-2-2 ENGINEER DAY AWARDS

Ernest P. Blankenship Awards

The Blankenship awards are among the highest honorary awards presented to headquarters division employees by the local commander. The awards cover three categories: engineer/scientist; professional; and technical/administrative. Established in 1987, they memorialize the commitment, dedication and knowledge of the long-time Mississippi Valley Division Executive Assistant, who died in 1973.

Engineer/Scientist Award

Mr. Tony Young

Chief, Geotechnical and Materials Branch

Directorate of Engineering and Technical Services

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division

During 1998, Mr. Young made significant contributions in the Mississippi Valley Division's mission areas of Quality Assurance and Regional Interface. Under his leadership the Dam Safety Program was able to effectively compete for scarce funds and perform critical activities such as relief well cleanout at Grenada Dam. Mr. Young greatly assisted in the development of the Mississippi Valley Division's civil works budget. He stressed the importance of activities such as instrumentation, relief well cleanout, seepage monitoring and periodic inspections to the program managers to ensure continued safe operations of MVD projects. In a positive team-building manner, Mr. Young nurtured and advised all six districts through difficult projects. Mr. Young is a consistently exceptional performer.

3-3-3-3 ENGINEER DAY AWARDS

Ernest P. Blankenship Awards (continued)

Professional Award

Ms. Glenda C. Jackson

Program Analyst

Directorate of Planning and Programs Management

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division

Ms. Jackson is a vital component of the Planning and Programs Management Directorate. During the past year, the Mississippi Valley Division received an appropriation of approximately \$40 million to handle its part of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). Ms. Jackson effectively managed this appropriation. She also recommended changes to, and obtained Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approval of, the Performance Measure Modules in PRISM to accommodate FUSRAP. Ms. Jackson performed numerous other accomplishments which included preparing the Status Report of the MVD Commander before the Subcommittee on Appropriation, House of Representatives for the Fiscal Year 1999 Civil Works Budget, coordinating the Division-wide development of responses to questions resulting from House and Senate hearings on the President's Fiscal Year 1999 budget request. She is an outstanding team member and her value to the Mississippi Valley Division is widely recognized.

4-4-4-4 ENGINEER DAY AWARDS

Ernest P. Blankenship Awards (continued)

Technical/Administrative Award

E. Marie Hartley

Administrative Assistant

Directorate of Planning and Programs Management

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division

During 1998, Mrs. Hartley performed her normally assigned duties as principal clerk and administrative assistant to the Chief, Programs Development Division, in an exceptional manner. Her competent and thorough knowledge, sound judgment and efficient execution of assigned functions contributed to the successful accomplishment of the mission of the Mississippi Valley Division. One of Mrs. Hartley's exceptional achievements in the past year was the setup and operation of a temporary office in Washington, D.C., for the congressional budget hearings. This was an extremely stressful and time sensitive period and Mrs. Hartley handled it with the same dependability, determination and professionalism that she demonstrates in her daily work. Other accomplishments of Mrs. Hartley were an outstanding job editing, reviewing and finalizing the Division Commander's speech for the semiannual inspection of the Mississippi River, coordination of the logistics for District Budget Hearings and the Resource Management Board/Board of Directors meetings, and editing video-conference sheets on the computer during a round-table setup with Division staff. She is committed to the mission of the Programs Development Division, the Directorate of Planning and Programs Management and the Mississippi Valley Division.

5-5-5 ENGINEER DAY AWARDS

Equal Employment Opportunity Award

Mrs. Patricia R. Hall-Hemphill

Hydraulic Engineer

Engineering Division

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District

The Division Commander's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Equal Employment Opportunity is granted to employees whose contributions to the EEO program were significant during the preceding calendar year by their personal efforts.

This year's recipient is Mrs. Patricia R. Hall-Hemphill, a hydraulic engineer with the Vicksburg District's Engineering Division. Mrs. Hall-Hemphill is commended for her outstanding services as an Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor. Her professionalism and willingness to conduct inquiries into alleged acts of discrimination reflects great credit upon herself, the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Mississippi Valley Division and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

6-6-6 ENGINEER DAY AWARDS

Student Employee of the Year Award

Crissy A. Neal

Student Aide

Directorate of Resource Management

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division

The Student Employee of the Year Award is given to a student who has accomplished assigned duties in such a manner as to have clearly established a pattern of excellence during the past year.

Crissy A. Neal is the recipient of this year's award. Ms. Neal performed her clerical duties in an exemplary manner. During the past year, she received commendations for being a Combined Federal Key Worker and for her support to the MVD Regional Management Board and MVD Command Management Review. She accepted all assignments (no matter how difficult) with a smile and a genuine willingness to help. Ms. Neal possesses many of the qualities necessary for success which include the importance of self-discipline and dedication as well as an in-depth concern for others. She is a credit to the Mississippi Valley Division and to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.