

**National Waterways Conference, Inc.**  
**2019 Annual Meeting**  
**The Peabody Memphis**  
**September 17-19, 2019**

**‘History and Soul’**

**Tuesday, September 17**

**2:00pm – 5:00pm** – Registration – Peabody Grand Ballroom West Foyer

**1:00pm – 3:00pm** – IRPT Lower Mississippi Basin Meeting– Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon D

**2:00pm – 2:30pm** – NWC Nominating Committee – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon C

**2:30pm – 3:00pm** – NWC Membership Committee – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon C

**3:00pm – 4:00pm** – NWC Legislative Policy Committee – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon C

**4:00pm – 5:00pm** – NWC Executive Committee – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon C

**5:30pm – 7:00pm** – Welcome Reception – Peabody Rooftop & Skyway

**Welcome remarks from The Honorable Jim Strickland, Mayor of the City of Memphis**

**Wednesday, September 18**

**7:30am** – Buffet Breakfast – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon D&E

**9:00am** – Opening Session – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon A&B

Welcome – Mr. Randy Richardson, Executive Director, Port of Memphis, and Chairman,  
National Waterways Conference, Inc.

*Speaker gifts: While we are very appreciative of the generosity of our speakers in giving their valuable time to us, in lieu of speaker gifts, we have made a donation to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital to help end childhood cancer.*

**Opening Speaker:**

**The Honorable R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)**

Update from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Headquarters

- Edward Belk, Chief, Programs Integration Division
- Thomas P. Smith, Chief, Operations and Regulatory

**9:00am** – Spouse Event – Meet in Lobby in front of Capriccio’s Grill

\*\*Space is limited! Pre-registration is required\*\*

**10:15am -10:30am** – Beverage Break – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon E&F

**10:30am – 12:00pm** – Session Two – Regional Spotlight

- COL Zach Miller, Memphis District Commander
- COL Rob Hilliard, Vicksburg District Commander
- COL Stephen Murphy, New Orleans District Commander
- Edward H. Grimm III, President and CEO, Southern Towing Company
- Stephen Gambrell, Executive Director, Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association

**12:00pm - 1:30pm** – Luncheon - Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon C

**Luncheon Speaker: LTG Todd T. Semonite, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

**1:45pm – 4:00pm** – Session Three – Current and Emerging Water Resources Issues

- Elliott Bouillion, President and CEO, RES (Resource Environmental Solutions)
- Ken Eriksen, Senior Vice President, Informa Economics
- Thomas Kula, Executive Director, North Texas Municipal Water District

**4:00pm – 5:00pm** - NWC General Membership Meeting

**6:30pm** – A one-of-a-kind Memphis experience at the World Famous Charlie Vergos Rendezvous, with entertainment provided by the soulful sounds of Chris Gales, a guitarist, singer and songwriter straight from the legendary Beale Street.

**Thursday, September 19**

**7:30am** - NWC Board of Directors – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon C

**7:30am** – Buffet Breakfast – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon D&E

**9:00am – 12:00pm** Closing Session - Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon A&B

Introduction of new Officers and Directors

Panel: A Comprehensive Approach to Yield Multiple Benefits

- Rick Johnson, Executive Director, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
- Kirsten Wallace, Executive Director, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association (UMRBA)
- Dustin Boatwright, Chief Engineer and Executive Vice President, Little River Drainage District
- Michael D. Klingner, PE, Chairman, Upper Mississippi, Illinois & Missouri Rivers Association (UMIMRA)

The Capitol Outlook from federal and state partners

- Gene Higginbotham, Projects Director, Senator John Boozman (Arkansas)
- Jay Sherrod, Projects Director, Rep. Rick Crawford (Arkansas)
- Jeff Parrish, State Counsel and Field Director, Senator Marsha Blackburn (Tennessee)
- Jeremy Jordan, Constituent Services Representative, Rep. Steve Cohen (Tennessee)
- Dan Pallme, Tennessee Department of Transportation

**12:00pm** – Adjourn