

You are Part of Corps History

We want you to be part of a forthcoming history book about the Corps of Engineers Natural Resource Management (NRM) Program. Please send us your stories.

Background and Concept: Over coffee with current and retired Corps NRM folks, a discussion began about the possibility of losing the history of the origins of the agency's ranger and NRM program. Both new and seasoned NRM employees need to know where we started, the journey traveled, and where the program is heading in the future. Who better to tell this story than the people who led the way and empowered the work we do?

This discussion sparked the idea of telling the Corps' NRM program story through the voices of its current and retired leaders, managers, park rangers, interpreters, natural resource specialists, maintenance staff and anyone who has given so much to the agency and program.

This good idea was enthusiastically and unanimously supported by board members of the Corps Foundation, the Corps of Engineers' non-profit, supporting the NRM program.

To get this done, the Corps Foundation is sponsoring a print-on-demand book that will:

- Allow rangers and other NRM staff (again, current and retired) to share personal and professional stories about their contributions to this history, no matter how large or small.
- Be easy to edit and update with new editions.
- Cost nothing to produce, except donated time to organize submissions and the actual costs of each published book.

How to Contribute: We want current, former and retired rangers and other NRM staff to share any stories about topics such as:

- Your job with the Corps of Engineers
- Accomplishments
- Contributions to Corps NRM / ranger history
- Challenges
- Successes
- Growing pains, triumphs and memories
- Funny stories
- Photographs
- Other

We also welcome contributions from friends and family members about deceased former employees. Please also forward this to anyone else who may wish to contribute.

Book Format: After an introduction, the book will contain a brief, formal and factual account of the authorizations, early days, and history of the program.

The rest of the book will include the real heart of the history, the individual contributions. So, those who contribute are asked to include the approximate date the stories took place. Our minor editing will focus on misspelled words and improving readability.

Deadline for submissions: Please submit entries by 31 March 2019. We hope to have the book ready for sale by Summer, 2019. Please submit your contributions as a Word document. The book

will be written in Palatino Linotype, font size 12. Please use that format if you want to save us some work.

If you currently work for the Corps of Engineers, please send all submissions to your District PAO Office Staff. They will make necessary edits and (we hope) forward your submission before the end of April to: Pat Barry at: jpatbarry@hotmail.com and will need to write "Corps History Book" in the message heading.

Please note: By sending us your story, you give us the right to include it in this forthcoming book.

Oral history and transcriptions: As of now, we have no transcribers so we cannot accept oral histories. Please have your contribution transcribed, if needed, before you submit it to us. If you want to volunteer to record or transcribe, please contact Pat Barry.

Cover Design: We need a book cover design. We have someone who can do a cover for about \$300 but we prefer to find a volunteer from the ranks of our rangers. If anyone would like to volunteer some of their personal time to help us design a book cover, please let us know. If no one volunteers, we may hold a cover design contest.

Benefits to the Corps Foundation:

- We will price it so the Corps Foundation receives a few dollars per copy. This money will cover expenses and go to efforts that benefit the Corps of Engineers NRM program.
- It enhances our role in supporting the NRM program.

Benefits to the Corps NRM program:

- As of this moment, no history of the NRM program exists in book format. This book will fill that void.
- We hope this will serve as an inspiring reference for new employees and a memoir for long-term employees.
- The personal stories are really the heart of our program and need to be preserved.

We encourage you to participate in this effort to record our history. Don't miss this opportunity to tell your role in the history of the NRM program. We want you to be included in this book.

Thank you!

Pat Barry, retired Corps ranger and Communications Chair of the Corps Foundation.

P.S. We wish we had a way to reward all contributors with a free copy of this book but we will not be able to do so. We will let you know when it is available for purchase.

