



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**
Memphis District

News Release

Release No.

PA-12-18

Contact:

Public Affairs Office

For Release:

Immediately

Phone:

(901) 544-3005

Corps of Engineers to celebrate 130 years of service in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 9, 2012 – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will celebrate its 130th year of service in Memphis with a ceremony on Oct. 11, beginning at 11 a.m. on the ground floor of the Clifford Davis – Odell Horton Federal Building, 167 N. Main St., in downtown Memphis.

The Memphis District traces its heritage to 1882 following a great flood that devastated local levee systems, creating 284 crevasses totaling 56 miles in length. That same year the Corps of Engineers Second District was established in Memphis, the direct predecessor of today's Memphis District.

Now, 130 years later, flood risk management continues to be one of the Memphis District's major missions along with River Navigation and Environmental Restoration.

Local dignitaries, partners, retirees, the press and the general public are invited to attend the ceremonies that will include historical reflections and an exhibit of historical photos and artifacts.

-30-

BUILDING STRONG®

Join us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/MemphisUSACE> and
<http://www.facebook.com/BPNMFloodway#!/BPNMFloodway>

Follow us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/MemphisDistrict>

Visit us on the Web: <http://www.mvm.usace.army.mil/>