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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
CHIEFS, OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: Iraq R&R Recreation Day Use Fee and Camping Fee Waiver

1. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will waive all day use and camping fees for active service personnel on temporary leave from duty in Iraq for the duration of the operation. The intent is to recognize the selfless service of these individuals to our Nation and the world.
2. Corps lakes provide excellent opportunities for individuals to find renewal, solace, and inspiration on our Nation's public lands. Our lands are available for all Americans to use and enjoy, but we are issuing a special invitation to our uniformed personnel from all branches of service on active duty in Iraq.
3. Service persons on R&R will be required to show identification and leave orders to obtain the waiver. The waiver will also apply to all family members accompanying the serviceperson on the visit. The waiver will be applied to daily use fees and camping fees. Camping fees will be waved on a walk up and space available basis, as well as through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) call center. Camping fees, however, will not be waived for on-line reservations made through ReserveUSA.com. State, local and other managing entities of recreation areas located on Corps lands are encouraged, but are not required to comply with this waiver of fees in the areas they manage.
4. We are currently working with the National Park Service, the USDA, Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and other agencies in an attempt to expand this offering.
5. A press release will be developed for this initiative. It will be issued under routine Public Affairs procedures. POC in CECW-ON is Judy Rice, (202) 761-4751.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

CARL A. STROCK
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