

"A River of Opportunity, A Century of Commitment"



An Invitation
from

***Ouachita River Valley Association
President***

Camden, Arkansas Mayor Chris Claybaker



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On behalf of the Ouachita River Valley Association (ORVA) I want to welcome William B. "Bill" Hobgood as our new Executive Director. Bill replaces Paul Revis, who helped take ORVA to the next level—one of importance, relevance and effectiveness. We expect even greater accomplishments from Bill.

Bill served in dual roles as a civilian and military officer with the United States Army Corps of Engineers. As a civilian he worked with the Vicksburg District USACE where he served as Chief for the Planning Division and Chief of the Operations Division. As a military officer, Bill retired with the rank of Major General where he served as commanding General of the 412 Engineering Command.

Bill currently serves as a member of the USACE Chief of Engineers "Leaders Emeritus" - a group of retired general officers and civilians who advise the Chiefs of Engineers on various activities and programs conducted by the Corps.

ORVA ANNUAL MEETING

Please allow me to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to attend ORVA's Annual Conference beginning Thursday, **August 14 and continuing through Friday, August 15 in West Monroe, Louisiana**. We have an impressive slate of speakers Louisiana Congressman Rodney Alexander, US Coast Guard Chief, Richard Waring, Steve Stockton, USACE Director of Civil Works, Colonel Mike Wehr, USACE Commander-Vicksburg District and Raymond Butler, Executive Director of the Gulf Intra-Coastal Association are included. They will discuss and address all aspects of importance related to the Ouachita River Valley.

This is a wonderful opportunity to network with like-minded people who respect one of our regions greatest treasures and resources—the Ouachita River. It is truly the tie that binds South Arkansas and North Louisiana as one of our nations' dynamic regions. You do not want to miss this Conference.