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Mississippi Valley Division to host Retiree Appreciation Day

Vicksburg, Miss., June 12, 2000 – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division will host a Retiree Appreciation Day for retired employees of the Mississippi Valley Division and Mississippi River Commission. The event is scheduled for 9:45 a.m. on June 22, 2000, onboard the M/V BENYAURD, which will dock at City Front in Vicksburg. All retired employees are invited to attend.

MG Phillip R. Anderson, MVD commander, will brief retirees on the ‘State of the Division’ as they embark on a three-hour cruise on the Mississippi River. In addition, retirees will be briefed on Mat Sinking work performed by the Vicksburg District. Tours will also be given of the M/V BENYAURD and it’s operations.

The M/V BENYAURD is one of the Corps vessels responsible for moving the Mat Sinking and Grading Units to the different locations that require articulated concrete mattress protection. The concrete mattress is used in the river stabilization program.

The M/V BENYAURD is named in honor of Lieutenant Colonel William H. Benyaurd, the founder of the Vicksburg District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Retirees wishing to attend may contact Ms. Karen Buehler, Public Affairs Office, 601-634-7729.