



Mission

The Quarters Boat Harold E. Taggatz is one of three vessels that make up the St. Paul District's dredging fleet and is used to house those working on the dredging crew. This fleet, which also includes the Dredge Goetz and the Motor Vessel General Warren Towboat, is based out of the district's service base in Fountain City, Wis., and used to maintain 850 miles of the



Upper Mississippi River and its navigable tributaries in the basin, including the Illinois River, and other rivers throughout the Midwest and southern portions of the nation. This fleet replaced the district's former dredging vessel, the self-propelled Dredge William A. Thompson, which was retired in 2005.

History

The Corps of Engineers commissioned the building of the Taggatz in May of 2006 and awarded the contract in August of 2006 to Patti Shipyard of Pensacola, Fla. It cost approximately \$13 million to build. It arrived in the St. Paul District on July 25, 2008, after an extended delay in St. Louis awaiting flood runoff throughout the Midwest. Its christening ceremony was celebrated in St. Paul, Minn., May 14, 2009.

The vessel was named after Corps of Engineers employee Harold E. Taggatz, who worked at the St. Paul District from 1962 to 1998. During his the last 12 years with the district, Taggatz served as assistant chief of the Construction-Operations Division. He was highly respected by both Corps employees and other federal and state agency personnel for his leadership, integrity and commitment to accomplishing the Corps' objectives using a balanced, environmentally acceptable approach. Taggatz had a deep concern for the quality of life and work conditions of Corps employees at field site locations and therefore the vessel is apply named.

Dredge Features

The Quarters Boat Taggatz is 160 foot long and 40 foot wide. It has a two-level house with living quarters for a crew of 60 and mess capability for 40 persons at one sitting. In addition, it has office space to perform administrative work and an engineering room, where all barge parameters can be monitored. Other features include the ability to make its own potable water, Internet and e-mail access to all employees thru a satellite communication system, separate shower and restroom for each berthing room, a recreational lounge and an exercise room.