

Ginny Zimmerman

Staff Accountant



Spotlight on the District

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The District Commander's Award for August 1999, was presented to Ginny Zimmerman, staff accountant, Resource Management Office, by Col. James Mudd, district commander.

Zimmerman was nominated for her coordination of the paperwork dealing with Maj. Doug Cooper's permanent change of duty station to the Quad Cities area.

Her customer service skills were specifically spotlighted in her nomination, but those same skills are used throughout the year in almost every aspect of her job.

"It's great, because no matter what I do I want to work with people," said Zimmerman. "Some people say, 'Don't you get sick of me calling,' but I say 'no' because I really like the contact."

Zimmerman gets more than her fair share of contact with people. She's one of the main points of contact District employees rely on when it comes to questions concerning the Corps of Engineers Financial Management System, better known as CEFMS.

"I spend a lot of time on the phone with people that have problems with CEFMS," said Zimmerman. "Some of those problems are a real challenge, but it keeps me busy. If I become stagnant I don't enjoy my work - that hasn't been a problem so far."

Zimmerman is also the District's Agency Program Coordinator for the Government Visa Travel Card Program.

"I guess some people may think dealing with the travel card

program is a nightmare, but few people (in the Rock Island District) abuse the card or are delinquent. I've been told the Corps itself has very fewer problems than most other agencies," she said.

Other services Zimmerman provides include account payable instruction and guidance to District personnel and researching regulations and Comptroller General decisions to determine proper use of District financial resources.

Although Zimmerman is focused on her career, she also spends time at home on hobbies like flower arranging and loves to make crafts with her two grandchildren.

With hobbies in mind, Zimmerman is already planning for her retirement.

"When I retire I would like to take classes in oil painting and pastels, and I would really like to get into woodworking," said Zimmerman. "Some of the things I would like to do are pretty simple, like just reading more, getting together with my friends more often, and doing volunteer work."

Zimmerman's husband is one of the founders of the Quad City Botanical Center, as well as the Quad City Bonsai Club.

They have a son and a daughter who both work in Finance and Accounting in Rock Island, Ill. Their son is an engineer with Ameritech, while their

daughter is a marketing administrative assistant at Friendship Manor.

Zimmerman also has two grandchildren, one is 11 and the other is nine.



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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AT WORK - Ginny Zimmerman discusses some paperwork with Patricia Ballman, Finance and Accounting Officer, and Mike Tomlinson, Data Administrator, CEFMS.

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