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Corps Will Waive Day Use and Camping Fees for Active Duty Service Personnel on R&R from Iraq

VICKSBURG, MISS., November 17, 2003 - The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today that it will waive day use and camping fees for active duty service personnel on temporary leave from duty in Iraq for the duration of United States operations there.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division, has 44 flood control lakes/reservoirs within its boundary, to include six in Mississippi and three in Louisiana.

"Corps lakes provide excellent opportunities to find renewal, solace and inspiration," Maj. Gen. Carl A. Strock, Director of Civil Works, said. "Our intent is to recognize the selfless service of these men and women to our nation and the world."

Service personnel on R&R will be required to show identification and leave orders to obtain the waiver. The waiver will also apply to all family members accompanying the serviceman or woman.

The Corps will waive camping fees on a walk-up and space-available basis as well as through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) call center. Camping fees will not be waived for on-line reservations made through ReserveUSA.com organizations.