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Spotlight on the District

Jim Hurt

Head Lock and Dam Operator, Lock and Dam 21

Story by Mark Kane

Photo by Roger McElroy, lockmaster, Lock and Dam 21

Locking river traffic through Lock 21, keeping an eye on navigation, and talking with people has kept Jim Hurt interested and attached to this job as a lock operator at Lock and Dam 21 in Quincy, Ill., since 1966.

Hurt has been the head lock operator since January 1982, but his career with the District has spanned more than 41 years since he started with the Design Branch on Oct. 28, 1963.

"I transferred to Lock 21 July 4, 1966, and have been here ever since," said Hurt. "My family is here, so I like the job security and my family close by. I just enjoy coming down to the lock and doing my job."

As the head lock and dam operator, Hurt's main responsibility is locking towboats, which includes numerous duties.

"I'm immediately responsible for site installation operations during second, third or swing shift," said Hurt. "I operate lock and dam gates,

valves, and other associated equipment required for passage of a variety of private and commercial traffic through the lock. I also perform repair and maintenance tasks."

Hurt said his work allows him to interact with a lot of people, which is exactly what he enjoys most about his job.

"I get to meet and talk to many different people," said Hurt. "Deck hands and

visitors from all over the country and world."

With that in mind, his answer in regard to what he likes most about working for the Corps is no surprise.

"The people I work with," said Hurt.



"It's like a big family because we spend a lot of time working together and helping each other off the job when needed."

That appreciation is a two-way street among Hurt's coworkers.

"Jim is well liked at the lock," said Roger McElroy, lockmaster, Lock and Dam 21. "He is the history keeper of the lock also. If you want to know something that happened here, just ask Jim, he usually

knows the answer. He is easy going and always willing to lend a helping hand. He is a person you can rely on to do a good job and will make sure it's done right. Jim will be missed when he retires."

Although Hurt has thoroughly enjoyed his time at Lock and Dam 21, he's looking forward to his retirement.

"After 42 years with the Corps, I am retiring at the end of this year and looking forward to traveling," said Hurt.

Hurt said traveling to places where he's never been is one of his hobbies. That's good, since he's seen a fair amount of travel in his lifetime. Hurt is originally from Cartage, Ill., graduated high school from Forrest Lake High School, in Maitland, Fla., was an Army medic at Ft. Irwin, Calif., from 1964 through 1966, and has most recently traveled to Carson City, Nev., Richmond, Va., and Cape May, N.J. The Quincy, Ill., resident said he

loves wildlife and he looks for that most during his travels.

Hurt has a daughter that is a teacher in Richmond, Va., as well as a daughter that is a nurse's aide at the Illinois Veterans Home. He also has a 13-week-old grandson.

Hurt's advice to anyone reading this article is, "Treat others like you would like to be treated." ■

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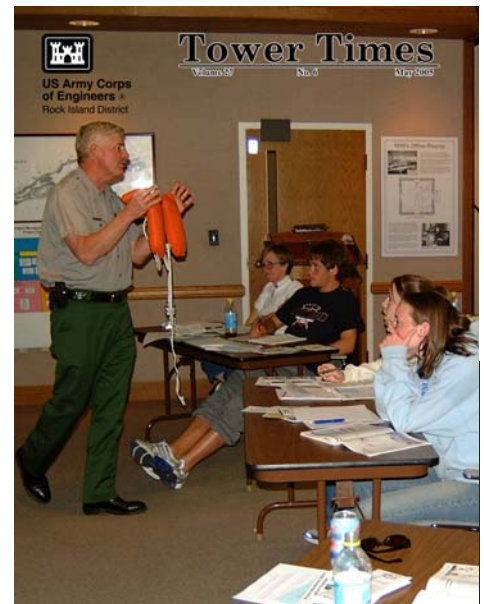


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Eldon Bird, park ranger, Mississippi River Project Office, explains the effective use of a type 1 personal flotation device to a crowd of more than 30 people at the Clock Tower Building as a part of the first Illinois Boating Basics Class offered by the District this season. Find out more on page 8.

Photo by Mark Kane.

SMALL BUSINESS:

CORNERSTONES OF THE AMERICAN DREAM

By Col. Duane Gapinski, District Engineer

There are more than 23 million American small businesses. They create more than 50 percent of the industrial innovations and inventions and employ more than 50 percent of the private workforce. Small businesses generate more than 50 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product and are the principle source for new jobs in the U.S. economy.

Operating a small business truly is the cornerstone of the American Dream, and the very heart of our entrepreneurial economy. President Reagan once called small business owners “the explorers of the modern era – the entrepreneurs, men and women with vision, with the courage to take risks and faith enough to brave the unknown.”

Because the success of small businesses is absolutely necessary for the success of the entire U.S. economy, Congress passed the Small Business Act in 1953. This law mandates that the federal government “aid, counsel, assist, and protect, insofar as possible, the interests of small business concerns in order to preserve free competitive enterprise, and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of the nation.”

The Small Business Act also created the Small Business Administration, which

since its beginning, has helped more than 20 million Americans start, grow and evolve successful small businesses. The SBA’s mission is to help small businesses compete in international markets, enhance their ability to export, enable them to compete effectively and efficiently against imports, increase access to long-term capital, and disseminate information concerning state, federal and private programs.

As a result of the Small Business Act, federal acquisition regulations established the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business to ensure participation in small business utilization. In our case, each agency, from the Department of Defense down to the District, has such an office.

At the District level, the commander appoints the Deputy for Small Business to staff the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business. The deputy serves as the consultant and staff advisor to the District on all matters concerning small business policies, procedures and practices. Doug Davis, our deputy for small business, works with project managers, operations managers, and many others as an advocate for small business. He is my conscience and helps me ensure we are meeting the intent and letter of the law by reviewing acquisition programs and



strategies so that small businesses are, at a minimum, not precluded from participation. I say, at a minimum, because our goal is to maximize our use of small businesses.

Of course, there are times it may cost more to use a small business. That may be hard to swallow given our fiscal constraints. So, when making a decision, it becomes a balancing act between the benefits to the nation and the additional costs. We try to use common sense to do what’s right.

Finally, I need your help. Our challenge is not to find more small businesses for our work, but to find more work for our small businesses. I encourage you to assist us in resolving this challenge. 🇺🇸

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

LAW DAY 2005

THE AMERICAN JURY: WE THE PEOPLE IN ACTION



By Rian Hancks, Office of Counsel

On May 1, the nation once again celebrated Law Day. Originally established by presidential proclamation in 1958 by President Eisenhower, the first of May was set aside by Joint Resolution of Congress in 1961 as a "special day of celebration by the American people in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States of America," and as an occasion for "rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under laws."

For more than 30 years, many local lawyers' groups, bar associations, corporate and governmental legal offices and military staff judge advocates have sponsored Law Day activities in May. Law Day has also served as an occasion for communities, citizens' groups and schools to further educate the public on the importance of the rule of law and the unique place of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights in human history.

In the past few years, the American Bar Association, as the national professional association of American lawyers, has selected a central theme for each year's Law Day activities. This year's theme

"The American Jury: We The People In Action," harkens back to the very beginnings of our nation, as one of the principles we fought for in the American Revolution was the right to a trial by jury.



Our Declaration of Independence pointed out that George III had deprived Americans, "in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury." The founders embedded our right to trial by jury in the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Amendments of the Constitution. Though, as with all human endeavors, the jury system is imperfect, its importance in allowing members of local communities – we the people – to retain the right and power to decide important issues of guilt and innocence, liability and non-liability, cannot be denied. As stated by Thomas Jefferson, "I consider trial by jury as the only anchor yet imagined by man by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution."

In recognition of Law Day, Office of Counsel will have an open house from 9

a.m. through 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 9. The District's legal staff will be your hosts and will be happy to discuss the District's legal services program and answer any questions you may have. At 9:30 a.m., a District employee will be honored with the

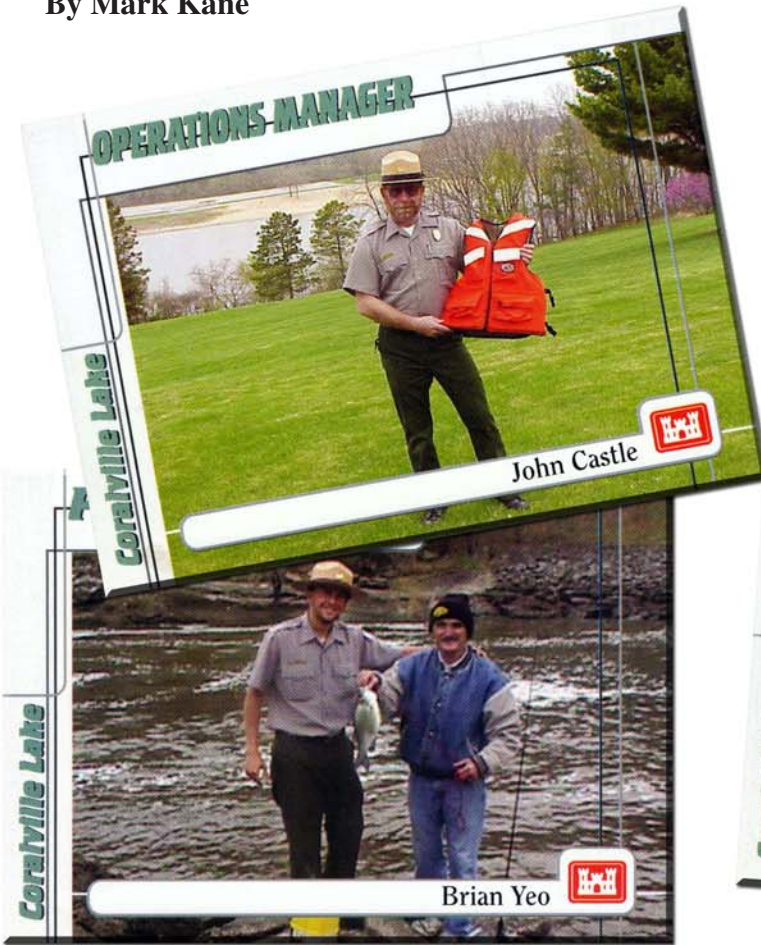


Signing of the Declaration of Independence

Liberty Bell Award, an award established by the American Bar Association in conjunction with Law Day, for organizations to recognize service that has promoted a greater respect for, and a better understanding and appreciation of, our legal system. There will be plenty of refreshments available. We hope to see you all there.  

My Castle For Your S

By Mark Kane



There are many who have fond memories of collecting trading cards, whether they were baseball, Star Wars, Truckin', or more recently ... Pokémon cards.

Today the tradition goes on, and for nearly a decade the District employees at Coralville Lake have been the featured stars on collectible trading cards given out to lake visitors throughout the year.

Randy Haas, head park ranger, Coralville Lake, said he's not positive, but believes the Coralville Lake trading cards have been around since 1995 and were created for a good reason.

"Our original goals were to promote more interaction between the public and all of our staff," said Haas. "Safety was also an objective and we put a different one-line safety message on each employee's card."

John Castle, operations manager, Coralville Lake, has been working at the lake since 1977 and said he's pleasantly surprised at the popularity of the cards and how well received the program has been with both the employees and the public.

"Almost all of the employees really support the program," said Castle. "I think some of them might have been a little apprehensive in the beginning when we first did them, but now I think they like the fact that the public is learning about their jobs along with receiving safety-related information. It turned out to be a real win-win situation for both the employees and the public."

Haas said the idea originated from an employee who had seen it done somewhere else.

"A ranger who worked here came up with the idea based on trading cards from police departments," said Haas.

Through the years, Haas said many employees have agreed to be on the cards, even some from outside the Corps.

"Any Coralville Lake employee who wants to be included, which would include our maintenance folks, administrative staff, rangers and seasonal employees, can be a part of the program," said Haas. "It is entirely voluntary and if someone does want to participate that is fine. We have on occasion had our park attendants who collect fees and clean restrooms

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In the water, use the buddy system.

PARK RANGER

the back of one of Coralville Lake's cards featuring Park Ranger Leo and a useful water-safety message.

PARK ATTENDANTS



West Overlook Day Use Attendants

Coralville Lake



Mike Isabell

MAINTENANCE STAFF



Maintenance



Fogedaboutit! -- A glimpse of past collectible trading cards.

featured along with Iowa Department of Natural Resources officers, as well as rangers from other projects."

When it comes to giving out the cards, Haas said they go to anyone who requests one.

"They are most popular with kids in the recreation areas, and we often have groups of kids swarm our vehicles," said Haas. "There are big kids that also collect them."

The cards are redone every two or three years depending on their supply and how many new employees are at the lake. Although the cards haven't changed a lot, they have gone through a transition.

"We still emphasize a safety message and concentrate heavily on water safety, but we have expanded the safety message to include messages on fire, biking, driving, and other safety issues we encounter," said Haas. "We have also added our address, an individual's phone number and email address so that we can use them as business cards too."

The popularity of the cards is good, but Haas especially likes how the cards have enabled the employees to relate to visitors.

"The trading cards are a relatively easy way to help us interact with the public in a positive manner," said Haas. "It is also an opportunity to talk briefly with kids about safety and other topics that may be a concern."

All this and it's not costing Uncle Sam a dime.

"One thing we often point out is that no government money is spent on purchasing the cards," said Haas. "The purchase is done entirely with funds generated by our cooperating association. The cost is in part based on 36 cards per sheet. When we don't have enough individual cards to fill a sheet we add a post card or two of Coralville Lake. We will give these away too or sell them for a small fee in our visitor center."

After nearly 10 years, the trading cards continue to be popular and will be sticking around for some time to come with only a few planned changes.

"We will continue the program," said Haas. "At this time, the most probable changes will be to address current safety concerns in the safety-message part."

District Promotes Safe Boating

The District encourages boaters and personal watercraft users to practice boating and water safety through various programs offered during the year.

One of the ways the District educates the public about boating and water safety is through classes like the Illinois Boating Basics Class held April 30 at the Clock Tower Building.

More than 20 people attended the second class of five the District is offering this year. The first class, held April 16, attracted more than 30 people.

Don Bardole, park ranger, Mississippi River Visitor Center, was one of the instructors during the class and stressed the importance of wearing a life jacket.

“By far, the vast majority of boating deaths are due to drowning. The best safety equipment that can be used on the river is a personal life jacket,” he said.

Onboard every boat it is required that a life jacket is accessible and appropriately sized for each passenger. A fairly new regulation enforced by the U.S. Coast Guard requires boaters younger than 13 to wear a life jacket on federal waterways such as the Mississippi River.

Reckless boating in busy areas is also a big concern, Bardole told the class. He said many boaters do not exercise caution near beaches with swimmers or close to boats anchored in the water, and he offered this analogy: “You don’t go through a parking lot at 50 mph when cars are in it. If you don’t do it on the highway, don’t do it on the river.”

Iowa Department of Natural Resources officers enforce a speed and distance rule using range finders to check the distance between boats.

“If you’re close to a boat going 5 mph, you must go 5 mph or less. You should be at least 50 feet away if you’re going less than 5 mph. If you’re going over 5 mph, it’s 100 feet,” he said.

Drinking also was discussed. Bardole said there’s an energetic enforcement effort to combat boaters operating under the influence of alcohol. Officials from the Iowa and Illinois DNR and the Corps have authority to arrest intoxicated boaters with a blood-alcohol level greater than .08 percent.

“In both Iowa and Illinois, repeat offenders can lose their right to operate a boat,” he said.

He warned the class that high speed on personal watercraft like Jet Skis® and Sea-Doos result in many accidents.

In both Iowa and Illinois, operators of personal watercraft between the ages of 12 through 18 must take a boating safety class to be legal. And anyone operating a personal watercraft is required to wear a life jacket and have a whistle and fire extinguisher onboard.

Another effort used to increase awareness is the North American Safe Boating Campaign during National Safe Boating Week, held May 21 through 27. The campaign is launched annually by the

National Safe Boating Council, in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. It is designed to reach more than 70 million boaters around North America and communicate this year’s life saving message: “Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear It.”

For more information about the campaign go to:

www.safeboatingcampaign.com.

Christina McNamara, Quad-City Times, contributed to this article.



Corps Day 2005

Thursday, June 16, at the Arsenal Island Sports Complex

- Awards will begin at 2 p.m. at the Sports Complex.
- Food, drinks, games, and prizes will begin at 4:30 p.m.
- Additional information will be made available on the District Intranet under sub-category “Corps Day” located at the bottom of the main page.
- More information about the Sports Complex is available at: www.riamwr.com/pavilion.htm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!





Diversity Week Celebration

June 20-24, 2005

MONDAY

Brig Robert Crear's Kickoff Ceremony

You're invited to help the SEPC kickoff diversity week at an informal presentation and discussion featuring Brig. Gen. Robert Crear, our division commander, and Judy Gooch, from the Dresden Lock and Dam.

TUESDAY

Cultural Wall Contest

Here's your chance to show the Corps how creative your office can be. The SEPC will assign each office a country to showcase for the week and at the end of the week the SEPC members will award the winning office a special prize!

WEDNESDAY

Workshops

The SEPC will be hosting a variety of workshops covering the following topics: communication, disabilities, supervisor information, and a survival workshop. Each workshop is one hour long and will be given at three different times throughout the day. Official times will be posted at a later date.

THURSDAY

Talent Day

Are you an artist, a woodsmith, a quilter, a cook or a musician? If so, see Marsha Dolan and sign up to showcase your talent.

ALL WEEK

Test Your Knowledge Quiz

How diverse are you? Join in on the fun each day as the SEPC "Tests Your Knowledge" about women's history, black history, Asian-Pacific Islander heritage, Hispanic heritage, and disability awareness. At the end of the week, the SEPC members will award the top field-site winner and the top headquarters winner with a special prize.

"Unity Through Understanding"

This event is hosted by the Special Emphasis Program Committee (SEPC) and supported by the District engineer, the Equal Employment Office and the Executive Steering Board.



Investing In Our People

Around the District

Mack Earns Construction Award

Tom Mack, Construction Division, was selected as Mississippi Valley Division's 2004 Construction Excellence Award winner.

Mack earned the award for playing a key role in maintaining continuity and setting up Construction Division for success from October 2003 through May 2004, while he performed the duties as the acting chief of the Quality Assurance Branch. During that time, the Contract Administration Branch staff was reassigned to other locations. Therefore, Mack covered all required duties of both branches.

In June 2004, Mack resumed his position as project engineer for the Central Area office. He provided key project support for major contracts including Lock and Dam 12 Major Rehabilitation Stage 3, Lock and Dam 15 Rollergate Chain Replacement, Lock and Dam 19 Major Rehabilitation Stage 2, and several smaller operations and maintenance and emergency contracts.

In August 2004, Mack was temporarily promoted to acting Area Engineer. In addition to carrying out his project engineering duties, he took on responsibility for managing workload and resources for the entire area office.

Mack is currently serving the Corps and the nation in the Gulf Region Division in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

District Commander's Award

Joe Nobiling, Information Management, received the February Commander's Award.

Nobiling earned the award for performing a last-minute videotape request for a training session that would enable five field-site protégés to benefit from the Pathfinders program training.

Heinold Named in 2005 class of Quad-Cities Area Leaders Under 40

Tom Heinold, Engineering Division, was named as one of the Quad-Cities Area Leaders Under 40, whose talents and accomplishments were celebrated at an awards ceremony April 21.

Forty winners were chosen from nominations made by friends, family and co-workers. They were honored for their contributions in their careers, volunteer work and contributions to the community.

Congrats ...



Congratulations to **Matt and Andrea Stewart**, Engineering Division, on the birth of a baby boy, Caelan Michael, Feb. 16. He weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces, and was 21

inches long.

Recent Retirements ...

Elwin Yoder, appraiser, Partnership Programs Support Branch, Real Estate, will retire May 31, after dedicating 20 years and 10 months to the federal government.

NOTE

Please send achievements, births, and obituaries for this page to the editor at: mark.a.kane@usace.army.mil.

Without your input we may not receive the information that enables us to inform the District and retirees as effectively as needed.

Sympathy ...



Stephen "Top" Brown, 55, of Peoria, Ill., died April 16.

Brown was a member of the Illinois Waterway Strike Removal Crew and was a lock and dam mechanic for 23 years. He was a Vietnam War Marine Corps veteran and served in the Army Reserves from 1980 to 1999.



Jeanne Cook, 83, formerly of North Liberty, Iowa, died April 9, in Lantern Park Care Center, Coralville, Iowa.

Cook and her husband, Dale, worked for the District at Coralville Lake as fee takers for the Sugar Bottom and West Overlook campgrounds.



Benjamin Kitsis, 82, of Davenport, Iowa, died March 29, at his home.

Kitsis worked for many years for the District. He was a World War II Army veteran, having served with the 16th Armored Division.



Mary Peil, 92, Leesburg, Fla., died March 10.

Peil worked for the District in the Clock Tower Building in the 1930s where she met her husband, John Peil, who went on to become the District Engineer.



Nancy Hass, 69, of Moriarty, N.M., died Feb. 28, at Lovelace Hospital, Albuquerque, N.M.

Hass worked and retired from the District.

SUPPORT, SACRIFICE FOR CORPS

Thanks to our employees currently supporting the Global War on Terrorism

Maj. Melody Smith, Executive Office; Eric Aubrey, Randy Brotherton, Ben Ferrell, Christian Hawkinson, Perry Hubert, Brian Lane, and Ron Plante, Engineering Division; Lance Gardner, John Stiffey, David Varner, and Randy Walters, Operations Division; Rod Hallstrom and Ron Williams, Real Estate; Paul Holcomb and Tom Mack, Construction Division; Judy Walters, Programs and Project Management; and Nancy Pierce, Logistics Management.

Kyle Retzlaff, Operations Division, is a District employee currently serving on military active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism through his respective reserve unit.

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Eric Aubrey, Dave Bequeath, Dana Brosig, Pete Corken, Julie Fisher, Dan Foltz, Christian Hawkinson, Mark Hoague, Brian Lane, Larry Melaas, Nicholas Peschang, Joel Peterson, Ron Plante, Tom Reinhardt, Richard Rupert, Ray Tatro, Charles VanLaarhoven, and Judy Walters, Engineering Division; Bob Balamut, Randy Brotherton, Brett Call, Alois Devos, Dave Dierickx, Terry (Sam) Hoover, Lee Myers, Steve Russell, Karl Schmitz, James Trail, David Varner, Randy Walters, and James Wilson, Operations Division; Darryl Carattini, Perry Hubert, Randy Kraciun, Penny St. Clair, and Chuck Theiling, Programs and Project Management; Randall Braley, Paul Holcomb, Daniel Holmes, and Ricky Stebens, Construction Division; George Sporer, Ralph Werthman, and Ron Williams, Real Estate; Jan Hancks, Contracting; and Nancy Pierce, Logistics Management.

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Thank You For Serving!



Asian Pacific-Islander Heritage Month, May 2005 Excerpts from the '04 Presidential Proclamation

During Asian/Pacific-American Heritage Month, we honor the accomplishments of Asian/Pacific-Americans and the many ways they have enriched our society and shaped the character of our nation through their diverse languages, cultures, and religious beliefs.

Today, Asian/Pacific Americans are leaders in public service, business, government, science, law, education, athletics, the arts, and many other areas. Their love of family, community, and hard work has helped to uphold our nation for many generations. Asian/Pacific-American entrepreneurs are helping to strengthen our economy and our communities through their hard work and ingenuity, and they inspire a new generation of American innovation through their example.

Throughout our history, Asian/Pacific Americans have been patriots, answering the call to defend our nation and to protect the blessings of liberty and democracy. Today, in the war on terror, Asian/Pacific Americans serve proudly as they carry on our nation's noble tradition of advancing the cause of freedom around the world. We are grateful for the sacrifice of our men and women in uniform and those who love and support them as we fight to protect our homeland and make the world safe for democracy.

Today, the more than 13 million Americans of Asian or Pacific-Island heritage contribute to the vitality, success, and prosperity of our nation.

FACILITY SCHEDULE 2005 RECREATION SEASON

SAYLORVILLE LAKE



CAMPGROUNDS	Number of Sites / # Reservable*	Dates of Full Service	Site Fee*** with Electric	Site Fee Non-electric	Fee Booth Telephone # 's
<i>Cherry Glen</i>	121 / 78*	Apr. 1 - Oct. 31	\$16-22		(515)964-8792
<i>Bob Shetler</i>	67 / 55*	Apr. 29 - Sept. 30	\$14-16		(515)276-0873
<i>Acorn Valley (No Alcohol)</i>	108 / 66*	Apr. 29 - Sept. 30	\$16-18	\$12 (tents only)	(515)276-0429
<i>Prairie Flower****</i>	247 / 198**	Apr. 29 - Sept. 30	\$16-20		(515)984-6925

****Prairie Flower North sites H173 - H190 and group camping loops E, F, G and I close on Oct. 31.



*The National Recreation Reservation Service 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 (TDD 877-833-6777). To find out more about the NRRS, and to make your reservations on line, visit the web site www.ReserveUSA.com

** Prairie Flower has 104 sites for individual reservations and 94 sites for groups (10 group loops of four to 14 sites each).

*** Individual campsites have a colored sticker on their site post to indicate price.

PRICE KEY: Yellow = \$12, non-electric; Blue = \$14; Green = \$16; White = \$18; Red = \$20. A few premium sites, marked \$22 to \$24, have additional site amenities such as 50-amp electrical service, sewer and/or water hookups.

<u>PICNIC AREAS</u>	<u>Number of Shelters</u>	<u>Reservation Fee*</u>	<u>Dates Available</u>
<i>Bob Shetler</i>	2	\$50/Shelter	Apr. 30 - Sept. 30
<i>Cherry Glen</i>	6	\$50/Shelter	Apr. 1 - Oct. 31
<i>Cottonwood</i>	9	\$50/Shelter	Apr. 1 - Oct. 31
<i>Oak Grove</i>	2	\$50/Shelter	May 28 - Sept. 5
<i>Walnut Ridge**</i>	3	\$50/Shelter	Apr. 30 - Sept. 30
<i>Sandpiper</i>	1	\$110/Shelter	Apr. 30 - Sept. 30
<i>Lakeview</i>	1	Non-Reservable	March - November

<u>BEACHES</u>	<u>Open Dates</u>
<i>Oak Grove</i>	May 28- Sept. 5
<i>Sandpiper***</i>	May 28 - Sept. 5

Beach fee is \$1 per person or \$4 per vehicle; under age 12 free; or purchase a \$30 Annual Pass good for unlimited, nationwide use.

*All shelters are available on a first come basis for free, when not reserved.

**18-hole disk golf course located at Walnut Ridge.

*** No Alcohol 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; \$3/day or purchase a \$30 Annual Pass good for unlimited, nationwide use.



VISITOR CENTER

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Days/Hours of Service</u>
Jan. 15 - March	Sat 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sun 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
April - May 27	M - F/ 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sat / Noon - 4 p.m. Sun / Noon - 4 p.m.
May 28 - Sept. 5	Daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sept. 6 - Oct. 31	M-F 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
November - December	Closed

PHONE #'S

Administration Office	(515) 276-4656
Fax Line	(515) 276-2088
Visitor Center	(515) 964-0672
Lake Information (recording)	(515) 276-0433
Picnic Shelter Reservation Line	(515) 270-6173 Jan. 1 - October
Camping Resv. NRRS	(877) 444-6777 Toll Free

ADDRESS

Saylorville Lake
5600 NW 78TH Ave.
Johnston, IA. 50131-1941

Website: www.saylorvillelake.org

Persons with valid Golden Age or Access Passport are entitled to 50 percent discount on camping and day-use fees. Discount is valid on group picnic shelter Special Use Fees only if all members of the group have valid Golden Age or Access Passports. Discount is not valid on group camping fees.

FACILITY SCHEDULE 2005 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>
<i>West Overlook</i>	April 15 - Oct. 14	\$14, 16		
<i>Sugar Bottom*</i>	May 1 - Sept. 29	\$14, 16, 18, 20, 22	\$10	
<i>Cottonwood</i>	April 15 - Oct. 14		\$10	(Tent Sites Only)
<i>Linder Point**</i>	April 15 - Oct. 14	\$14, 22	\$10, 12	
<i>Tailwater East</i>	April 15 - Oct. 14	\$16, 18	\$10	
<i>Tailwater West</i>	April 15 - Oct. 14		\$10	
<i>Sandy Beach</i>	May 1 - Sept. 29	\$14, 16, 20	\$10	



Note: 60 percent of sites are reservable and remainder are first-come, first-serve. Gates are closed Sept. 30 at Sandy Beach. Gates at the Dam Complex are closed Oct. 15. Gates are closed at Sugar Bottom Campground Nov. 1 or at the first snowfall.

* Sugar Bottom sites 300-311 have sewer, water and 50-amp electricity hook-ups (\$22)

** Linder Point sites L1-L8 have sewer, water and 50-amp electricity hook-ups (\$22)

RESERVABLE GROUP CAMPING

<u>Area</u>	<u>Number of Sites</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Dates Available</u>
<i>Sugar Bottom</i>	10 (Loop A)	\$160	May 1 - Sept. 30
	4 (Loop B1)	\$64	May 1 - Sept. 30
	5 (Loop B2)	\$80	May 1 - Sept. 30
	10 (Loop C)	\$160	May 1 - Sept. 30

Note: All group reservations will be taken through the National Recreation Reservation Service. Call NRRS toll free at 1-877-444-6777 or on the Internet at www.ReserveUSA.com.

RESERVABLE PICNIC SHELTERS

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

Note: All picnic shelters are available on a first-come basis when not reserved. Call 319-338-3543 ext. 6301 or ext. 6311 for reservations.

BEACHES

<i>Sandy Beach*</i>	April 1 - Sept. 30
<i>Sugar Bottom Camp</i>	May 1 - Sept. 30
<i>Sugar Bottom Day-Use</i>	May 1 - Sept. 30
<i>West Overlook Day Use*</i>	April 1 - Sept. 30

BOAT RAMPS

Day use fees of \$3/day or \$30/season pass are in effect at the following ramps from April 1 through Sept. 30: Sandy Beach Day Use, Mehaffey Bridge Boat Ramp and West Overlook Day Use.

*Note: A \$1 charge for guests age 12 and up with a \$4/car load maximum will be charged for beach usage. A \$30 Annual Pass is valid for 1 year from date of purchase. Golden Age/ Golden Access cardholders are entitled to a 50 percent discount. Please inquire at the Administrative Office on the east side of the dam or call 319-338-3543 for further details.



ADDRESS

Coralville Lake
 2850 Prairie DuChien Road, NE
 Iowa City, Iowa 52240-7820
 Phone: 319-338-3543
 Fax: 319-354-4466
 Website: www.mvr.usace.army.mil/coralville or www.coralville.org

FACILITY SCHEDULE 2005 RECREATION SEASON



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>
<i>Howell Station*</i>	March 31 - Oct. 31	\$16		Not Listed
<i>Whitebreast*</i>	April 21 - Sept. 26	\$12		Not Listed
<i>Wallashuck*</i>	April 21 - Sept. 26	\$12		Not Listed
<i>North Overlook</i>	April 21 - Sept. 26	\$14	\$8	Not Listed
<i>Ivans</i>	April 14 - Sept. 26	\$12		None

*Note: Sites with 50-amp services are \$2 more. All sites (excluding tent sites) at North Overlook are 50-amp/\$14.

RESERVABLE GROUP CAMPING*

<u>Area</u>	<u>Number of Sites</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Dates Available</u>
<i>Whitebreast Heights</i>			
Group 1	12	\$144/night	April 21 - Sept. 26
Group 2	7	\$84/night	April 21 - Sept. 26

*Note: All group camp reservations will be taken through the National Reservation Recreation Service. Call NRRS toll free at: 877-444-6777 (TDD 1-877-833-6777) or contact them at Internet site: www.ReserveUSA.com



**RESERVABLE
PICNIC SHELTERS**

	<u>Number of Shelters</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Dates Available</u>
<i>Fifield</i>	4	\$30/Shelter	April 8 - Oct. 10
<i>South Overlook</i>	2	\$30/Shelter	April 8 - Oct. 3
<i>Whitebreast</i>	1	\$30/Shelter	April 21 - Sept. 26
<i>North Overlook</i>	1	\$30/Shelter	March 31 - Oct. 31
<i>Miner's Retreat* (enclosed)</i>	1	\$30/Shelter	Year Round*

Note: All picnic shelters are available on a first-come basis when not reserved, with the exception of Miner's Retreat.

*There is also a \$30 facility fee when renting the Miner's Retreat. Miner's Retreat is closed Dec. 3 - 18 due to deer shotgun-hunting season.



BOAT RAMPS

Day-use fees of \$3/day or \$30/season pass are in effect at the following ramps from April 1 through Oct 15: South Overlook, Wallashuck, Marina Cove, Howell Station, and Whitebreast.

BEACHES

	<u>Dates Open</u>
<i>North Overlook*</i>	April 22 - Sept. 12
<i>Whitebreast*</i>	April 22 - Sept. 12

*Note: \$1 charge ages 12 and up or \$4 per car load maximum. \$30 annual passes may be purchased. Passes are in effect from May 1 through Sept. 12.

ADDRESS

Lake Red Rock
1105 Highway T15
Knoxville, IA 50138

Ph.# 641-828-7522

Fax: 641-828-7952

VISITOR CENTER HOURS

Dates and Hours

January:	Closed - (Open by appointment only)
February-March:	Open Saturday and Sunday 12 - 4 p.m.
April:	Open Saturday and Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
May:	Open Monday -Friday 12 - 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Memorial Day to Labor Day Weekend: Open everyday 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
September - October:	Open Saturday and Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
November:	Open Saturday and Sunday 12 - 4 p.m.
December:	Closed - (Open by appointment only)

FACILITY SCHEDULE 2005 RECREATION SEASON



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>
<i>Grant River*</i>	April 8 - Oct. 23	\$18/16	\$10**	(608) 763-2140
<i>Blanding Landing*</i>	May 13 - Oct. 23	\$14	\$10	(815) 591-2326
<i>Pleasant Creek</i>	May 15 - Oct. 15		\$4	
<i>Thomson Causeway*</i>	April 8 - Oct. 23	\$18/16	\$10**	(815) 259-2353
<i>Bulger's Hollow</i>	May 10 - Sept. 15		\$4	
<i>Fisherman's Corner*</i>	April 8 - Oct. 23	\$18/16	\$10**	(309) 496-2720
<i>Clark's Ferry*</i>	April 8 - Oct. 10	\$18/16		(319) 381-4043
<i>Shady Creek*</i>	May 6 - Oct. 23	\$18/16		(319) 262-8090
<i>Blanchard Island</i>	May 14 - Oct. 22		\$4	
<i>Andalusia Slough</i>	May 14 - Oct. 22		\$4	

*Camping reservations

**This fee is for the tent sites that are available.

Note: All other 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 and Dam 13, Ferry Landing, Fenway Landing, Bear Creek, John Hay, 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.

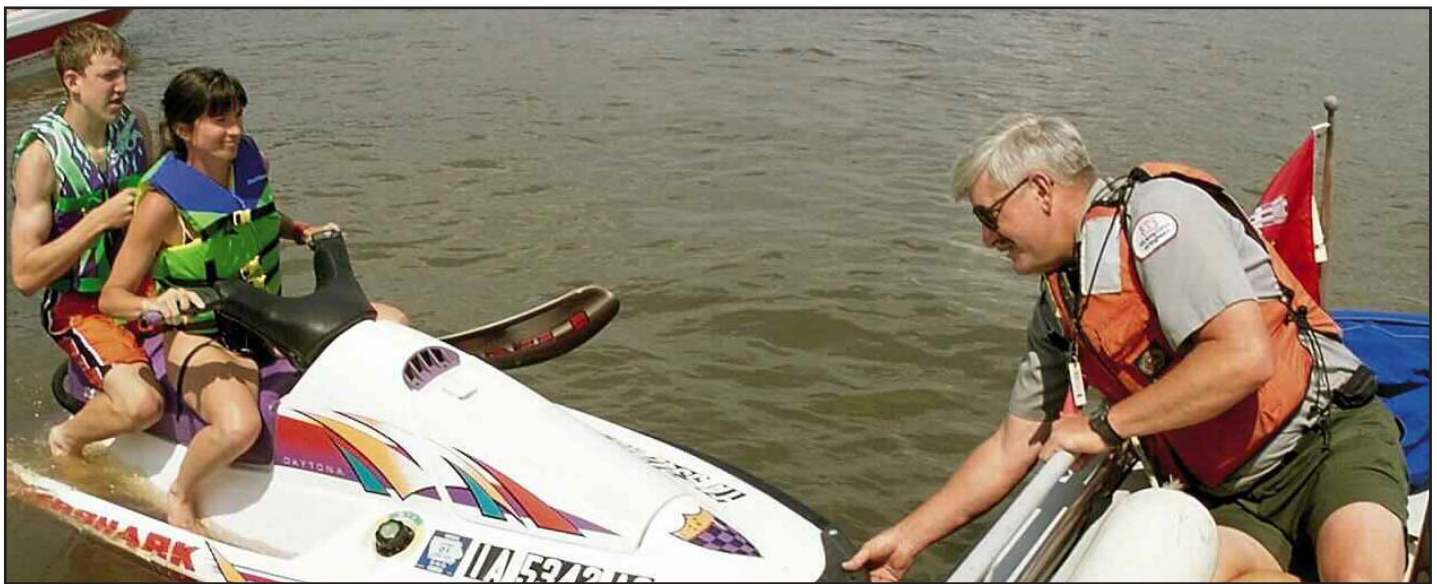
TRAILER DUMPING FEE: \$5 at all fee areas, except at Andalusia Slough where no dump station exists.

BOAT RAMPS

Day-use fees of \$3/day or \$30/season pass are in effect at the following ramps from May 1 through Nov. 30: Grant River, Blanding Landing, Pleasant Creek, Big Slough, Thomson Causeway, Cattail Slough, Clark's Ferry, Lock and Dam 13, and Shady Creek.

RESERVABLE PICNIC SHELTERS	Number of Shelters	Cost	Dates Available
<i>Lock and Dam 14</i>	2	\$25/Shelter	Year Round
<i>Grant River</i>	1	\$25/Shelter	Year Round
<i>Thomson Causeway</i>	2	\$25/Shelter	Year Round
<i>Clark's Ferry</i>	1	\$25/Shelter	Year Round
<i>Shady Creek</i>	1	\$25/Shelter	Year Round
<i>Andalusia Slough</i>	1	\$25/Shelter	Year Round
<i>Blanding Landing</i>	1	\$25/Shelter	Year Round
<i>Bulger's Hollow</i>	1	\$25/Shelter	Year Round

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



LOCK and DAM 15 VISITOR CENTER Phone: (309) 794-5338 Fax: (309) 794-5741
Dates Times
 Jan. 1 - May 14 Open: daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 May 15 - Sept. 10 Open: M-F, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat/Sun 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Sept. 11 - May 13, 2006 Open: daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Closed Christmas and New Year's Day

ADDRESSES

Main Office: Mississippi River Project Office
 Natural Resource Management Branch
 P.O. Box 534, 25549 - 182nd Street
 Pleasant Valley, IA 52767-0534
 Phone: (309) 794-4524 Fax: (309) 794-4347
 Website: www.mvr.usace.army.mil/missriver

FIELD STATIONS

Dubuque Ranger field station:	(563) 582-0881	Fax (563) 582-6908
Thomson Ranger field station:	(815) 259-3628	Fax (815) 259-3629
Muscatine Ranger field station:	(563) 263-7913	
	(563) 263-7105	Fax (563) 263-1845
Quincy Ranger field station:	(217) 228-0890	Fax (217) 228-3269

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ILLINOIS WATERWAY

BEACHES: None
CAMPING: None
RESERVABLE GROUP CAMPING: None

VISITOR CENTER:

Dates Jan. 2 - Dec. 31
Hours 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

FARM CREEK RECREATION AREAS:

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

Phone: (815) 667-4054
Fax: (815) 667-4954
e-mail: Ewbank@usace.army.mil

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

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