

From Top Left to Bottom Right

- Tom Nock, Engineering and Construction, makes sure the hot dogs and bratwurst are done just right.
- Heather Rentz, Programs and Project Management, holds up her son Kaiden, while taking in the Corps Day picnic.
- Several children enjoy the bounce house provided during the picnic.
- Gaylord Helms, Logistics Management, goes for a ringer during one of the many games of horse shoes played during the day.
- Two volleyball participants charge the net in their attempt to make the next point.
- Jason Jones, Engineering and Construction, joins the action and puts his foot into a game of kickball.



Corps Day 2006

Award Winners

Employee of the Year

Professional Occupations

Valarie Bollmann, Resource Management

Technical Occupations

Teresa Neff, Engineering and Construction

Trades and Crafts Occupations

James Hipschen, Operations Division

Trades and Crafts Occupations

Alan St. Clair, Operations Division

Public Contact Occupations

Suzanne Simmons, Programs and Project Management

Suggester of the Year

Jeffery Turner, Operations Division

Honorary Awards

Commander's Award for Civilian Service

Nancy VanderLeest, Resource Management

Corps of Engineers Landscape Architect of the Year

Kevin Holden, Engineering and Construction

Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller, for Outstanding Accomplishments in Budgeting

James Toohey, Resource Management

2005 MVD Planning Excellence Award

Dan Fetes, Programs and Project Management

2005 MVD Planning Excellence Team Award for the Upper

Mississippi River Environmental Restoration Program

Roger Perk, Engineering and Construction, and
Marvin Hubbell, Programs and Project Management

EEO Champion of the Year

Amy Moore, Engineering and Construction

Extra Mile Awardees

Eric Aubrey, Bob Balamut, Randy Brotherton, Dave Dierickx,
Matt Emmons, Ben Ferrell, Lance Gardner, Brian Lane, Thomas
Mack, Kevin Marker, Nancy Pierce, Kyle Retzlaff, Ron Williams

Pathfinders Graduate Certificates

Andrew Barnett, Kayleen Edwards, Angie Gillbraith, Jamaal King,
Doug Morgan, Sara Paxson, Mary Peschang, Heather Petersen,
Ann Marie Roarty, Dallas Roberts, Freddie Taylor, Julie
Townsend, Breanna VanDeWostine, John Williams

District Commander's Lapel Pin

Michael Barndollar, Susan Brown, Fredrick Joers, Barbara Lester,
Jacqueline Peterson, Jeffrey Rose, Bradley Thompson

Length of Service Awards

45 Years: Donald Bawmann

40 Years: Ronald Allison, Charles Clatt, Richard Moss, Gary
Rose

35 Years: Dana Crawford, Gary Loss, Stephen McCann, Dennis
Padakis, Marlyn Schafer, Richard Traver, Ora Walters

30 Years: Clarence Buchanan, John Easley, Terrence Galick,
Michael Garvis, David Hays, John Hamill, Rustin Jackson, Jim
Kohl, Patricia Kremer, David Martin, Gary Martin, James May,
Joni Redman, James Reynolds, Suzanne Simmons, George Staley,
Ronald Wunderle

25 Years: Samuel Adcox, Larry Boeken, Valarie Bollmann, Joyce
Byrd, Victoria Davis, Timothy Fiscus, William Gauley, Michael
Gehant, Roger Green, William Gretten, Randall Haas, John
Hanssen, Mark Hoague, Joni Jennings, Frederick Joers, Daniel
Johnson, Perry Jones III, John Kincaid, Teresa Kincaid, Joanne
Lieving, Charles Lovell, Michael Mannhardt, Robert Morandi,
Curtis Norby, Michael Roarty, Kenn Shoemaker, Thomas Schink,
Fred Spires, Jr., George Swartz, Victoria Terronez, Jerry Tucker,
Ivan Tuthill, Scott Weeks, Mark Witalka

20 Years: Kathryn Atkinson, Lawrence Badtke, Kenneth Barr,
Harry Botorff, John Burger, James Carlson, Danet Dexter,
Michael Elliott, Terry Escher, Patrick Flaherty, William Ford,
Michael Hayes, Gaylord Helms, Samuel Hively, Russell Jennings,
Thomas Kirkeeng, John Knoble, Judy Kornburst, Randall
Kraciun, Robert Lazenby II, Thomas Lafrenz, Barbara Lester,
Donald Larson, Manis McDougal, Darron Niles, William Paulsen,
Mary Peschang, John Punkiewicz, Stephen Russell, Glen
Stillmunkes, Mary Scott, Bret Streckwald, James Toohey, John
VanWatermeulen

15 Years: Brent Anderson, John Behrens, Daniel Hooks, Dennis
Koenig, Angela Gilbraith, Wayne Granzow, Judith Gooch,
Michael Jurkowski, Ronald Laatz, James Metz, Stephen Moseley,
Stephen Nylin, Eric Osuch, Thomas Ritter, Jeffrey Rose II, Albert
Royer, Jeffrey Scukanec, Jodi Staebell, Randy Stines, Ray Tatro,
Charles VanLaarhoven, Anthony Zemo

10 Years: John Banowetz, Donald Bardole, Bonnie Bernat,
Richard Blair, Adrienne Blackwell, Travis Cage, Daniel Earhart,
John Ellerhoff, Matthew Emmons, Francis Frauenholtz, Lance
Gardner, Robert Gullion, Danny Johnston, Kevin Landwehr,
Richard Nickel, Jared Miller, Nicholas Peschang, Jerry
Rasmussen, Dennis Siëverding, Michael Tarpey, Scott Whitney,
Colm Young

Accrued Sick Leave

3000 Hours - Wayne Hannel; 2000 Hours - John Castle, Mark
Hoague, Neal Johnson, Andrew Luber, Stephen McCann, Glen
Merry, Tom Pickett, Ronald Planes, Larry Reeve, William
Robinson, Richard Vesper, Earl Wood

Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees Inductees for 2006

James H. Blanchar



James H. Blanchar began his career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1959. Blanchar served in various positions in the construction field throughout the Corps.

Blanchar came to the Rock Island District in 1982 as chief of the Construction Division. While in Construction Division in Rock Island, he was instrumental in many improvements in the division to include an automated payment/progress report and construction management reporting system and an improved pre-award review process.

In 1986, Blanchar served as deputy District engineer for a period of eight months, and then in 1987, he was selected as the chief of the Operations Division, where he served until his retirement in 2002.

During his tenure as chief of the Operations Division, Blanchar served on many local and national groups and committees working to improve the operations and maintenance processes throughout the Corps. Blanchar's leadership was instrumental in testing and implementing performance and customer satisfaction metrics known as the Performance Metrics System.

Blanchar was also appointed by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) to serve at the United States representative on the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses' Technical Committee on Navigation.

Throughout his career Blanchar's willingness to do whatever it took earned the respect of his peers and leadership and brought great credit upon himself and the Corps.

Gary W. Thompson

Gary W. Thompson served as park manager, Coralville Lake, Rock Island District, from 1976 until his retirement in 1991. During this period, Thompson was instrumental in the development of the recreation mission of the Rock Island District and presided over a remarkable growth in visitation at Coralville Lake.

Thompson's efforts increased recreational opportunities available to eastern Iowa residents, while improving the quality of the recreational experience for project visitors. Thompson was also involved in development of a professional ranger staff for both his project and the District by filling 0025 series park ranger positions, while gradually phasing out the 0026 park technician non-professional series.

Thompson made a significant contribution to the development of recreation within the District and helped establish the District as a leader in recreation for the Corps of Engineers.

As one of the founders of the recreation program for the District, no one is more deserving of honor and induction into the Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees.



Corps Day 2006 Activities Committee

General Chairperson - Larry Jones

Awards Committee - Jim Toohey, chair;
Ann Roarty, Lindsey Wingate

Security - John Blair, chair

Food Committee - Mark Lampe, chair,
Angela Gilbraith, George Hardison, Tom
Nock, John Punkiewicz, Terry Riddell, Bob
Wild

Fundraising Committee - Beth Hann,
chair

Games Committee - Juanita Heald, chair;
Heather Elam, Tom Nock, Brian Tuftee,
Breanna VanDeWostine

Set up/Clean up Committee - Liz
Robinson, chair, Sue Dikeman, Heather
Schroeder, Matt Zager

Logistics Committee - Gaylord Helms,
chair, Bob Nelson

Weather Committee - Jim Stiman, chair,
Matt Zager

Retirees Committee - Mary Peschang,
chair

Publicity Committee - Mark Kane, chair,
Angela Freyermuth, Gary Huston

A special thanks to everyone who participated in the coordination, preparation, set up, and involvement in all the Corps Day fundraisers, which raised the needed funds for Corps Day to take place.