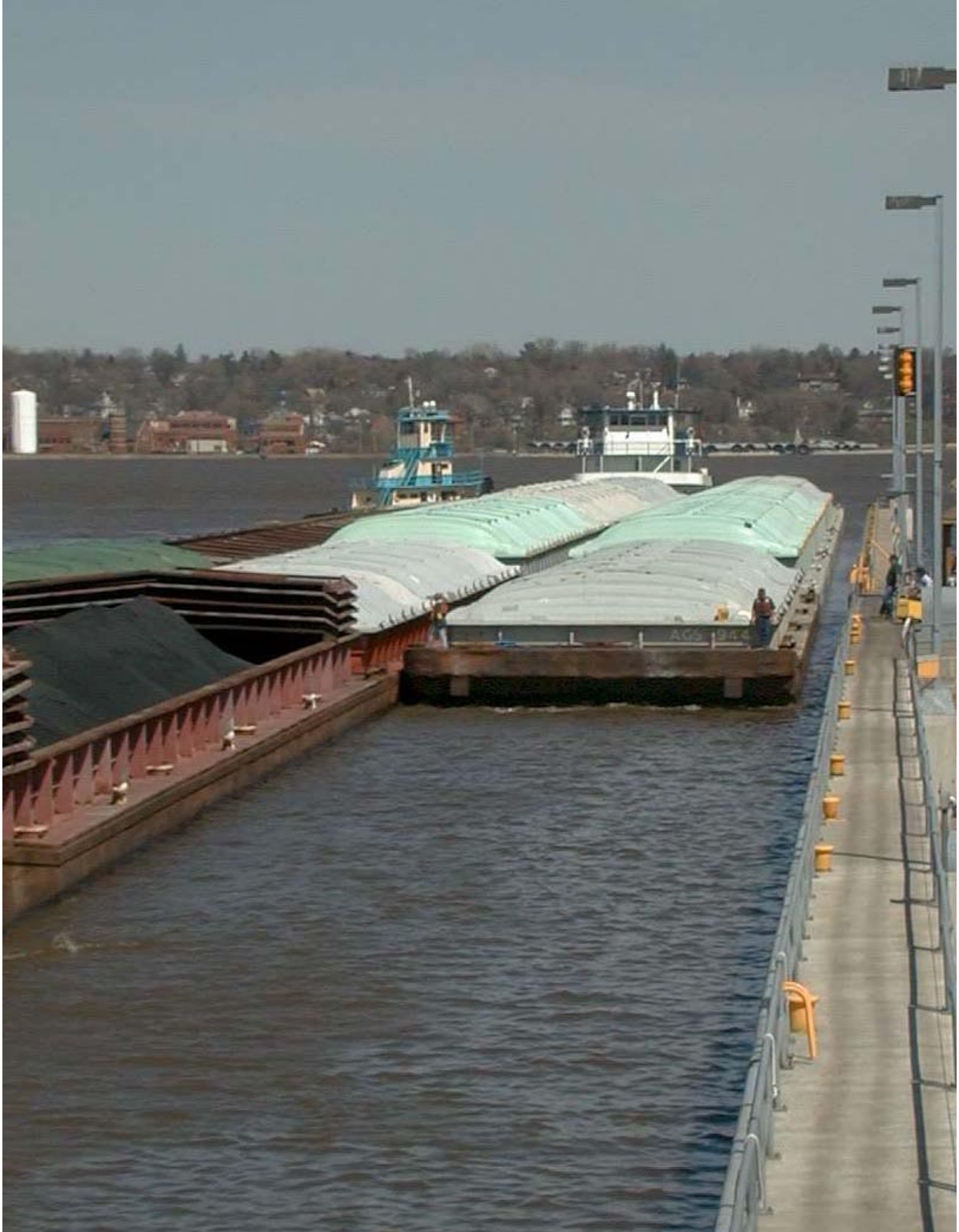




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# Spotlight on the District



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**By JoAnn Wilgenbusch**  
**Resource Management Office**

District Commander, Col. James Mudd, recognized Rian W. Hancks, Office of Counsel, with the District Commander's Award for December 1998.

Hancks was nominated for his work on Fru-Con Construction Corp.'s \$6.1 million claim arising out of the Marseilles, Dresden Island and Brandon Road lock rehabilitations. This case recently went to trial before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C.

Hancks spent countless hours over the last several years in preparation for the trial. The people of the United States were extremely well-served by the Corps' knowledgeable trial attorney and his foresight in the handling of the case, reviewing and preparing exhibits, preparing the Government's experts, and cross-examining plaintiff's witnesses, said Tom Crane, District Counsel.

Hancks also requested special recognition for three people who were heavily involved with this case: Area

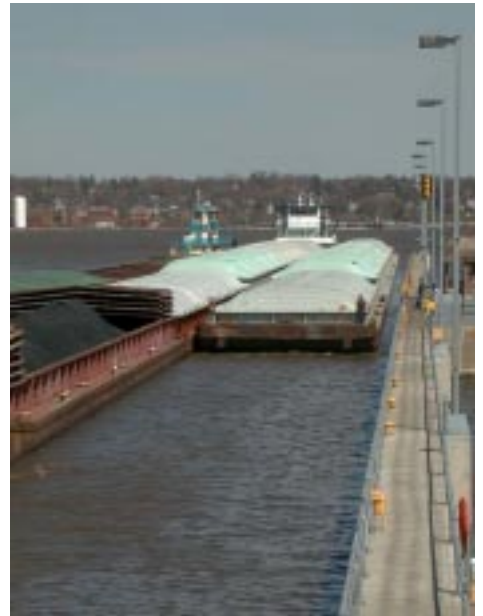
Engineer Victor Gervais, Construction Representative Mark Ziemba and Construction Inspector, Mike Hamilton (Ziemba and Hamilton are employees of Missman Stanley).

"The amount of effort these three put into the case still continues to amaze me," said Hancks. "Not only did they come to Washington, D.C., for the Government's case in chief, they attended the first week of trial (contractor's case in chief) and worked hand-in-glove with Department of Justice Trial Attorney, Sean Griffin, and myself in reviewing the preparing exhibits, preparing the Government's experts, and cross-examining plaintiff's witnesses. They were truly like having extra trial counsel present. Beyond that, they have spent more hours (including evening, weekend and other above-the-call days) of effort on this case than I could even begin to recount. I have seldom seen such dedication to a cause, but it was because they were people of integrity who believed in what they were doing. Their expertise, integrity and tenacity are remarkable. Perhaps, as a trial attorney, one of the highest compliments I can pay them is that I truly do not ever want to be on the opposite side of a case from them (in such an event I would have to assign a truly high 'litigative risk' factor)," said Hancks.

## Cover

Navigation on the Mississippi River began officially, March 3. Barge traffic has been heavy since the waterway opened and most require a double locking and sometimes the assistance of the “Tigre” to navigate into the lock at Locks and Dam 15. The Mississippi River Visitor Center has also been busy as visitors ask questions about the procedures during these lockings. Barge traffic on the Illinois Waterway continued moving throughout the winter.

Photo by Toni L. Harn. (Photo taken at Locks and Dam 15 as the barge arrived from upstream.)



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# Clock Tower Graffiti: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Story by Ronald W. Deiss  
Historian

The graffiti on the interior tower walls reflect changing attitudes concerning the Clock Tower Building. Our district headquarters was originally called “Storehouse A” and intended to become part of a larger complex of buildings for the manufacture, storage, and distribution of war materials throughout the West and Midwest.

The construction of the building began in 1863 and finished in 1868, three years after the 1865 dated keystone on the face of the tower. No known graffiti exists from these years, unless one includes Roman numerals incised into many building stones to facilitate construction.

Until the late 1890’s, Storehouse A was used for limited storage of armaments, materials and supplies. In the early years following the Civil War, General T.J. Rodman dictated construction of the remaining Arsenal buildings in a more centralized location on the island. Storehouse A became obsolete as the Old Stone Shops of Rock Island Arsenal were placed into operation.

Storehouse A was saved from destruction in response to local sentiment, and known to the public as a local landmark and the Clock Tower Building. Early graffiti in the clock tower is rare and includes employees names and dates, or lists of munitions, ordnance and supplies. The earliest dates are from the 1870s. All examples are in pencil since quill ink pens in use at the time could not write on vertical surfaces.

Shortly before World War I, the Clock Tower Building was abandoned and

nearly razed. Almost no graffiti dates to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and World War I ushered in a very small amount of graffiti. Graffiti from this era consists of full names, dates, wartime activities, and slogans, probably due to the fact that the few people in the abandoned building entered to wind the clock. A few slogans proclaim “Liberty Loans” in 1918 and the erection of a “Victory Clock” on the

grounds on April 16, 1919. These are all indications that Arsenal workers were gearing up for the War effort and proud of their support.

In 1930, Rock Island Arsenal had moved its storage facilities from the Clock Tower Building. The Army again considered complete abandonment and sought to relieve maintenance costs by offering the building to the Rock Island District Corps

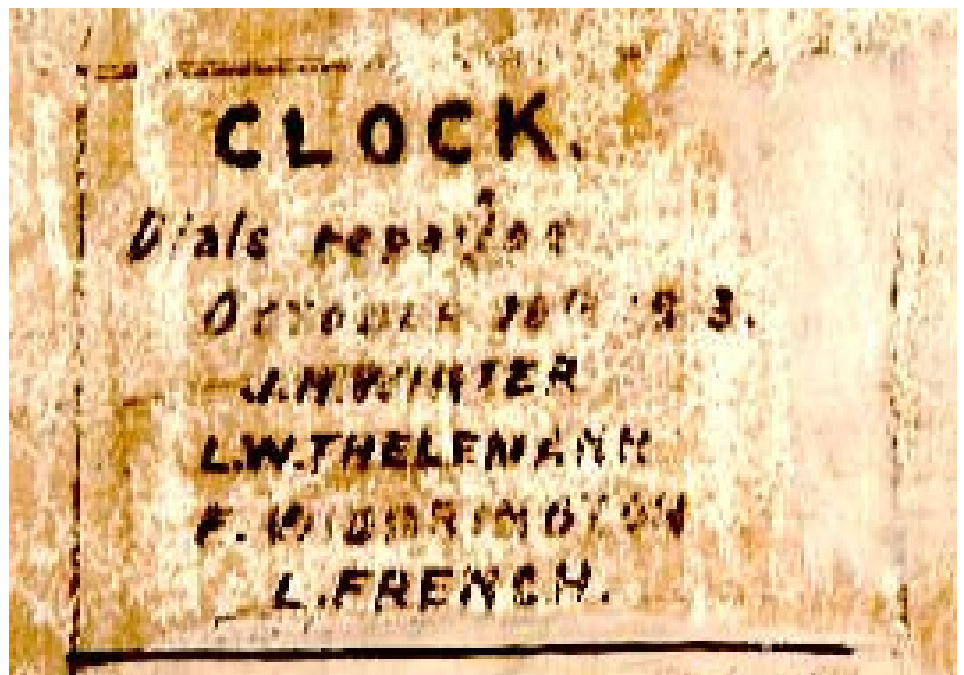


Photo by Carol Arney

The walls of the Clock Tower show early markings of employees names and dates, lists of munitions, ordnance and supplies. Markings are made in pencil and later in ink. This example reflects the names of individuals who repaired the clock.



Photo by Carol Arney

This is an example of “bad” graffiti where someone has used a knife and carved into the wooden beams of the Clock Tower.

of Engineers. In 1931, the Corps moved into the Clock Tower Building to oversee the construction of Locks and Dam 15. During the next 8 to 10 years, the Corps remodeled and painted the interior for office and laboratory space. During the initial Corps occupation of the building as offices, graffiti on the walls of the clock tower are primarily from clock-related maintenance and repairs. Most of this graffiti is painted or penciled by Corps employees or contractors to document their work effort.

From the ‘40’s through the mid-’70’s, the Clock Tower was used by the Corps for storage. The period contains a few employee penciled names and dates, admixed with a few painted notations on operation, maintenance and repair within the clock tower.

Through the ‘60’s and ‘70’s, the influences of political and artistic graffiti are apparent as the Clock Tower became more assessable to the public and Corps employees. Modern graffiti is varied and encompasses symbols, drawings, various script types, rainbow and florescent colors from marker, pencils and pens. The most common inscriptions are dated names, initials and nicknames, often accompanied

with motifs, clichés and images of popular trends in culture.

In Sept. 1969, the Clock Tower Building was listed as a contributing structure to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Rock Island Arsenal Historic District. The Clock Tower Building along with the Arsenal’s Old Stone Shops achieved National Historic Landmark status in

July 1989. In this period, graffiti increased dramatically and overlapped as wall space became a premium. Unfortunately, signers vie for distinction as the Clock Tower walls attain their threshold. More recent trends include carving into original woodwork, writing on original paint in permanent and

vibrant inks and using large script.

In the Clock Tower Building remodeling years of the ‘90s, informal attempts have been made to discourage destructive graffiti. It is evident that the shades between the good, the bad and the ugly graffiti are tenuous at best. The loss of historic paints and woods are at odds with preservation and restoration. Graffiti has the potential to slow display, restoration and preservation of the upper floors of the historic corridor. The clock tower’s graffiti has a long, informative and egregious history. As in the past, the interpretation and appreciation of recent trends in the Clock Tower’s graffiti will stand as a barometer of our times.

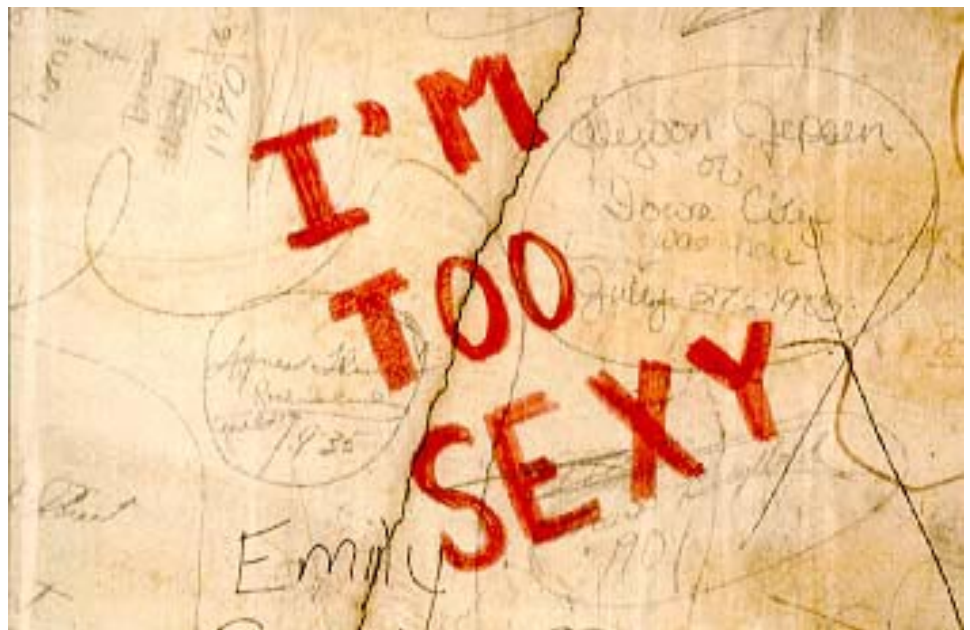


Photo by Carol Arney

An example of “Ugly” graffiti in the Clock Tower.

# RIIS Named Army's Best Base Support Contractor

By Paul Levesque  
Target Editor

Rock Island Integrated Services Inc., which serves as Rock Island Arsenal's primary base support contractor, was selected as winner of the Army's Public Works Support Contractor of the Year Award for fiscal year 1998. Along the way, RIIS was also named as winner of a similar award presented by the Army Materiel Command.

The Army-wide award was formally presented last month at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., during the annual Engineer Force XXI conference.

To win the award, RIIS had to compete against dozens of other contractors providing services at Army installations worldwide. RIIS came out on top despite the fact that the company technically didn't exist before FY98, the first year of

its contract with the Arsenal.

Nominees for the award were judged by four main criteria: Customer satisfaction and customer relations; management innovation; compliance with regulations; and quality and responsiveness of support.

The people who run Rock Island Integrated Services, and who oversee the contract on the government side, agreed that RIIS was able to excel in all these areas thanks to a three-way partnership and a three-word phrase.

The parties to the three-way partnership are RIIS, Rock Island Arsenal, and the Rock Island District of the Corps of Engineers, which oversees daily Public Works operations on the installation under terms of a test program. Reflecting the partnership, RIIS was nominated for the award by the

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Photo by Tony Lopez

**Fear of heights isn't an issue for RIIS employee, Shawn Harris, shown checking a drive gear at the Government Bridge.**

## What RIIS Accomplished in 1998

In its winning nomination for the Army's Public Works Support Contractor of the Year Award, Rock Island Integrated Services was cited for overall excellence and for these specific accomplishments:

- As base operations contractor, RIIS must use much material classified as hazardous, such as paints, solvents, greases, lawn chemicals, and chemicals used in water treatment. When it took over the contract, RIIS was faced with a hazardous material inventory that included many items which were unmarked or lacked proper Material Safety Data Sheets. It was unclear when some of the material was purchased or by whom.

Instead of starting a contract dispute, RIIS worked with the Arsenal to see that the material was correctly identified and then reused, stored or disposed of properly. As a result of the exhaustive cooperative effort, an environmental compliance survey performed in May 1998 found no violations.

- After being named as contractor,

RIIS offered to buy 16 items of government-owned equipment which had been used by the previous contractor and which were scheduled for turn-in by the Arsenal. Since such a direct sale from the government to a contractor was contrary to regulation at the time, a waiver was required from the Department of the Army.

In the meantime, RIIS paid the Arsenal a fee for use of the equipment which it otherwise would have turned in with no financial return. RIIS purchased the equipment as soon as the waiver was received. In all, these actions resulted in a savings to the government of \$172,500.

- RIIS put forward an extra effort to help the Arsenal prepare for two powerful visitors who came on short notice in 1998. The first visitor was the Mississippi River, who spilled out of her banks during a spring flood. RIIS employees made sure the Arsenal was ready for the flood by plugging holes in levees, sealing sanitary sewer manholes with sandbags, and putting steel grating over intake structures.

The second visitor was Secretary of Defense William Cohen, who became the

first person holding his title to visit the Arsenal last May. To see that Mr. Cohen and his high-level delegation would get a good impression of the installation, RIIS employees thoroughly inspected all areas on the delegation's proposed routes of travel and assured that everything would look "clean and green" for DoD's top leader.

- When you work for RIIS, you need to expect the unexpected. That axiom was proven one night last July when Government Bridge operators Jeff Ward and Virgil Johnson spotted a pleasure boat in distress, headed toward the roller dam and sure doom. Mr. Ward and Mr. Johnson immediately tossed a rescue rope to the boat and called the RIA Fire Department to the scene.

Thanks to the quick actions of Mr. Ward and Mr. Johnson, the boat was soon towed out of danger by the Fire Department. Both were later presented with the Commander's Humanitarian Award by the Army Materiel Command for their lifesaving efforts.

## **RIIS Named Army's Best Base Support Contractor**

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Arsenal while the Corps drafted the nomination, which was signed both by RIA commander Col. Alan Kruse and Rock Island District commander Col. James Mudd.

The three-word phrase summarizes the company philosophy of RIIS and its corporate parents, Del-Jen Inc. and Holmes and Narver Services: "Exceed customer expectations."

Customer feedback, communication and an innovative approach to doing business all fit in with RIIS's method of managing its workforce, a method which Tom Ayers, general manager of RIIS, said was based on accountability, responsibility and trust.

"We share the award we received from the Army with all our customers from around the Arsenal," Mr. Ayers said, "because of the active part they played in making it possible."

"Winning this award benefits all of us," Mr. Hansen commented, "because it reflects well on the Arsenal as a high-quality place to live, work and do business."



Photo by Tony Lopez

**RIIS operates all of the Arsenal's "fixed plants," including the hydroelectric plant, where Allen Thompson checks the controls.**

## **Positive Partnering**

Story by Justine Dodge,  
Public Affairs

Jerry DeMarce, Saylorville Project Manager; Ron Allison and Dan Bates, both from the National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE) Local 584 and employees of Operations Division (OD); Floyd Smith, President of NFFE Local 584 and an employee of OD; Larry Jones, from the Executive Office, and Gretchen Leigh, from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center received Positive Partnering Awards from the Labor Management Partnership Council on April 16 for their efforts in negotiating an agreement between the union and management regarding several seasonal positions at the reservoirs.

"This positive partnering effort resulted in a very productive negotiation session and all parties were satisfied with the agreement reached," said Leigh.

Smith said the group decided to use partnering rather than traditional negotiating techniques. Partnering is a better atmosphere for discussion and creates a better relationship between the union and management, he said.

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## **Locks and Dam 14 Personnel Part of Team Effort**

On March 26, the MV Arrowhead developed a leak of diesel fuel, while locking at Locks and Dam 14 at LeClaire, Iowa. Lock and dam personnel plus the Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment at Rock Island Arsenal assisted in dealing with the leak. Enviromart and a dive team assisted with the cleanup and surveying the MV Arrowhead's hull. The combined team effort of all agencies involved ensured a quality resolution to the problem said Roger Harroun, lockmaster at Locks and Dam 14.



The MV Arrowhead rests in the channel outside Locks and Dam 14, while surveying and cleanup procedures are completed. Local fishermen remove their boats from the water as cleanup procedures occur.

This is the third article in a series of articles to appear in the Tower Times concerning leadership. These excerpts are reprinted from the following article:

# Colin Powell: A Leadership Primer

by Oren Harari

Eighteen lessons from the estimable general and former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

## Lesson Four

***“Don’t be afraid to challenge the pros, even in their own backyard.”***

Gen. Colin Powell  
“My American Journey”

Learn from the pros, observe them, seek them out as mentors and partners. But remember that even the pros may have levelled out in terms of their learning and skills. Sometimes even the pros can become complacent and lazy. Leadership does not emerge from

blind obedience to anyone. Xerox’s Barry Rand was right on target when he warned his people that if you have a yes-man working for you, one of you is redundant. Good leadership encourages everyone’s evolution.

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## Lesson Five

***“Never neglect details. When everyone’s mind is dulled or distracted the leader must be doubly vigilant.”***

Gen. Colin Powell  
“My American Journey”

Strategy equals execution. All the great ideas and visions in the world are worthless if they can’t be implemented rapidly and efficiently. Good leaders delegate and empower others liberally, but they pay attention to details, every day. (think about supreme athletic coaches like Jimmy Johnson, Pat Riley and Tony LaRussa). Bad ones -- even those who fancy themselves as progressive “visionairies” -- think they’re somehow “above” operational details. Paradoxically, good leaders understand something else: An obsessive routine in carrying out the details begets conformity and complacency, which in turn dulls everyone’s mind. That is why even as they pay attention to details, they continually encourage people to challenge the process. They implicitly understand the sentiment of CEO-leaders like Quad/Graphic’s Harry Quadracchi, Oticon’s Lars Kolind and the late Bill McGowan of MCI, who all independently asserted that the job of a leader is not to be the chief organiser, but the chief dis-organiser.

## Lesson Six

***“You don’t know what you can get away with until you try.”***

Gen. Colin Powell  
“My American Journey”

You know the expression “it’s easier to get forgiveness than permission?” Well, it’s true. Good leaders don’t wait for official blessing to try things out. They’re prudent, not reckless. But they also realize a fact of life in most organizations: If you ask enough people for permission, you’ll inevitably come up against someone who believes his job is to say “no.” So the moral is, don’t ask. I’m serious. In my own research with colleague Linda Mukai, we found that less effective middle managers endorsed the sentiment, “If I haven’t explicitly been told ‘yes,’ I can’t do it,” whereas the good ones believed “If I haven’t explicitly been told ‘no,’ I can.” There’s a world of difference between these two points of view.



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# 133rd Anniversary Rock Island District Program

**3 June 1999**

**8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Master of Ceremonies .....	Joseph Raoul, Jr.
Retiree Program	
Opening Remarks by Commander.....	8:30 a.m.
Awards Presentation at the Rock Island Arsenal Memorial Field .....	10:00 a.m.
Lunch	
Activities & Games .....	11:30 a.m.
Door Prize Drawings by Commander.....	1:00 p.m.
Closing & Clean Up .....	4:00 p.m.

## District Employees Nominated for Honorary Awards

**Outstanding Planning Achievement Team Award  
(Upper Mississippi River- Illinois Waterway System Navigation  
Study Lock and Dam Habitat Assessment Team)**

Kevin Anderson  
Scott Estergard  
Richard Fristik  
Sharryn Jackson  
Brian Johnson (St. Louis)  
Don Jorgensen  
Kevin Landwehr  
Erika Mark

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**1998 Planning Achievement Award**

Jerry A. Skalak



# District Employees Recognized with Honorary Awards



## **Superior Civilian Service Award**

Harlen L. Briggs  
Patrick T. Burke  
Michael A. Cockerill  
Terry M. Stairs

## **Liberty Bell Award**

Victor P. Gervais

## **Commander's Award for Civilian Service**

Loren K. Carey  
Bryan J. Goodrum  
Martin L. Hudson

## **Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council Junior Engineer of the Year**

Heather L. Wiese

# ***Rock Island District Welcomes...***

Brian M. Astifan  
Patricia C. Ballman  
Johnny R. Bennett  
David B. Brown  
Karin M. Ciaccio  
William A. Crist  
Toni J. Doddato  
James A. Dean  
Alaena A. Ensey  
Donald A. Flinspach, Jr.  
Stephen C. Frank  
Wert E. Harlan  
Rodney W. Jones  
Diana M. Helke  
James M. Kilburg  
John A. Lacina  
Gene C. LaRue  
Kenneth A. Lucas  
G. Dean Magee  
Zachary D. Menke



Jared P. Miller  
John M. Mills  
Kara N. Mitvalsky  
Mohamed M. Moussa  
Natasha A. Munger  
Teresa M. Neff  
Rebecca A. Norton  
Gayla J. Pacheco  
Jeffrey H. Peck  
Mark J. Ranze  
Joseph Raoul, Jr.  
Kim M. Stone  
Rachel C. Streeter  
Richard J. Thomann  
Paula M. Thompson  
Joanne E. Traicoff  
Wen S. Tsau  
James J. Turner  
Jeffery D. Turner  
Brad W. Wernecke  
Lucinda A. Willhite

Wayne A. Beck  
Harlen L. Briggs  
Patrick T. Burke  
Loren K. Carey  
Michael A. Cockerill  
Charles T. Dunker  
Francis E. Edlin  
Bryan J. Goodrum  
Lorin J. Hager  
Thomas W. Kading

# ***And Says Goodbye To...***

George P. Kennedy, Sr.  
William J. McCutcheon  
Doris E. Murray  
James F. Perry  
Bernard M. Smith  
Terry M. Stairs  
Daniel J. Viktora  
Eugene J. Vollmer  
James A. Wadle  
Robert A. Wilkins

# Length of Service Awards

1 July 1998 through 30 June 1999

\*\* New employees (DPW)

## 40 Years

Leroy R. Corey  
Thomas F. Crane  
Garland E. Smith  
Paul D. Soyke

## 35 Years

Dudley M. Hanson  
Ted J. Hinds  
Charles D. Hood, Jr.  
James C. Hurt  
Ernest Jackson, Jr.  
Melvin H. Rice  
Dale R. Rossmiller  
LaGene A. Wassenhove

## 30 Years

Loren K. Carey  
Roger L. Cook  
Jerry L. DeMarce  
Patricia M. Dice  
Gerald T. Dowell  
Leonard A. Ernst  
A. John Gall, Jr.  
Monte P. Hines  
Thomas W. Lisco  
Otto H. Marion  
Robert A. McAfee  
Darrell L. Michels

Lawrence E. Parker  
Jerry D. Russell  
Robert W. Simonton  
Michael J. Smith  
Clarice D. Sundeen  
John M. Trigg \*\*  
Sterling Vasser  
David M. Wiebenga  
David A. Wielosinski  
Pauline J. Zitzke

## 25 Years

Benjamin M. Bagwell  
Richard J. Baugh  
Michael K. Beneventi  
Sylvia A. Bivens \*\*  
Edward J. Bruss  
Floyd L. Collins  
Sandra D. Dixon  
Richard M. Dominicus \*\*  
Steven A. Engelkins  
Steve J. Felderman  
Williadean Fleming  
Rodney D. Hallstrom  
Wayne Hannel  
Terry L. Harris \*\*  
Daniel J. Holmes  
Nicholas A. Iaiennaro

Shirley J. Johnson  
Joseph R. Jones \*\*  
Steven C. Koenig  
Andrew M. Luber  
Michael N. Miller \*\*  
Ralph L. Montrone  
Larry L. Robbins  
Douglas G. Robinson  
Gary R. Spencer  
James A. Stiman  
Richard H. Thomas  
Kenneth R. Wertz  
Randy L. Wille \*\*

## 20 Years

Sally A. Aidala  
Gary W. Bertram  
Lanny R. Biehler \*\*  
Dorene A. Bollman  
Jacqueline E. Chandler  
Rodney P. Clausen  
Michael D. Cox  
Bobby R. Cravens  
Robert D. Crone  
Michael R. Cummings  
Bernard L. Dolezal  
Pamela S. Drum  
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# Length of Service Awards (*Continued*)

1 July 1998 through 30 June 1999

\*\* New employees (DPW)

## 20 Years (*Continued*)

Delores M. DuPrey  
Lowell H. Fryer  
Larry R. Garner  
Roger D. Harroun  
Janet C. Hodges  
Jimmie H. Hoover  
Perry A. Hubert  
Neal J. Johnson  
Gary W. Kroeger  
Janet M. Lewis  
Denny A. Lundberg  
Willie E. Mason  
Glenn G. Merry  
R. Lee Meyers  
Andrew L. Mueller  
Donald L. Olson  
Douglas R. Porter  
Stephen A. Reeder  
Matthew Rensen  
Sherri Richardson Duey  
Steven D. Russell  
Michael F. Ryan  
Robert K. Schroeder  
Trudy J. Sholtz  
Rosanne Spencer  
Gloria M. Steed  
Dennis A. Sterritt  
David A. Vorel  
Robert C. Wild  
George R. Williams

## 15 Years

Clifford J. Artis  
Eric A. Aubrey  
Patricia C. Ballman  
James W. Bartek  
David P. Bierl  
Franklin T. R. Bryant  
Charlene Carmack  
Gary L. Cook \*\*  
Lisa A. Cooksey

Edwin R. Cosek, Jr.  
Michael L. Crawford  
Kevin D. Ewbank  
Gary E. Gagne  
Mark D. Gmitro  
Kelly G. Gosch  
Dennis W. Hamilton  
Carol Ann Jacks  
Donna M. Jones  
Teresa A. Kirkeeng  
Janice E. Krahl



Wesley L. Larsen  
Roger A. Less  
Kenneth A. Lucas  
Jerald R. McAlister  
Roger D. McElroy  
James E. Mears  
James E. Mills, Jr.  
Karen M. Moeller \*\*  
Daniel J. Nuti \*\*  
Mark A. Peterson \*\*  
Rick L. Plett \*\*  
Jerry A. Skalak  
Larry L. Spengler  
LuAnn R. Steen  
Gary V. Swenson

Michael E. Tomlinson  
James E. Trail  
Robert A. Willhite  
Grant L. Williams  
Keith E. Wilson  
John H. Wochner  
Timothy L. Wolf\*\*  
John F. Young

## 10 Years

Floyd H. Bavery  
Paul W. Beck  
Dennis R. Beedle  
Robert V. Castro  
Mark D. Clark  
Kenney J. Cochran  
William A. Cross  
Lynda R. Davis  
J. Alan Dickerson  
Jeffrey J. DuPont \*\*  
Dwayne I. Ehrmann  
Michael D. Enochs  
Richard Fristik  
Minor W. Gibbs, Jr.  
William B. Hainstock  
Lester L. Higgins, Jr.  
Jean K. Hollinrake  
Charles K. Johnson  
Brian L. Lane  
Brian L. Miller  
Ronald L. Mott  
Thomas A. Nabb \*\*  
Roger A. Perk  
Edward F. Picken  
Nancy W. Pierce  
Eugene G. Rand  
Terrence C. Riddell  
Dean A. Ritzmann  
Kelly D. Ulrich  
Barbara J. Voss  
Judy A. Walters

# Corps Day 1999 Activities Committee

\*\* New employees (DPW)

## General Chairpersons

Bob Hoffman, Co-Chair  
Kara Mitvalsky, Co-Chair

## Awards Committee

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Carol Arney  
Theresa Kauzlarich  
Joseph Nobiling

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Becki Holzgrafe  
Larry Jones  
Arlene Bennyhoff



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Connie Duffy  
Gaylord Helms  
Mark Lampe  
Dean Magee

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Anthony Zemo, Co-Chair  
LaVeta Bear  
Jodi Staebell

## Accrued Sick Leave

\*\* New employees (DPW)

### 3000 Hours

Ronald G. Hufford \*\*  
Terry L. Stieger

### 2000 Hours

Michael K. Beneventi  
Richard D. Bielenberg  
Nancy M. Bivens  
Edward J. Bruss  
Roger L. Cook  
Richard M. Dominic \*\*  
Dale G. Fatlan

Joseph R. Jones \*\*  
Jim W. Kohl  
Paul A. Kowalczyk  
Rodney L. Kuehl  
Marvin R. Martens  
David L. Peterson  
Robert D. Pettit \*\*  
Dane G. Rouse  
Jerome F. Sechser \*\*  
Robert W. Simonton  
Michael J. Smith  
Terry C. St. John

# Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees Inductees for 1999

## Francis W. Collins

Francis W. "Frank" Collins was born in New Metamoras, Ohio, on Nov. 4, 1924.

He joined the Army Corps of Engineers in 1951 after graduation from the University of Kentucky with a degree in biology. He spent four years in the states of Kentucky and Missouri. He then served in the Corps for the next 25 years, from college to retirement as a Major, serving with the Rock Island District.



Collins joined the Corps of Engineers in January 1958 from the University of Ohio with a degree in biology and four years of experience with the Army and Air Force. He served four years in the Air Force prior to joining the Corps in 1958. He was responsible for the District's total recreation program, as well as its recreation-resource master planning efforts.

He demonstrated innovation and resourcefulness in accomplishing many firsts for the District, including design of public use areas; initiation of forest management on the Mississippi River; initiation of the first water-quality contracts for District lakes; development of the recreation-resource master plans for the Mississippi River and three District lakes; and, preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Mississippi River 9-Foot Channel Navigation Project.

He was Chief of the Environmental Analysis Branch of the Planning Division in the early years of environmental planning and earned the trust and admiration of his colleagues through his dedication and by making the most with available resources.

In 1969, under his leadership, the District implemented the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) and many other environmental initiatives of the '70's and '80's.

Collins' outstanding career accomplishments have earned him the respect and admiration of his peers and entitled him to be called "Mr. Environment." Collins continued his service with the Rock Island District until Feb. 15, 1985, when he retired with over 31 years of federal service.

## Harold L. Wright

Harold L. Wright was born in Carthage, Ill., on Nov. 27, 1930.

He joined the Army in 1951 and served in Korea and at Camp Carson, Colo.

He began his career with the Corps in March 1964, as an electrician at Lock and Dam 16. Following a transfer to Lock and Dam 18, Wright was promoted to Assistance Lockmaster at Lock and Dam 20. He was then promoted to Lockmaster at Lock 19.

During his career, Wright was an outstanding mentor to his employees and found ways to make the lock site more cost effective and operate more efficiently. He was responsible for working with the Hancock County Mental Health Services to enable two people to work a few days a week at the lock site.

These employees are still working at the lock today because of Wright's mentorship.

Wright was a true ambassador for the Corps. He gave presentations to local civic organizations, actively participated at Coast Guard Day celebrations, and promoted the Corps and, at the request of the Delta Queen, gave talks to passengers regarding the river system and Corps involvement.



He received many letters of appreciation, including a letter of commendation signed by the Chief of Engineers for his participation in Operation Foresight during record flooding in the Spring of 1969.

Wright continued his service with the Rock Island District until April 19, 1991, when he retired with over 29 years of federal service.



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Rock Island District



# FACILITY SCHEDULE

## 1999 RECREATION SEASON

### CORALVILLE LAKE



<u>CAMPING AREA</u>	<u>Dates of Full Service</u>	<u>Fee with Electricity</u>	<u>Fee without Electricity</u>	<u>Gate Phone Number</u>
West Overlook	15Apr-15Oct	\$14, 16		319/338-3685
Sugar Bottom**	1 May-30Sep	\$14, 16, 20	\$8,10	319/644-2102
Cottonwood	15Apr-15Oct		\$8	(Upper Tent Only)
Linder Point***	15Apr-15Oct	\$14, 20	\$8,10	
Tailwater East	15Apr-15Oct	\$16	\$8	
Tailwater West*	15Apr-15Oct		\$8	
Sandy Beach****	1May-30Sep	\$14, 16, 20	\$8	319/848-4400

\***Note:** Only Tailwater West in the dam area is open to camping the remainder of the year without facilities.

\*\***Note:** Sugar Bottom sites 300-311 have sewer, water and electricity hook-ups (\$20) Gates are closed at Sugar Bottom at the first snowfall.

\*\*\***Note:** Linder Point sites L1-L8 have sewer, water, electricity hook-ups (\$20)

\*\*\*\***Note:** Gates are closed 30 Sep at Sandy Beach. Sandy Beach sites 20 & 21 have sewer, water, and electricity hook-ups (\$20)

Coralville is not using a color code for campsite pricing. Areas will be signed.

#### RESERVABLE GROUP

<u>CAMPING (Minimum 3 Sites)</u>	<u>Number of Sites</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Dates Available</u>
Sugar Bottom	29 (3 loops) (10,10,9)	\$25/reservation/loop	May 1-Sep 30

<u>RESERVABLE PICNIC SHELTERS</u>	<u>Number of Shelters</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Dates Available</u>
Turkey Creek	1	\$30/Shelter	Apr 15- Sep 30
East Overlook	2	\$30/Shelter	Apr 15- Sep 30
Tailwater West	1	\$30/Shelter	Apr 15- Sep 30
West Overlook Day Use	1	\$30/Shelter	Apr 15- Sep 30
Sugar Bottom Day-Use	1	\$30/Shelter	May 1- Sep 30

**Note:** All picnic shelters are available on a first-come basis when not reserved.

BEACHES

Sandy Beach*	Apr1- Sep 30
Sugar Bottom Camp	May1- Sep 30
Sugar Bottom Day-Use	May1- Sep 30
West Overlook*	Apr 1- Sep 30

VISITOR CENTER

Dam Complex	May 13- Sep 30	8AM-5:30PM Weekdays
		9AM-5:30PM Weekends
	Oct 1- May 12	8AM-4PM Weekdays
		Noon-4PM Weekends

**\*Note:** A \$1 charge for guests age 12 and up with a \$3/car load maximum will be charged for beach usage. These areas also have boat ramps which will charge a \$2 usage fee. A \$25 Annual Pass may be purchased for the season 1 Apr - 30 Sep. This pass will also include Mehaffey boat ramp. Golden Age/Golden Access card holders are entitled to a 50 percent discount. Please inquire at the Visitor Center for further details.

ADDRESS:

Coralville Lake  
 2850 Prairie DuChien Road, NE  
 Iowa City, Iowa 52240-7820  
 Phone 319/338-3543 or 309/794-5196  
 Fax 309/794-5705

# MISSISSIPPI RIVER PROJECT



<u>CAMPING AREA</u>	<u>Dates of Full Service</u>	<u>Fee with Electricity</u>	<u>Fee w/o Electricity</u>	<u>Gate Phone Number</u>
Grant River	9Apr-24Oct	\$16/14	\$10	608/763-2140
Blanding Landing	7May-24Oct	\$12	\$10	815/591-2326
Pleasant Creek	14May-11Oct	\$8		319/872-5782
Thomson Causeway	9Apr-24Oct	\$16/14	\$10	815/259-2353
Bulger's Hollow	10May-15Sep		\$4	
Fisherman's Corner	9Apr-24Oct	\$16/14	\$10	309/496-2720
Clark's Ferry	9Apr-11Oct	\$16/14		319/381-4043
Shady Creek	7May-24Oct	\$16/14		319/262-8090
Blanchard Island	14May-22Oct		\$4	

**Note:** Campgrounds (with the exception of Clark's Ferry and Fisherman's Corner) are open to primitive camping all year long, but are subject to closure due to weather conditions or to protect the natural resources of the area. Non-fee camping areas include: Lock & Dam 13, Andalusia Slough, Ferry Landing, Fenway Landing, Bear Creek, and Park 'N Fish. Phone Ranger Field Stations for any additional or updated information. The Mississippi River Project has no reservable group camping and no designated beach areas.

TRAILER DUMPING FEE: \$5.00 at all fee areas.

<u>RESERVABLE PICNIC SHELTERS</u>	<u>Number of Shelters</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Dates Available</u>
Lock & Dam 14	2	\$25/Shelter	(Unavailable 1999 Rec. Season)
Grant River	1	\$25/Shelter	Year Round
Thomson Causeway	2	\$25/Shelter	Year Round
Clark's Ferry	1	\$25/Shelter	Year Round
Shady Creek	1	\$25/Shelter	Year Round
Andalusia Slough	1	\$25/Shelter	Year Round
Blanding Landing	1	\$25/Shelter	Year Round
Bulger's Hollow	1	\$25/Shelter	Year Round

**Note:** All picnic shelters are available on a first-come basis when not reserved.

**BOAT RAMPS**

Day Use Fees of \$2/day or \$25/season pass are in effect at the following ramps from 1 April through 30 November: Grant River, Blanding Landing, Pleasant Creek, Big Slough, Thomson Causeway, Cattail Slough, Andalusia Slough, Clark's Ferry, Lock & Dam 13, and Shady Creek.

**LOCK & DAM 15 VISITOR CENTER**

Phone 309/794-5338 Fax 309/794-5741

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Times</u>
13Sep-15May	9AM-5PM
16May-11Sep	9AM-9PM



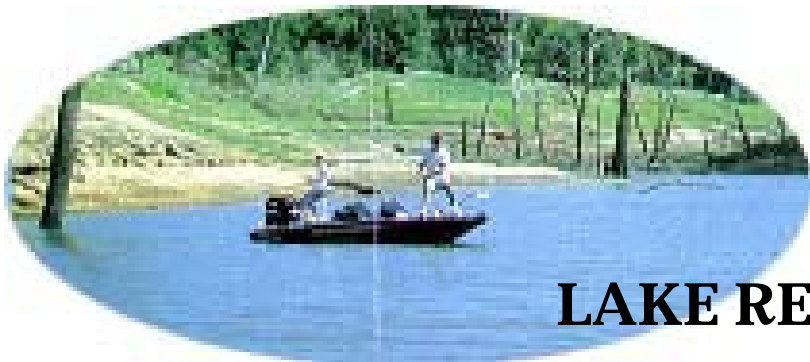
*Thomson Causeway,  
Thomson, Ill.*

**ADDRESSES:**

Main Office: Natural Resource Management Section  
Mississippi River Project  
P.O. Box 534 182<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Pleasant Valley, IA 52767-0534  
Phone: 309/794-4524 Fax: 309/794-4347

**FIELD STATIONS:**

Dubuque Ranger Field Station: 319/582-0881	Fax : 319/582-6908
Thomson Ranger Field Station: 815/259-3628	Fax: 815/259-3629
Muscatine Ranger Field Station: 319/263-7913	
319/263-7105	Fax: 319/263-1845
Quincy Ranger Field Station: 217/228-0890	Fax: 217/228-3269



**LAKE RED ROCK**

<u>CAMPING AREA</u>	<u>Dates of Full Service</u>	<u>Fee with Electricity</u>	<u>Fee w/o Electricity</u>	<u>Gate Phone Number</u>
Howell Station*	25Mar-15Nov	\$14		not listed
Whitebreast*	22Apr-27Sep	\$10		515/828-7532
Wallashuck*	22Apr-27Sep	\$12	\$10	not listed
North Overlook	22Apr-27Sep	\$12	\$8	not listed
Ivans	8Apr-13Sep	\$10		none

\*Note: Sites w/50 amp service are \$2 more.

RESERVABLE GROUP CAMPING\*

<u>Area</u>	<u>Number of Sites</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Dates Available</u>
<u>Whitebreast Heights</u>			
Group 1	12	\$120/night	22Apr-27Sep
Group 2	7	\$70/night	22Apr-27Sep
<u>Whitebreast Coal Ridge</u>			
Group 1	5	\$50/night	22Apr-27Sep
Group 2	5	\$50/night	22Apr-27Sep
Group 3	5	\$50/night	22Apr-27Sep
Group 4	5	\$50/night	22Apr-27Sep
<u>Wallashuck Pioneer Grove</u>			
Group 1	5	\$50/night	22Apr-27Sep
Group 2	5	\$50/night	22Apr-27Sep
Group 3	5	\$50/night	22Apr-27Sep
Group 4	5	\$50/night	22Apr-27Sep

**\*Note:** All group camp reservations will be taken through the National Reservation Recreation Service. Call NRRS toll free at: 877-444-6777 or contact them at internet site: ReserveUSA.com

*One of a number of camping and picnic areas at Lake Red Rock*



<u>RESERVABLE PICNIC SHELTERS</u>	<u>Number of Shelters</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Dates Available</u>
Fifield	4	\$30/Shelter	2Apr-4Oct
South Overlook	2	\$30/Shelter	2Apr-4Oct
Whitebreast	1	\$30/Shelter	22Apr-27Sep
North Overlook	1	\$30/Shelter	5Mar-25Oct

**Note:** All picnic shelters are available on a first-come basis when not reserved.

BOAT RAMPS

Day Use Fees of \$2/day or \$25/season pass are in effect at the following ramps from 1 April thru 15Oct: South Overlook, Wallashuck, & Marina Cove, Howell Station, and Whitebreast.

BEACHES

	<u>Dates Open</u>		<u>Dates &amp; Hours</u>
North Overlook	22Apr-15Sep	Dam Complex	Memorial Day- Labor Day
Whitebreast	22Apr-15Sep		7 Days a Week 9:30am-6pm

**Note:** Visitor center hours will vary during off season. \$1 charge for anyone ages 12 and up or \$3 percar load max. \$25 Annual Passes may be purchased. Passes in effect from 1May-15 Sep.

ADDRESS: Lake Red Rock  
1105 Highway T15  
Knoxville, IA 50138

Phone: 515/828-7522  
309/794-5800 or 5801  
Fax: 515/828-7952



# SAYLORVILLE LAKE

<u>CAMPGROUNDS</u>	Number of Sites / # Reservable*	Dates of Full Service	Site Fee*** with Electric	Site Fee Non-electric	Fee Booth Telephone # 's
Cherry Glen	125 / 78*	1Apr- 31Oct	\$10-16		(515) 964-8792
Bob Shetler	67 / 60*	30Apr-30Sep	\$10-14		276-0873
Acorn Valley	109 / 66*	30Apr-30Sep	\$10-14	\$8 (tent)	276-0429
Prairie Flower	248 / 185**	30Apr-30Sep	\$10-16		984-6925

**\*Note:** New Service for 1999! The National Recreation Reservation Service, NRRS, will allow you to make individual and group camping reservations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Forest Service sites, by calling one, nationwide, toll free number; 877-444-6777. Reservation requests for all Saylorville Lake campgrounds may be made by calling the toll free number. To find out more about the NRRS, go on line at web site [www.ReserveUSA.com](http://www.ReserveUSA.com)

**\*\*Note:** Prairie Flower has 91 sites for individual reservations and 94 sites for groups, (10 group loops of 4 to 10 sites each).

**\*\*\*Note:** Individual campsites have a colored sticker on their site post to indicate price. PRICE KEY: Yellow = \$8, non-electric ; Orange = \$10; Blue = \$12; Green = \$14; White = \$16 The \$10 to \$16 prices, are base fees for a standard site with 30 amp electric service. All areas have a few sites priced from \$18 to \$22 (Red sticker) which offer one or more additional site amenities; 50 amp electric service, sewer hookup and/or water hookup. Bob Shetler and Acorn Valley offer a \$2 per night discount, Monday through Thursday.

<u>PICNIC AREAS</u>	Number of Shelters	Reservation Fee	Dates Available	<u>BEACHES</u>	<u>Open Dates</u>
Bob Shetler	2	\$40/Shelter	1 May-30Sep	Oak Grove	15 May - 13 Sep
Cherry Glen	6	\$40/Shelter	1 Apr- 31 Oct	Sandpiper*	1 May - 30 Sep
Cottonwood	9	\$40/Shelter	1 Apr- 31 Oct		
Oak Grove	2	\$40/Shelter	15May-13Sep		
Walnut Ridge	3	\$40/Shelter	1 May-30Sep		
Sandpiper	1	\$100/Shelter	1 May-30Sep		
Lakeview	1	non-reservable			

Beach fee is \$1 per person or \$3 per vehicle; under age 12 free; or purchase a \$25 Annual Pass good for unlimited, nationwide use.

**Note:** All shelters except Sandpiper are available on a first come basis when not reserved.

**\*Note:** Alcohol Free Beach

## BOAT RAMPS

Cherry Glen is open all year (no winter road maintenance); Lakeview and Sandpiper are open March through November.

Day Use Fees are charged April through October; \$2/day or purchase a \$25 Annual Pass good for unlimited, nationwide use.

## VISITOR CENTER

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Days/Hours of Service</u>	<u>PHONE #S</u>
Memorial - Labor Day	Daily /10am - 6pm	Administration Office 515/276-4656 Fax Line 276-2088
September - October and April - May	M - F/ 10am - 4pm Sat/10am - 5pm Sun/12pm - 5pm	Visitor Center 964-0672 Lake Information (recording) 276-0433 Picnic Shelter Reservation Line 270-6173 March - Sept. Camping Reservations National Reservation System
January - March	Sat/10am - 4pm Sun/12pm - 4pm	877/444-6777 toll free

ADDRESS: SAYLORVILLELAKE  
5600 NW 78<sup>TH</sup> AVE.  
JOHNSTON IA. 50131

**Note:** People with a valid Golden Age or Access Passport are entitled to a 50% discount on camping and day use fees. This discount is not valid on reservation fees.

# ILLINOIS WATERWAY



CAMPING: None

RESERVABLE GROUP CAMPING: None

BEACHES: None

VISITOR CENTER:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hours</u>
2Jan-24May	9 am -5 pm
25May-2Sep	9 am -8 pm
3Sep-31Dec	9 am -5 pm

ADDRESS: Illinois Waterway Visitor Center  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
Route 1, North 27th Road  
Ottawa, IL 61350

Phone: 815/667-4054  
Fax: 815/667-4954  
Email: Kevin.D.Ewbank@usace.army.mil

FARM CREEK RECREATION AREAS:

ADDRESS: Park Ranger  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
Illinois Waterway Project Office  
257 Grant Street  
Peoria, IL 61603-3585

Phone: 309/676-4601 or 309/794-5760  
Fax: 309/794-5763



**Bill Hainstock** is the new Lockmaster at Lock and Dam 11.

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**Leonard Ernst** is currently the Lockmaster at Lock and Dam 12.

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**Kenneth A. Barr** has been selected as Chief, Environmental Analysis Branch in the Planning, Programs and project Management Division in the Rock Island District.

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high-school students interested in careers in biology.

On April 27, **John Behrens**, from Engineering Division, spoke with students at Westmer Secondary School in Joy, Ill. Approximately 100 eighth and ninth-grade students learned about Behrens' career as a mechanical engineer.

**Vacek** gave his popular eagle talk on April 28 at the First Christian Church in Moline, Ill. Vacek spoke to more than 40 members of the Christian Women Fellowship.

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## Retiree News ...

Norbert Leo Egges, 85, a former employee of the Rock Island District who worked in the Geotechnical Branch, died from complications of Alzheimer disease on Oct. 8, 1998, at Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, Wis.

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## Speakers Bureau

By **Justine Dodge**  
Public Affairs Office

Her career as a biologist was **Charlene Carmack's** topic when she spoke with more than 40 students at St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa, on April 16.

**Steve Vacek**, from Operations Division, discussed water safety with more than 30 first-grade students at Cody Elementary in LeClaire, Iowa, on April 15. This presentation was part of the school's water safety month program.

**John Betker**, from Regulatory Division, spoke with more than 50 members of the Natural Resources Conservation Service at the Illinois Valley Community College in Henry, Ill., on April 17. The topic of the discussion was permits.

Geology and ecology on the Mississippi River was **Scott Whitney's** topic when he spoke with students at Alleman High School, in Rock Island, Ill., on April 19. Whitney spoke with more than 25



Photo by Justine Dodge

**Sally Aidala**, Contracting Division, visits with Judge Rosemary Sackett of the Iowa Appeals Court before the Special Emphasis Committee's Lunch-and-Learn program celebrating Women's History Month. Sackett was the guest speaker.

# "Investing in People" across the District



## ***Celebrating St. Patrick's Day with an Irish Jig***

Photo by Toni L. Harn

**D**istrict employees were treated to an exhibition of Irish dance by the Mullane Irish Step Dancing Academy.

Ten dancers performed a variety of traditional Irish dance steps and provided the audience with information on traditional dress, the role of dance in the culture and modern variations of the dances.

The audience was asked to participate in learning the basic Irish jig steps.

Cake and punch were served along with Irish Soda Bread.