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## Corps of Engineers employees recognized for service

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala**— The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, recognized eight employees and one team for their service during its annual Engineer Day celebration June 3. The annual event commemorates the birthday of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which turns 236 years old June 16.

**Nancy Book**, Engineering Directorate, was selected as Administrative Support Employee of the Year for her work as the senior secretary within the division. She is responsible for mentoring five secretaries within her division. During the past year, she has not only trained new secretaries but also assumed duties of three vacant positions. She has been challenged with a significant increase in work and constantly meets the challenge in an exemplary fashion.

**Ryan Black**, Office of Counsel was awarded the Commander's Leadership Award for his superior leadership as the primary attorney and labor counselor advising the Ordnance and Explosives Directorate, to include the International Operations work. He has been instrumental in working the demining work in Afghanistan and has worked closely with the product delivery team to ensure the work that was executed was within the scope of the available contracts. His thorough work has resulted in successful contract awards.

**Carol Sargent**, Management Review Office was awarded the Contracting Professional of the Year. Sargent serves as the only contracting professional assigned to the MRO. She is responsible for initiating all contracting activities for the MRO mission. She has an excellent record of accomplishment of exceeding customer expectation with the highest level of quality. She recently completed several extremely important contract actions enabling the program to maintain program readiness. This accomplishment was applauded at the highest levels in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**Jennifer Peete**, Resource Management, was named the Resource Manager of the Year. For the past year, Peete has exceeded expectations in every facet of her position. She leads the monthly financial reporting and has reduced reporting time from five business days to two business days. She provides expert advice to a number of directorates and is the go-to person for research and analysis of any area of the budget.

**Patrick Clark**, Installation Support and Programs Management Directorate, was named the Project Manager of the Year. Clark has provided critical project management support for a variety of highly complex state-of-the-art medical projects executed by the Medical Repair and Renewal Program. During the past year, as an MRR PM, Clark successfully managed more than 60 projects, totaling more than \$82 million dollars. His service and contributions to the military medical facilities have helped transform the aging healthcare infrastructure into modern facilities that will provide and sustain a quality healthcare delivery system to meet the needs of Soldiers and their families.

**Mary Young**, Engineering Directorate, was named the Employee of the Year. Young has provided excellent technical leadership in the MMRP as well as many other programs during the past year. She has demonstrated innovative management abilities and superior technical competence to success of multiple Corps' programs. She serves as the chair of the Cost Eval. team for the \$2.2 billion Worldwide Environmental Restoration Support acquisition and the \$3.8 billion vertical design/construction contract acquisition for the Middle East District. She has also served as the South Pacific Division senior cost engineer on a six-month temporary assignment.

**Krysta Zurowski**, Engineering Directorate, was named the Volunteer of the Year. Young has served as vice-president of the Huntsville Center Activities Association for the past year. Zurowski has worked with this group to provide entertainment and support for the work force through various activities and events that have made a huge impact on the Center. Zurowski ensures that Activity Association events help to build a stronger connection within the work force and foster a sense of community for Center employees.

**Ross Allen, Jelani Ingram and Sandy Wood**, Engineering Directorate, were named the Innovators of the Year. This team utilized the Building Information Modeling Rivot system to present their ideas to their customers, resulting in the delivery of a superior product to the customer that created three-dimensional models of the templates, re-organized linked data, thereby systematically improving the customer's information that could be viewed and accessed.

**Thomas Meier**, Engineering Directorate, was named the Engineer of the Year. Meier serves in several roles within the Engineering directorate that impact the entire Center. In addition to supporting mechanical engineering functions within the branch, Meier serves as the fire protection engineer for the Center. As one of 15 registered fire protection engineers in USACE, his technical expertise is often sought out. Through his coordination with HQ USACE fire protection authority having jurisdiction for all USACE products, Meier has greatly enhanced Huntsville Center's technical competency in this key technical area.

**The Utility Monitoring and Control Systems Team** received the Teamwork Award. Team members include Lisa Nall, Gina Elliott, Laura Mabee, Matthew Morelan, Stewart Brandon, Charles Lee, Vernon Petty, Jefferey Murrell, Omar Ching, Mark Fleck, David Hill, Joan Theusch, Fiatupu Murphy, Brandy Whitehead, Tanya Murray, Carol Steuart, Corey Asher, Mitchell Duke, Ralph White, Chris Newman, Brandon Hicks, Paul Anderson, Ashley McDonald, Jay Bogus, Gary Harper, Jonathan Stephens, Dwight Fohner, Tim Fulmer, Michael Palmer, Richard Arnold, Katherine Sparks, Tina Springer, Guy Wilson, Joel Morrison, Sharon Butler, Suzanne Wear, Darren Sackett, Richard Mullady, Michael Collum, Nicholas Haas, George Crittenden, Tracey Edmonds, Jennifer McClure, Richard Himebrook, Jeff Carden, Shannon Walls, Linda Merschman and Charles Williams (deceased). The team is noted for its expertise in delivering state-of-the-art building control systems, HVAC systems, fire alarm systems, and metering projects.

The Huntsville Center supports very specialized missions that require unique technical expertise in programs that are generally national or very broad in scope. The Center supports tasks that require a centralized management structure, integrated facilities or systems that cross geographic division boundaries; and tasks that require commonality, standardization, multiple-site adaptation or technology transfers.