



MESSAGE TO THE REGIMENT #99: “The Engineer Blast”

31 July, 2013

A. Overview: The Office of the Chief of Engineers is pleased to forward this 99th version of “The Engineer Blast”.

Thanks for all you do and stay safe – enjoy the “BLAST!!”

NOTE: In order to further enhance communications from the major entities of the Engineer Regiment to the field, the Office, Chief of Engineers (OCE) is facilitating a process to spread Engineer knowledge from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), The United States Army Engineer School (USAES), Engineer Branch, other Engineer agencies, and our office in the Pentagon. All links should work for .mil computers.

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel has announced that the President has nominated:

Major General Edward C. Cardon, United States Army, for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and assignment as Commanding General, United States Army Cyber Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He is currently serving as Commanding General, 2d Infantry Division, Eighth United States Army, Republic of Korea.



Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel has announced that the President has nominated the following Army Competitive Category colonels for promotion to the rank of brigadier general.

Colonel Jeffrey A. Farnsworth (40)
Enroute to:
Deputy Commander
United States Army Space and Missile Command/
United States Army Forces Strategic Command
Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado 80914-4901

Colonel Richard G. Kaiser (EN)
Chief of Staff
82d Airborne Division
2175 Reilly Road
Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28310

Colonel John S. Kem (EN)
Enroute to:
Commander
United States Army Engineer Division, Northwest
Portland, Oregon 97208-2870

Colonel Scott A. Spellmon (EN)
Commander
United States Army Operational Test Command Fort
Hood, Texas 76544

Colonel Clarence D. Turner (EN)
Commander
United States Army Engineer Division, South Pacific
1455 Market Street, Suite 2070
San Francisco, California 94103



On June 13, 2013, CSM Butler Kendrick Jr. became the 17th Engineer Regimental Command Sergeant Major. A Change of Responsibility ceremony was held at the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza on FLW where CSM Murphy passed responsibilities.

Command Sergeant Major Antonio Jones, 2nd Engineer Brigade, Joint Base Elemendorf Richardson has been selected as the South Atlantic Engineer Division Command Sergeant Major. Please pass on your congratulations. CSM JONES' EMAIL IS: antonio.s.jones.mil@mail.mil

B. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) provides the following information:



HQs USACE & 249th En Bn (Prime Power)
238th ARMY Birthday Run
Fort Myer, VA - 14 June 2013



LTG Thomas Bostick recently attended a Nationals game in which the Nationals recognized Black Heritage both on and off the field. LTG Bostick was recognized by the organization on the field before the game (picture left) and during the game with a group of Wounded Warriors.

1. USACE News Stories:

[U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' trails designated as National Recreation Trails](#)

WASHINGTON –The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced today that five of its recreation trails have been designated national recreation trails by the U.S. Department of the Interior. The five are among 28 trails nationwide designated this year as new national recreation trails, and will join the national network of more than 1,200 previously designated trails that encompass more than 14,000 miles of existing trails and trail systems. Jul-03-13

[U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Releases Work Plans for Fiscal Year 2013 Civil Works Appropriations](#)

Washington- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released its work plans, or spending plans, through the end of Fiscal Year 2013 for five appropriation accounts in the Army Civil Works program. President Obama signed the Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, Division F of Public Law 113-6, into law on March 26, 2013. The Act provided total FY13 appropriations for the Army Civil Works program of \$4.972 billion. Published: Jun-26-13

July 29, 2013 - [ERDC, Fort Worth District share 2013 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Innovation of the Year Award](#)

July 26, 2013 - [Sea ice scallops may hold key to impact of climate change on melting glaciers](#)

July 26, 2013 - [Corps collaborates on teacher training to help promote STEM](#)

July 26, 2013 - [Albuquerque District offers STEM Internship](#)

July 26, 2013 - [USACE talks STEM at Boy Scouts Summerfest](#)

July 26, 2013 - [Middle East Meets West: The Ebb and Flow of International Water Management](#)

July 19, 2013 - [Army Corps of Engineers signs first cooperation agreement with Nicholls State University](#)

July 19, 2013 - [Debris management planning underway in Bangladesh](#)

July 18, 2013 - [Tomorrow's engineers tackle internships in Europe](#)

July 18, 2013 - [Corps helps prepare future engineering students at Tennessee State University](#)

July 18, 2013 - [Army Corps of Engineers helps return of stolen artifacts](#)

July 18, 2013 - [District inactivates after four years of delivering critical infrastructure](#)

July 09, 2013 - [Algiers Lock: Vital Shipping Structure being repaired](#)

July 09, 2013 - [Science and arts symposium keeps students focused](#)

July 09, 2013 - [Army Corps of Engineers deepens vital navigational channel](#)

July 08, 2013 - [Army Corps improves patient care at West Point hospital](#)

July 03, 2013 - [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' trails designated as National Recreation Trails](#)

July 01, 2013 - [Corps celebrates America's Great Outdoors, opens new pathway](#)

July 01, 2013 - [Play it safe on the lake this holiday weekend](#)

June 27, 2013 - [Seminar cultivates way forward following Hurricane Sandy](#)

June 26, 2013 - [USACE to place more than 26 million cubic yards of sand to restore Sandy-damaged projects](#)

June 26, 2013 - [The Army honors excellence in STEM education](#)

June 18, 2013 - [Sergeant Major of the Army visits Washington Aqueduct](#)

June 17, 2013 - [An American POW's story](#)

June 17, 2013 - [Research breakthrough garners patent](#)

June 13, 2013 - [USACE responds to FEMA mission in aftermath of Oklahoma tornadoes](#)

June 07, 2013 - [Joint Personal Effects Depot continues to process fallen service members personal belongings](#)

June 07, 2013 - [STEM internship opens a world of possibilities for high school student](#)

June 07, 2013 - [Bostick: Warfighter support at heart of USACE mission](#)

June 07, 2013 - [Burcham becomes first female General Officer on the Mississippi River Commission](#)

June 07, 2013 - [US, Indonesia exchange knowledge on structural engineering considerations to promote safety](#)

June 02, 2013 - [3 Afghan National Police headquarters facilities now complete in Western Afghanistan](#)

2. The [412th Theater Engineer Command](#) offers the following: [Facebook](#), [412th Engineer Association](#),

VIDEO: 854th Engineer Battalion Conducts Demolition Training 854th Engineer Battalion, US Army Reserve Soldiers train at a demolitions range during...[MORE](#)



Army divers go to great depth for River

Why wouldn't soldiers train at Fort Chaffee? FORT CHAFFEE, Ark. -- Operation River Assault 2013 .. [.MORE](#)



Operation River Assault a success

VIDEO: 671 Engineer Company bridging the gap. The 671st Engineer Company (Multi-Role Bridge) bridges the gap across the Arkansas...[MORE](#)



Video: 744th Engineer Company

Assault... FORT CHAFFEE, Ark. -- Wading into the Arkansas River amidst rainy conditions and...[MORE](#)



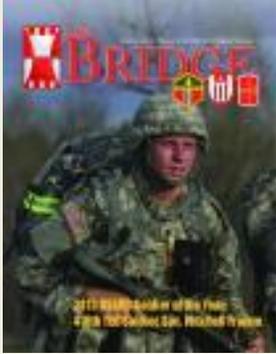
FORT CHAFFEE, Ark. -- Staring out into darkness, Spc. Hoang Tran could hardly wait to...[MORE](#)



Video: 744th Engineer Company conducts Aviation... 744th Engineer Company (Mobility Augmentation), US Army Reserve out of Ogden, UT...[MORE](#)



3. [The 416th Theater Engineer Command](#) offers the following: [Bridge Magazine](#), [Facebook](#), [Flicker](#).



2013 USARC Soldier of the Year: 416th TEC Soldier, Spc. Mitchell Fromm

Read more: <http://www.dvidshub.net/unit/416TEC#ixzz2bDbRbIdX>

416th Mission:

416th Theater Engineer Command conducts theater-level engineer operations supporting a joint force executing full spectrum operations while providing trained and ready units to support mission requirements world-wide.

416th Vision:

Engineering encompasses a preparatory posture that trains personnel on specialized equipment for engineer-focused missions as well as technical rescue in support of the Consequence Management Response Force (CCMRF). We are an Integral part of the Army Reserve Warfight and ultimately a necessary component homeland national defense. Our goal is to use every mission as an opportunity to strengthen our Force and improve resilience.

Maj. Gen. David Conboy, 416th TEC commanding general, Brig. Gen. Robert Carlson, 372nd Engineer Brigade commanding general, 2nd Lt. Schott, 323rd Engineer Company platoon leader, Sgt. 1st Class William Everroad, 323rd Engineer Company platoon sergeant, and Lt. Col. James Kokaska, 863rd Engineer Battalion commander, take a group photo with Sapper Team 5 of the 323rd Engineer Company, from Spartanburg, S.C., after they took first place in the Sapper Stakes competition held at Fort McCoy, Wis., June 17. The Sapper Stakes competition, held by the 863rd Engineer Battalion based out of Darien, Ill., is designed to test the soldier's physical strength and technical skills while providing a team building atmosphere.

[Read more:](#) Story by Sgt. 1st Class Marisol Hernandez



4. [Transatlantic Division \(TAD\):](#)

5. [TransAtlantic Afghanistan](#) [Freedom Builder](#)

- [Transatlantic District North inactivated during Kabul ceremony](#)

Sat, 13 Jul 2013 10:38:36 -0400

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers bid farewell to the Transatlantic District North and the unit's commander during the last year, Col. Alfred A. Pantano, Jr., under a bright Afghanistan sky Wednesday.

- [Pantano says farewell](#)

Sat, 13 Jul 2013 10:36:13 -0400

U.S. Army Col. Alfred A. Pantano, Jr., commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic District North (TAN), addresses his unit for the final time following the TAN inactivation ceremony at Camp Phoenix, Kabul province, Afghanistan, July 10, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by T.W. Lyman/Released)

- [TAN inactivation crowd listens](#)
Sat, 13 Jul 2013 10:36:12 -0400
The audience at the Transatlantic District North inactivation ceremony listens to the speakers at Camp Phoenix, Kabul, Afghanistan, July 10. (Official USACE TAA photo by T.W. Lyman, released)
- [Casing USACE TAN Colors](#)
Sat, 13 Jul 2013 10:36:11 -0400
U.S. Army Col. Alfred A. Pantano, Jr. and Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald R. Flubacher case the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic District North colors during the unit inactivation ceremony at Camp Phoenix, Kabul province, Afghanistan, July 10, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by T.W. Lyman/Released)
- [Passing TAN Colors to Division Commander](#)
Sat, 13 Jul 2013 10:36:10 -0400
U.S. Army Col. Alfred A. Pantano, Jr., left, relinquishes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic District North (TAN) colors to Transatlantic Division commander Maj. Gen. Michael R. Eyre during the TAN inactivation ceremony at Camp Phoenix, Kabul province, Afghanistan, July 10, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by T.W. Lyman/Released)
- [Passing TAN Unit colors](#)
Sat, 13 Jul 2013 10:36:09 -0400
U.S. Army Col. Alfred A. Pantano, Jr., right, receives the Army Corp of Engineers Transatlantic District North (TAN) colors from TAN Command Sergeant Major Ronald F. Flubacher for the final time as he prepares to case them at Kabul, Kabul province, Afghanistan, July 10, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by T.W. Lyman/Released)
- [TAN inactivation ceremony Color Guard posts](#)
Sat, 13 Jul 2013 10:36:08 -0400
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic District North (TAN) color guard takes its post during the inactivation ceremony for TAN at Camp Phoenix, Kabul province, Afghanistan, July 10, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by T.W. Lyman/Released)
- [Last district standing—TAA continues Corps' mission in Afghanistan](#)
Sat, 13 Jul 2013 07:45:19 -0400
In three days the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers went from having three districts in Afghanistan to only one...one district with a huge mission--part of which is to continue the Corps legacy begun in late 2002 with only an area office.
- [Uncasing the colors](#)
Sat, 13 Jul 2013 07:43:20 -0400
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Transatlantic Division Command Sergeant Major Roy Ward assists division commander Maj. Gen. Michael R. Eyre to uncase the colors for Transatlantic Afghanistan District as Col. Michael J. Price prepares to assume command during a ceremony at Camp Phoenix, Kabul province, Afghanistan, July 9, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by Todd Lyman/Released)
- [Accepting the new command](#)
Sat, 13 Jul 2013 07:43:00 -0400
U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Michael R. Eyre, right, U.S Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Transatlantic Division commander, presents the newly uncased USACE colors to Col. Michael J. Price to signify his assumption of command for Transatlantic Afghanistan District at at Camp Phoenix, Kabul province, Afghanistan, July 9, 2013. Standing left is Division Command Sgt. Maj. Roy Ward. (U.S. Army photo by Todd Lyman/Released)

6. To view "[The Corps Environment](#)", a quarterly newsletter, you are invited to click on the hyperlink:

C. The [US Army Engineer School](#) (USAES) provides the following information:

New USAES Commandant



On July 30, 2013, Brigadier General Anthony C. Funkhouser assumed Commandancy of the U.S. Army Engineer School from Brigadier General Peter "Duke" DeLuca, who leaves USAES to be the Commanding General, Mississippi Valley Division in Vicksburg, MS. The ceremony took place at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Prior to BG Funkhouser's arrival to the Engineer School, he served as the Commander of the Northwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Chief, Joint Capabilities Division (J8) on the Joint Staff, Washington D.C.; Commander, Afghanistan Engineer District-South; Commander of Southwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Dallas, Texas; Commander of the Corps' Tulsa District office, and he served as Chief of Staff at the U.S. Army Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Welcome CSM Butler J. Kendrick Jr.

On June 13, 2013, CSM Butler J. Kendrick Jr. became the 17th Engineer Regimental Command Sergeant Major. A Change of Responsibility ceremony was held at the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza on Fort Leonard Wood where CSM Terrence Murphy passed senior enlisted responsibilities over to CSM Kendrick.



As, BG "Duke" DeLuca said, it was an exciting day because it allowed the Regiment to recognize CSM Murphy for being a tremendous force for reform and innovation in the Army. It also opens a new chapter with Kendrick, who brings the right set of experience to shape the culture of leadership for future generations within the Regiment and Army.

CSM Kendrick's past staff and leadership positions include Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Drill Sergeant, Drill Sergeant Instructor, Operations NCO, Assistant Division Engineer NCOIC, First Sergeant, Battalion Command Sergeant Major. He served as a 1SG of Charlie Company, 65th Engineer Battalion, Bravo Company, 10th Engineer Battalion, HHC 10th Engineer Battalion, and CSM of the 1ST STB, 82nd Airborne Division and BDE CSM for the 20th Engineer Brigade and 2nd BCT, 82nd Airborne Division. His awards include

the LOM, BSM (2 OLC), MSM (2 OLC), ACROM (4 OLC), AAM (5 OLC), GCM (9th award), AOM, NDSR with star, AFEM, Iraqi Campaign Medal (3 BS) Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Drill Sergeant Badge, Senior Parachute Badge, Air Assault Badge, Sapper leader tab and Silver DeFluery medal. CSM Murphy is currently the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence's Command Sergeant Major

USAES & MSCoE Spring/Summer Engineer Transitions

The annual transition of key engineer leaders in USAES and MSCoE is nearly complete. Below is a list of key Engineer leaders and their positions within the U.S. Army Engineer School (USAES) and the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence (MSCoE).

USAES Key Engineer Leaders

Commandant:	BG Anthony C. Funkhouser
Regimental Command Sergeant Major:	CSM Butler J. Kendrick Jr.
Regimental Chief Warrant Officer:	CW5 Scott R. Owens
Assistant Commandant:	COL David T. Theisen
Deputy Commandant:	Mr. James R. Rowan
Deputy Assistant Commandant (USAR):	COL Ricardo A. Javier
Deputy Assistant Commandant (NG):	LTC Adam M. Calderon
Chief of Staff:	LTC Philip "Flip" Secrist
CEHC Director:	COL Daryl D. McDowell
DEI Director:	Mr. Robert F. Danner
DOTLD Director:	LTC (P) Jason L. Smallfield
EPDO Director:	MAJ Samantha R. Bebb

MSCoE Key Engineer Leaders

Maneuver Support Organization:	LTC Marvin L. Griffin
Engineer Doctrine:	LTC John C. Morrow
TCM Geospatial:	COL Frederick J. Erst
CDID RDD:	COL Morgan (Dan) O'Rourke

Engineer Regiment Birthday

USAES celebrated the Engineer Regiment's 238th birthday with a Regimental Muster and cake cutting ceremony on June 24th. All past and current Engineer Soldiers were encouraged to meet at the Regimental Room at the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex.

Activities included the muster itself where muster cards were issued, an Engineer history display, and a Steel deFluery presentation. A talon robot was used to cut the Engineer Birthday cake. Pizza and drinks were provided by the Army Engineer Association.

From the Desk of the Deputy Assistant Commandant (National Guard)



CPT Steven S. Belford, Company Commander of the 1020th Engineer Vertical Company in Marksville, Louisiana, is presented the Brigadier General Edmund Giering Award. (From left to right: COL Rodney Painting, 225th Engineer Brigade Commander; BG (RET) Edmund Giering ; CPT Steven Belford; MG Glenn Curtis, The Adjutant General-Louisiana; CSM Tommy Caillier, Senior Enlisted Advisor-Louisiana

In April, 2013, The Louisiana National Guard had the 83rd NGALA Officer Conference in Lafayette, Louisiana. The Brigadier General Edmund J. Giering III Award is named in honor of retired Brigadier General Edmund J. Giering III, this award began in 2000 and is presented to the Engineer Brigade's most outstanding company commander who exemplifies the Army Values and displays exceptional leadership and Soldiering skills.

This year's Giering award winner enlisted on April 20, 2000 into the Florida Army National Guard as a 73C Finance Specialist. He obtained his commission from the University of Florida ROTC program on May 1, 2004 and worked for the Florida National Guard Counter Drug - Drug Demand Reduction Program as a regional coordinator working with students and young adults throughout his area. He transferred to the Louisiana National Guard in December of 2006 and participated as part of the duration staff for Task Force New Horizons to Belize in 2007 as well as Task Force Bon Voizen mission to Haiti in 2011. He has served in a variety of duty assignments which include: Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Company Commander, Group Logistics Officer, Group Assistant Operations Officer and various Brigade Headquarters Operations positions. He served as the 225th Engineer Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander during the 2008 through 2009 deployment to Iraq. He is currently serving as the Company Commander for the 1020th Engineer Company (Vertical) in Marksville, Louisiana which also includes a detachment in Pineville, Louisiana.

This year's recipient is a graduate of the University of Florida where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business. He is a graduate of Engineer's Captains Career Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. His awards and decorations include the following: Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, and the Louisiana National Guard Emergency Service Ribbon. He is attending today with his girlfriend Thelma and he has one son Matthew who is 14 months old. He has worked for the Construction Facilities Maintenance Office in Joint Force Headquarters since 2007 and is currently the Resource Manager.

From the Directorate of Training and Leader Development
Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 12N, Horizontal Construction Engineer

The U.S. Army Engineer School (USAES) is conducting an analysis of the 12N Staff Sergeant and Sergeant First Class ranks to assess the types of jobs they have been conducting over the past decade.

If you are a Staff Sergeant, Sergeant First Class, or have been a supervisor of either, please login with your CAC and take this short 15 minute survey at: https://securewebako.hqda.pentagon.mil/CAC/ariwebAKO/ENL_JOB_12N_JUL13

More information about the survey can also be found at the Horizontal Construction Engineer group: <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/horizontal-construction-engineer>

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From the Directorate of Training and Leader Development (DOTLD)

DOTLD welcomes LTC (P) Jason Smallfield as the new Director of DOTLD replacing retiring LTC Paul Huszar. Thanks to LTC Huszar for all his contributions to the Regiment and great leadership. LTC (P) Smallfield takes over at an extremely challenging time for our Army. While efforts continue toward implementation of the new Army Learning Model to improve training and Leader development across the Engineer Regiment, resources are increasingly constrained. Rest assured, LTC (P) Smallfield and the DOTLD Team will meet the challenge, and the Training Brain of the Regiment will thrive. Here are a few items currently ongoing in DOTLD:

The Department of Instruction (DOI)

The Department of Instruction (DOI) is moving on many fronts to improve resident training and maximize its effectiveness. To ensure currency and relevance in training, the DOI is currently conducting Critical Task Site Selection Boards for the EBOLC and the ECCC. These boards examine the tasks our Regiment trains in light of the changing global picture and the many requirements placed on our Regiment and our Army, which require us to prepare for an extraordinarily wide range of missions. The boards follow an outstanding response from the Regiment on two separate task surveys. The board results will be sent to the Commandant in late June for approval. Upon approval, the new critical task lists will reflect those most important, and will ensure future training is relevant and appropriate in its scope and effectiveness. We must complete this process in order to prepare our future platoon leaders and company commanders to accomplish the Regiment's diverse and challenging missions across the globe and at home. Approved board results will be provided to the Regiment upon completion.

The DOI is also working very hard to bring new training material and methods into resident training, including the Warrant Officer, EBOLC and ECCC training. The Army is moving to a new Army Learning Model (ALM) which will make the resident experience more learner centric, will focus assessments on critical thinking in addition to technical and tactical skills, and will continue to migrate to blended learning and collaborative problem solving events led by facilitators, who engage learners to think and understand the relevance and context of what they learn. The ALM aims to develop adaptive, thinking Soldiers and leaders capable of meeting the challenges of operational adaptability in an era of persistent conflict. It describes a learning continuum that blurs the lines between the Operational Army and the Generating Force by meshing together self-development, institutional instruction, and operational experience.

New and / or expanded material will better prepare the Regiment for its future challenges, and includes Tactical Decision Exercises (TDE); expanded and embedded Geospatial/GEOINT training, DSCA / Disaster Relief / Consequence Management training; engineer support to SOF, Cyber Ops, Joint Operational Access / Forcible Entry (and permissive/semi-permissive), Port / Lodgment ops / expansion, JLOTS, Operational Energy / Basecamp Expansion and "red teaming" between student groups to increase competitiveness and 'skin in the game' during training. We are also working with the National Simulation Center on improving DA simulations packages to incorporate Engineer considerations such as terrain and weather, and Engineer equipment.

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The Joint Engineer Operations Course (JEOC)

The team is conducting JEOC 13-03 at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton, OH 24-28 June 2013. Currently filling JEOC Class 13-04, hosted by the US Navy Civil Engineer Corps

Officers School (CECOS) at Port Hueneme, CA from 12-16 Aug 2013.

JEOC Graduates, as a reminder, the JEOC has been added to the database for military education on ORBs and ERBs. The code is "XCH" which will show as an entry that reads "Joint Engineer Operations". Battalion-level S-1s should now be able to add JEOC to your ORBs/ERBs and send the certificates to iPERMS as supporting documentation.

The course continues to meet the training and education requirements of service engineers from around the world. The JEOC is on schedule to educate 250 Service engineers in their Joint Staff Engineer roles and responsibilities this training year.

The schedule below outlines the JEOC Classes for 2014:

JEOC 14-01, USMCU, Quantico, VA 18-22 Nov 2013
JEOC 14-02, USAES, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 14-18 Apr 2014
JEOC 14-03, AFIT, WPAFB, OH, 23-27 June, 2014
JEOC 14-04, CECOS, Port Hueneme, CA, 11-15 Aug, 2014
JEOC 14-05, PACOM, Pearl Harbor, HI, 15-19 Sep, 2014

As a reminder, the Pre-requisite dL phase is open 90 days prior to class start date. To enroll, use the link:

<https://engineer.bb.wood.army.mil/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp>

Log in using your AKO login and password. You may contact Mr. Dwayne Boeres at (573) 563-7065, or dwayne.boeres@us.army.mil.

JEOC POC is Shawn Howley, at 573-563-5088, email: shawn.p.howley.civ@mail.mil

The Training Integration Office (TIO)

The Training Integration Office (TIO) remains focused on Lessons Learned Integration (L2I), collaborative website work with milSuite and ESKN, as well as researching and developing solutions for the Engineer Regiment's Explosive Hazard (EH) modernization plan. We continually analyze lessons learned from all compo units across the regiment both downrange and throughout the world for training and real-world missions in order to assist in the integration of those lessons across the DOTMLPF spectrum. The Engineer Regiment's experience with all of the missions of the last 11 years of conflict will continue the lead in changing training, doctrine, and how we develop our leaders at all levels. While the pace of deployments is slowing as our nation refocuses efforts elsewhere, Engineers stand ready to support and accomplish every mission regardless of complexity throughout all engineer disciplines.

The Engineer War Fighter Forum on milSuite and the Engineer School Knowledge Network (ESKN) listed in last month's Blast continue to grow as more members like you join and offer valuable insight on a number of efforts and experiences. The milSuite site affords members of the Regiment a place to blog and discuss issues affecting our corps. The site is CAC enabled and FOUO so keep it non-classified and enjoy the dialog. Our ESKN site remains the repository for resources to include TACSOPs, Unit directory, and Requests for Information and is maintained by the USAES Knowledge Management officer. For more information please contact CPT Elizabeth Wagner or Mrs. Kristen Jenner at the elizabeth.m.wagner.mil@mail.mil or kristen.l.jenner.civ@mail.mil.

The TIO is working in conjunction with the BRTRC Corporation on the Regiment's EH Modernization plan for the last several months in order to assist in the development of TTPs, doctrine, and the employment of the Brigade Engineer Battalion in support of counter EH missions. The work is ongoing with numerous organizations within the Engineer Regiment as well as numerous Centers of Excellence providing feedback and guidance to channel us into the Army of 2020. There is much work yet to be done and definitely "More to Follow" in this mission.

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Credentialing Effort "Expanding Career Opportunities and Credentialing for Soldiers"

Currently the 12 June 2013, "Army Credentialing Program" HQDA Memorandum that authorizes and gives guidance

for credentialing, is under review by both TRADOC and legal representatives. Upon review, the Engineer School seeks both approval for funding and any necessary implementation guidance from TRADOC and MSCoE. We stand ready to execute a pilot program that incorporates seven different Credentialing sources (Certified Manager, Project Management Professional, Certified Construction Manager, Certified Associate In Project Management, LEED Green Associate, National Institute for Certification in Engineer Technologies, and Automotive Service of Excellence). The Engineer School credentialing effort is also working to identify the gaps between military and civilian certification in similar career fields. The ultimate goal is for the Soldier to capitalize on his military training when seeking employment following military service. POC: SGM Kammer, (573) 563-4094, tooby.j.kammer.mil@mail.mil.

Engineer Doctrine

It has truly been a pleasure serving the Regiment. I thank the Leaders of this Regiment for your support in updating our doctrine. As a result, we are positioned to meet the Army's Doctrine 2015 initiative. I'd like to introduce my replacement, LTC John Morrow. John has a broad wealth of experience with his most recent assignment as the Deputy XO to COMISAF. I am confident that with your continued support, we will remain on the glide path that has been established.

FM 3-34, Engineer Operations, is being prepped for publication - expect publishing on the APD website within two to three months. A few of the key highlights that have changed since the last version is that we have modified the Regimental Framework, inserted the BEB, adopted the Joint definitions for the engineer disciplines, and have added engineer support to SOF and Cyber.

ATP 3-37.34 (Survivability) was recently published on the APD Website.

We are actively working 9 of 12 Army Techniques Publications (ATPs).

ATP 3-90.8 (Counter mobility) was approved by the Commandant and is being prepared for publication.

ATP 3-34.40 (General Engineering) has completed world-wide staffing (WWS) and adjudication. We anticipate the final approved draft completed by mid-August.

ATP 3-34.20 (Explosive Hazards) and ATP 3-90.37 (CIED) WWS was completed 3 July and we are currently adjudicating comments received.

ATP 3-34.80 (Geospatial) is currently with the editors.

ATP 3-34.5 (Environmental) was released for WWS on 18 July with a suspense of 2 September.

ATP 3-34.45 (Power Generation/Distribution) first IPR was conducted last month and monthly IPRs will continue with the community of practice and sponsoring units.

That leaves us five remaining ATPs. ATP 3-90.61 (BSTB) and ATP 3-90.4 (Mobility) will be simple conversions (minor revisions and terminology updates) to meet D2015 guidance. The BSTB manual will be rescinded when the last BSTB converts to BEB. Program Directives for ATP 3-34.81 (EN Recon), ATP 3-34.22 (BCT and below), and ATP 3-34.23 (EAB) are being worked now in preparation for WWS. The initial reviews for these last five manuals have already been started and sponsoring units and the community of practice will be notified of upcoming revisions and timelines.

Our last efforts to meet D2015 guidelines will be conversions of the existing FMs into TMs. Due to the current state of affairs, the timelines for these conversions may be extended past Dec 2013; however, we will push to stay the course and complete these within the original timelines.

Again, I cannot stress the importance of your continued support in the review of the Environmental Manual that is currently being staffed as well as involvement in the IPRs of the last five remaining ATPs. We are still soliciting units

to sponsor manuals. Please contact our office if interested.

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USAES on the Network

Links have been updated as of 28 May 2013.

- [Engineer School Public Page](http://www.wood.army.mil/usaes) (<http://www.wood.army.mil/usaes>)
- U.S. Army Engineer Regiment on [Facebook](#)
- [USAES Request for Information](#)
- [Engineer School Knowledge Network \(ESKN\)*](#)
- [Commandant's Corner \(Forum for Regimental Senior Leaders on milBook\)**](#)
- [Engineer Battalion Command Forum**](#)
- [Regimental Command Sergeant Major's ORP \(Forum for the Engineer NCO community on milBook\)**](#)
- [Engineer Warrant Office Group on milBook**](#)
- Engineer Personnel Development Office [public page](#), [EPDO Group on milBook**](#)

D. The Engineer/ Enlisted /Warrant/ Officer Branch provides the following information:

As summer is upon us, personnel turnover here at Enlisted Engineer Branch is in full swing: COL Daniels, has departed and LTC Thomas has assumed the seat as the new Branch Chief; MSG Peveler, who managed our 12Y population, has been replaced by SFC Yampanis, who is now in-processing; and SFC Collins is conducting his left-seat/right-seat transition with SFC Capindo. All phone numbers will remain unchanged, and we will publish names and email addresses of our new cadre on our website at <https://www.hrc.army.mil/enlisted/Engineer%20Branch%20Contacts>.

Army Directive 2013-15 (Noncommissioned Officer Promotions). Last week, Army Directive 2013-15 was published and it detailed the Army's linking the completion of structured self-development (SSD) and professional military education courses with promotions under a "select-train-promote" methodology. This directive outlines promotion requirements in addition to the existing eligibility criteria outlined in AR 600-8-19. One example, effective 1 January 2014, the directive rescinds the authority to waive Warrior Leader Course as a pre-requisite for eligibility for both promotion consideration and pin-on to staff sergeant. The directive outlines SSD requirements for each grade through Sergeant First Class. As our ranks shrink, our Army is becoming increasingly competitive. Consequently, attending and completing NCOES and SSD for promotion grows in importance. Read the MILPER message here: http://www.apd.army.mil/AdminPubs/series_range_pubs.asp?search=Army+Directives.

MILPER Message Number 13-169 (FY14 Army Active Component Master Sergeant Promotion Board Announcement). This announcement provides instruction regarding Master Sergeant promotion consideration. The selection board is scheduled to convene on 22 October 13. Eligible NCO's need to thoroughly review and certify their board files. Board files are open for review on 23 August 2013 and the review process closes on 17 October 2013.

Brigade Engineer Battalion (BEB) Stand-up/Transitions. The stand-up of the Brigade Engineer Battalions is upon us. Nine BEBs have E-dates for FY 14 (read: October 2013). While the Army has identified "donor" and inactivating units, this does not equate to wholesale personnel movements to other locations. Manning our new BEBs is clearly a priority. If your unit is a donor unit for a BEB standing up on your installation, be prepared to transition to the new BEB. We will look at exceptions individually to determine the best assignment options for our Soldiers and Leaders, and we'll work with installation G1s to help manage this conversion.

Female AIT Platoon Sergeants and Drill Sergeants. We are consistently looking for qualified female Engineers for AIT Platoon Sergeants and Drill Sergeants duties. In screening potential candidates, we have

been unable to meet our mission for these assignments. Our biggest challenges that disqualify potential candidates are profiles/medical issues and low GT scores (while these aren't all inclusive, they are two of the more prevalent issues). We need your help. For Soldiers with medical issues or low GT scores, please work with them to resolve these problems for their good and the good of the Army. If you've identified outstanding female Soldiers in your formation who meet the standards for either of these key assignments, please talk with them and encourage them to take the challenge. These assignments prove to be excellent for career progression and are a priority for our Army. We will gladly speak with any Soldier who is considering volunteering for these duties and answer any questions they may have.

High School Senior Stabilization. Now through September 2013 is the application window for those Soldiers with dependants that are currently completing their SOPHMORE year of high school, and wish to stabilize at their current duty location. See AR 614-200 for details, but remember this stabilizes the FAMILY, not the SOLDIER!

Furlough Impact. As we all know, DOD Civilians – to include your corresponding branch managers -- are being directly impacted by the furlough, which took effect here on 8 July 2013. Each civilian branch manager will be furloughed one day each week, but their military counterparts will be present and will be prepared to help fill the gap to the degree possible to ensure continued timely processing of personnel actions. So, if you don't reach your manager as it is their furlough day, do not despair. We as a branch will continue to cover down for one another. We do, though, ask for your patience as those who are standing in the gap may not be as thoroughly versed on your specific situation as your corresponding civilian branch manager. Nevertheless, our goal of supporting you, our customer, does not change.

Soldier Notes – Help Them Help Themselves

Please help your Soldiers increase their awareness in effectively managing their careers by doing the following:

GT Score Improvement. Scores below 100 severely limit Soldiers' options as most nominative positions and broadening opportunities are linked to a minimum GT score. With Recruiting and Drill Sergeant duties becoming priority missions, GT scores are even more important. Improving your scores will broaden the opportunities available to you!

Timely NCOES / SSD Completion. We still have a large number of our NCOs who have not completed ALC / SLC and are therefore putting themselves at promotion / retention risk. The biggest logjam is in SSD-2 (ALC Common Core) completion, as our junior NCOs aren't getting the DL portion completed in a timely manner. Refer back to the MILPER Message section of this update.

Assignment Satisfaction Key (ASK). <https://www.ask.army.mil/ask> Believe it or not your Engineer Branch career team looks at your Soldier's preferences as part of the assignment process. Please ensure they update these preferences.

We Need to Hear from Y-O-U! Good Leaders take care of their Soldiers. Quite often we receive calls from Platoon Sergeants, First Sergeants and Sergeants Major on behalf of a Soldier concerning an assignment. We welcome those calls, BUT we also need to hear from the Soldier directly. If there is an issue or concern with your assignment, call us. Your leadership may call on your behalf, but remember: it is your career to manage.

E. The Office of the Chief of Engineers provides the following information:

From the Desk of the Chief of Staff (Deputy Chief of Engineers, Reserve Affairs)

I am signing back onto the net, now serving as your Chief of Staff for Reserve Affairs here at HQ, USACE. I will serve dually between here, and the Office of the Chief of Engineers in the Pentagon. The key to what I will be doing is to help Regimental integration under One Regiment, four components (Active Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, and USACE). SGM Dominick Bucci and I, as well as the total team here are dedicated to helping that integration, meaning, that if there are those out there that have opportunities (or challenges)..especially in a resource constrained environment, plz contact me directly to see how we can bring those four components to bear on finding a solution. Some of the things that we are working on now here at HQ, USACE include the potential of Reserve Component units supporting construction, working alongside USACE. These opportunities may span the range of both construction, as well as demolition (meaning the actual use of explosives). If there are units out there who have interest in establishing relationships with other Regimental units in your footprint, plz reach out to us and between myself and LTC Jeff Peterson, who serves a similar role on the ARNG side, we may be able to bring you together and create great training opportunities that lead to higher readiness. I wanted to highlight three (3) additional things that we are working on that may be of interest:

CHIEF OF ENGINEERS RESERVE COMPONENT COUNCIL (CRCC)

We held our last CRCC via teleconference ICW the USAES Regimental Week o and discussed a myriad of issues that both the Army National Guard and Army Reserve share. One of the major themes we will be dealing with moving forward is Regimental Governance and how can we continue to have connectivity with drastically curtailed funding for travel. The power of this type of forum cannot be understated, especially as a semi-virtual forum. It is not only that we can get senior leaders together to discuss Regimental issues on a routine basis, what is more important is that we have the ability to reach out to our network to provide timely feedback on numerous issues that may emanate from the Pentagon that are both time sensitive and critical to sustaining readiness. One of the components of the CRCC was the establishment of Working Groups. These working groups are representative of both Army National Guard and Army Reserve and will be working issues that may either have been highlighted during a CRCC, or may bubble up from the WG itself. The challenge is, you need to be a member in order to assure that your vote counts. I ask that if you have the desire to participate in one of these groups, plz contact myself or LTC Jeff Peterson (jeffrey.a.peterson@usace.army.mil). The working groups are:

- Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA)
- Talent Management
- Training and Integration
- Force Management
- Equipping

TEC Campaign Plan and EAB Redesign

Both TEC Commanding Generals briefed the Deputy Chief of Engineers on the Army of 2020 Theater Engineer Command Campaign Plan (ATCP) on 28 JUN 13 here at HQ, USACE. Numerous Regimental senior leaders were present and it set conditions for future work for both TECs as key and critical parts of our Regiment. The ATCP was discussed in detail and is informed by Regimental senior leadership as well as the TEC Senior Working Group. Further engagements are anticipated in the July timeframe prior to briefing the Chief of Engineers.

IMA Program and PFI Tours

My office is responsible for the administration of both the Individual Mobilization Augmentee program (which supports both HQ, USACE as well as subordinate Divisions and Districts), as well as numerous tour opportunities (both CONUS and OCONUS) that support the operational needs of the Army. Should any of you have questions regarding affiliation with the IMA program (a great opportunity to serve in a non-standard fashion (meaning you do not drill on a regular schedule, but rather a more flexible schedule based on unit needs and your availability (48 UTAs and 12 days of Annual Training)); please contact LTC Mike Sexton at

Michael.D.Sexton@usace.army.mil. If you desire more information on tour opportunities through this office (or be informed as they arise in the future through e-mail), SSG Ricardo Hamer serves as the main recruiting POC and can be reached at Ricardo.Hamer@usace.army.mil.

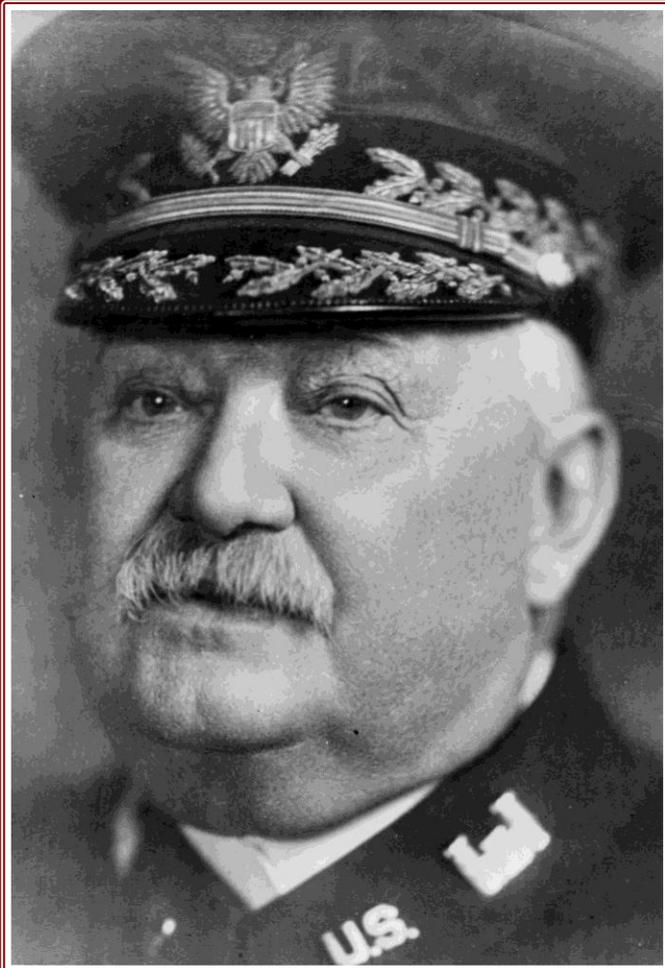
I look forward to continuing to serve with you and as always, I can be reached at adam.s.roth@usace.army.mil.

“Essayons!”

Adam S. Roth
COL, EN
Chief of Staff (Reserve Affairs)

Calling all 12A, 125D and 12Ys! The NGA Army Reserve Drilling Individual Mobilization Augmentee (DIMA) program is actively seeking 0-3 12As, CW2-CW4 125Ds and E-5-E-7 12Ys with Top Secret clearances. The NGA DIMA program runs split operations between Denver, CO, Springfield, VA, and St. Louis, MO and is looking for the best MOS qualified 12A Captains, CW2-CW4 125D and E-5 through E-7 12Ys at all locations. If you are a MOS qualified 12A, 125D, 12Y that would like the flexibility of drilling with a DIMA unit at one of NGA's sites, please let us know. Send your last 3 evaluations, military biography, civilian resume, DA 705 and DA 5500/5501 (if required for height/weight) to SFC Carol Murphy at reservenst@nga.mil; if you have further questions you may call 571-558-3683

F: Engineer History: The 24th Chief of Engineers – BG William Louis Marshall



Brigadier General William Louis Marshall

Chief of Engineers

(July 2, 1908–June 11, 1910)

William Marshall was born June 11, 1846, in Washington, Kentucky, a scion of the family of Chief Justice John Marshall. At age 16, he enlisted in the 10th Kentucky Cavalry, Union Army. He graduated from the Military Academy in 1868 and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. Accompanying Lieutenant George Wheeler's Expedition (1872–1876), Marshall covered thousands of miles on foot and horseback and discovered Marshall Pass in central Colorado. He oversaw improvements on the Lower Mississippi River near Vicksburg and on the Fox River Canal System in Wisconsin. As Chicago District Engineer from 1888 to 1899, he planned and began to build the Illinois and Mississippi Canal. Marshall made innovative use of concrete masonry and developed original and cost-saving methods of lock canal construction. While he was stationed at New York (1900–1908), his genius further expressed itself on the Ambrose Channel Project and in fortification construction. He then served for two years as Chief of Engineers. He retired June 11, 1910, but his engineering reputation earned him a special appointment from President Taft as consulting engineer to the Secretary of the Interior on hydroelectric power projects. Gen. Marshall died July 2, 1920, in Washington, D.C.

GENERAL WM. L. MARSHALL DIES IN WASHINGTON
Ex-Chief of Army Engineers Constructed Ambrose Channel in New York Harbor

WASHINGTON, July 3, 1920 – Brigadier General William L. Marshall, U.S.A., retired, discoverer of the Marshall Pass across the Rocky Mountains and constructor of the Ambrose Channel in New York Harbor, died here last night in an Army hospital after a short illness. Services were held today followed by burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

General Marshall was Chief of Engineers from 1908 to 1910, when he retired and became a consulting engineer to the Reclamation Service. He was born at Washington, Kentucky, in 1846 and after fighting in the Civil War as a cavalry Private gained admission to West Point. His long career in the Engineer Corps included many important works in the West and Middle West. He built levees on the Mississippi, harbor improvements on Lake Michigan, constructed the Hennepin Canal and did much exploration in the region of the Rockies.

He was sent to New York in 1900 to take charge of the fortifications at the eastern and southern entrances of the harbor and to improve the main channels thereof. It was then that he widened the eastern passage so that ships the size of the Mauretania could enter.

General Marshall was the inventor of various automatic moveable dams, lock gates and valves. He was a giant in stature, weighing more than three hundred pounds and in 1907 was excused from taking the 90-mile military horsemanship test.

MARSHALL, WILLIAM L
BRIG GEN USA RET
DATE OF DEATH: 07/03/1920
BURIED AT: SITE 3785
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

[Historical Vignette 004 - General Marshall Tate, Humorous tale of a past Chief of Engineers](#)

G. Special Interest: U. S. Army Europe Unit Recognized as Army's "Top Engineers"

By Staff Sgt. Joel Salgado
USAREUR Public Affairs Office

SCHWEINFURT, Germany – U.S. Army Europe's 42nd Clearance Company, 54th Engineer Battalion, 18th Engineer Brigade, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, was recognized as the top engineer unit in the Army at a ceremony here May 16.

The Itschner Award was presented to the unit by Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, the U.S. Army Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the unit's accomplishments in Afghanistan.

"I think it's a great award," said Bostick. "It really recognizes not only the leaders but the entire team, the Soldiers in that unit, the family members in that unit and their higher headquarters all worked together as a team so everybody is really proud of them."

Named in honor of Lt. Gen. Emerson C. Itschner, the award is presented annually to the most outstanding engineer company in Active Army. There is also an award to recognize the best Reserve Component engineer company.

Originally formed as the 2813th Engineer Petroleum Distribution Company, the 42nd Clearance Company, stationed in Bamberg, Germany, has served as USAREUR's sole route clearance unit since February 2010. Their mission is to find and destroy roadside bombs and other explosive hazards to allow friendly forces free access to roads to conduct their missions.

The unit conducted platoon-level training on route clearance supporting both the 172nd Infantry Brigade during their pre-deployment training as well as assisting the German infantry school to prepare a German infantry battalion for deployment.

Following months of training and learning to work with multinational forces, the unit deployed in February 2012 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. [More:](#)



TRIPLE NICKEL TRIBUNE

"WILLING AND ABLE"

JOINT TASK FORCE TRIPLE NICKEL
NEWSLETTER OF THE THEATER ENGINEER BRIGADE IN AFGHANISTAN



Issue 6 — July 2013

Message from the Commander

Colonel Nicholas Katers, "Able 6"

Triple Nickel Team,

Greetings families and Soldiers of Joint Task Force Triple Nickel. This month has been an exciting time for the Brigade and we are making progress across our lines of effort and helping transition Afghan Engineers to take the lead.



Your Soldiers continue to accomplish extraordinary feats, and I am extremely proud of all they have done. Their most notable achievements include the construction of a new runway extension, completion of a tactical operations center for a new Infantry Brigade, and various force protection improvements across Afghanistan.

We also continue to partner with our Afghan counterparts and have made significant strides in their development. This month also saw the return of Task Force Comet to Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Our best wishes go out to all Soldiers and families who are now reunited, and we take pride in their accomplishments.

Over the next few months, the Brigade will continue to make preparations for the arrival of our replacements in late September. We are less than 100 days from home! I thank all Soldiers for their selfless service and all Families for their continued support.

We are "Willing and Able."
- Col. Katers, 'Able 6'

Building Common Ground



555th Eng. Bde. Chaplain, Maj. Dawud Agbere, visits students at the Afghan Army Engineer School, July 7, in northern Afghanistan.

555th Chaplain breaks barriers, encourages Afghan partners

Story and photo by Jay Price
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

MAZAR-I-SHARIF, Afghanistan — In many ways, the war in Afghanistan is one of ideas, of narrative, of whose story is credible, says U.S. Army Major Dawud Agbere.

If that's true, Agbere could be the most dangerous U.S. soldier that the Taliban face.

And he doesn't even carry a gun.

Agbere, 45, is the only active-duty Muslim U.S. Army chaplain in Afghanistan and one of just four in the Army. As such, he's in high demand for holding services, counseling U.S. and NATO soldiers — Muslim and others — and overseeing chaplains in smaller units. But in the past few weeks, Agbere has created a new role for himself: a Muslim ambassador from NATO forces to the enlisted soldiers of the Afghan National Army.

"They just gather around him like a rock star...He's our secret weapon."

-Col. Nicholas Katers

That means that in addition to being the senior chaplain of the 555th Engineer Brigade, based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state, he's also become a counselor and motivator to thousands of Afghan troops he encounters as he visits the far-flung American troops who are responsible now for dismantling NATO bases, training Afghan army engineers and clearing the roads of improvised bombs.

It started with a normal part of a chaplain's job here, mentoring their Afghan army counterparts, who are called religious cultural advisers, or RCAs. But Agbere noticed that there was a large gulf between the Afghan RCAs and the enlisted troops. Agbere asked permission to talk directly to the Afghan enlisted men.

"Normally, what we do when
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- ◆ TRIPLE NICKEL FOCUSED ON AFGHAN ARMY ENGINEER PARTNERSHIP, GENERAL ENGINEERING SUPPORT, & COUNTER-IED ROUTE CLEARANCE
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I. Engineers Supporting Engineers—Professional Organizations Links:

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1. **Army Engineer Association**: [AEA News](#); [Army Engineer Association Programs](#); [Membership](#).

For more info, email Jack O'Neill, xd@armyengineer.com

One, AEA has an online Career Center linked on our home page at http://www.armyengineer.com/AEA_career_center_v1.htm. It is a capability dedicated to linking our Individual Members seeking job info with our Supporting Firm Members looking for quality employees.

Two, our Engineer community has a sizable number of combat wounded. AEA Supporting Firm Members want to help them, but we need everyone working to ID and link those wounded soldiers with our Industry partners. Help us get the word out.

ATTENTION: Security-Cleared Polygraph Professionals
TECHEXPO is producing two POLYGRAPH-ONLY hiring events this August!
Don't miss your chance to upgrade your career by interviewing at these exclusive events:

TECHEXPO Polygraph Only
Wed. August 14 - Ritz Carlton Tysons Corner
1700 Tysons Blvd.
McLean, VA 22102
Active Security Clearance w/ a CI or Full Scope Polygraph Required to Attend For details visit
TechExpoUSA.com

TECHEXPO Polygraph Only
Thurs. August 15 - BWI Marriott
1743 West Nursery Road
Baltimore, MD 21090
Active Security Clearance w/ a CI or Full Scope Polygraph Required to Attend For details visit
TechExpoUSA.com

Bring many resumes and interview for the many opportunities available in cyber security, information technology, engineering, aerospace, telecom, project mgmt., intelligence, operations, homeland security, research & more at TECHEXPO Top Secret's Polygraph Only hiring events.

Interview with... Agilex Technologies, ASRC Federal, Clearshark, Commonwealth Technology Inc., Convergence Technology Consulting, Deloitte, Elder Research, EMC Corporation, Exceptional Software Strategies, Hewlett Packard, Intelligent Decisions, Invertix, KeyW Corp., Knowledge Link, Lockheed Martin, ManTech International, National Security Partners, NJVC, Northrop Grumman, OGSystems, Parsons PCI Strategic Management, Raytheon, RequiTest, TASC, Tensley Consulting, The Boeing Company, Unisys Corporation, Ventura Solutions, and more...

Companies recruiting virtually: Avid Technology Professionals, Tad PGS and more...
For details and registration, visit TechExpoUSA.com

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For AEA Member information -- please share with anyone you know who may have an interest in this program. Members may validate member status at the member portal - at www.armyengineer.com.

Every Engineer MOS soldier is eligible for membership in the Engineer Regiment's fraternal organization, the Army Engineer Association.

AEA is the nucleus of the Regimental network, providing information and services to Engineer **Soldiers** now serving and **Veterans** through:

- Bi-monthly magazine, Army Engineer
- Discount insurance and banking services through AFBA
- Career and Job Services
- Memorials to Units and Individuals
- Support to Engineer Fallen and Wounded
- Performance Excellence Awards for Junior and Senior Personnel
- Academic Scholarships for Individuals and Family Members
- Support to the Army Engineer Museum

Popular Downloads

- **The Evolution of Fort Leonard Wood from 1941 to 2010.** Photographic essay that shows how much the "home" for Army Engineers has changed over the years.
- **The Inseparable Bonds of Engineer Service:** Click [here](#), for a 12-page PDF file to learn more about why being an Army Engineer veteran is so special.
- **Engineer OCS Graduates:** Click [here](#) for an 8-page PDF file about Engineer OCS, Fort Belvoir, VA 1966-1967.
- **Engineer Equipment Development over the Years:** Click [here](#) for a first hand report written by a retired Army Combat Engineer, who went on to a very successful career with Caterpillar, Inc.
- **Women in Engineering:** Click [here](#) to read about women who once served in the military as engineers, and who later went on to successful careers with industry...pathways opening for them by their excellence.

* AEA is now on Facebook -- <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Army-Engineer-Association/154530869611>

* See Engineer Regiment NEWS at AEA website - <http://www.armyengineer.com>

Army Engineer Unit Reunions 2013

19th Combat EN BN Association Vietnam and Attached Units

September 5-7

Waynesville City Park

Waynesville, MO

and

Baymont Inn

St. Robert, MO

Check out our website for complete information: www.19engrvm.org/

Contact Tom Ebrite at 765.286.4906 or s2snoopy@comcast.net OR

John Hack at 219.947.2363 or silverjon3@yahoo.com

509th Engineer Company (Panel Bridge)

Vietnam 1965-1972

September 5–7
Walker, MN
Contact Jerry Sexton at 405.373.0354

Veterans of the First EN Combat BN

September 8–11
Wyndham Lisle Hotel
3000 Warrenville Road
Lisle, IL

To reserve a room, call 866.615.4206 and advise FIRST ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION REUNION.
Contact Ron Labinski at 913.362.6468 or ron.labinski@gmail.com
Check out our website for more information: www.diehardengineer.com

46th EN BN

All veterans who served with the 46th Engineers

September 12–15
Monument, CO

Contact Vern Nelson at 715.886.3290 or jvnels2@solarus.net

589th EN BN Association (Vietnam)

September 12–15
Stone Castle Hotel & Convention Center
Branson, MO

www.site.589thengrbn.com

Contact Rich Comiso at 865.458.7176 or ComisoRandB@charter.net

44th EN BN [Brokenheart] Association

Open to all Korean/Vietnam/Iraqi/Carson alumni. Attached/associated units welcomed.

September 18–21

Hampton Inn Atlanta/Marietta
455 Franklin Road
Marietta, GA

Phone: 770.425.9977; fax: 678.569.0188; Attn.: Debbie Appling

Hotel located at Exit 263, I-75

Room prices | King/Study : \$59.00, Double/Double : \$59.00. Taxes not included.

Click here for [hotel reservations](#).

- 18 Sep: show-up day.
- 19 Sep: FREE guided tour Kennesaw National Battlefield & museum; we may tour Lockheed Marietta Aircraft Manufacturing Plant.
- 20 Sep: Remembrance Ceremony/Business Meeting/Banquet

Further info: Ken Jobe at kejo425@aol.com or 757.428.0328 OR Dave Clasby at dnclasby@att.net or 1435 Nashua Drive, Florissant MO 63033-2234 or 314.837.0996

14th Combat Engineer Battalion Association

September 19–21
Crowne Plaza Hotel
St. Louis, MO

Contact Byron Schriever at 503.678.7817 or digger6@14thcombatengineers.org
rugged.14thcombatengineers.org

516th Engineer Company (Bridge) | Hanau, Germany

September 24–26
Ramada Inn
Hwy 60 West
Owensboro, KY

To make reservations, call 270.685.3941

Contact Gene Ogletree at 478.237.7159 or geneogletree@bellsouth.net

2. [Society of American Military Engineers](#) : [The Military Engineer](#): [Membership](#) : [Bricks & Clicks](#)

a. SAME membership offers industry professionals and service members in the A/E/C, facility management and environmental fields the opportunity to connect through national and regional events, build those relationships through our [worldwide network of Posts](#), and engage in training and development to improve their skill set and that of the nation's military engineering workforce.

[Join Online Today!](#) SAME offers for a one-time \$60 fee continuous membership throughout the duration of your time in uniform, as well as reduced rate pricing tiers for public sector and private sector employees.

b. Education & Training

Continue your professional education at SAME [local and national events](#), including regional training symposiums and the annual [Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo](#) (JETC).

SAME's Continuing Education Program includes a vast array of continuing education courses geared toward providing in-depth information for professionals working in the DOD marketplace. SAME also offers five courses through our Strategic Partners including the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) and the Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS). All courses provide PDHs and many offer additional continuing education or learning units that have been approved by other organizations and certification programs.

In an effort to bring these timely educational opportunities to professionals in their local area, SAME Posts and Military Installations may select courses of specific interest and serve as the host for the training. SAME HQ does the rest. The benefit is that local members get access to education that meets their specific needs—and they get it at a location that is conveniently located near their home or office.

Posts or Installations interested in hosting educational sessions can contact Belle Febbraro, SAME Program Manager, at 703-924-2616, or bfebbraro@same.org.

c. Committees & Councils

Engage with others in professional disciplines such as Facility Asset Management, Energy & Sustainability, Joint Engineer Contingency Operations, Small Business, or new in 2013, Architectural Practice. Participating in [SAME's Committees & Councils](#) is a great chance to help shape the conversation among other leaders and decision-makers across DOD and industry.

d. Career Opportunities

Transitioning from military service? Retiring from federal government? Looking for a new and exciting position in the A/E/C industry? If the answer to any of these questions is YES, place your resume on the [SAME Job Center](#)! The site is utilized by hundreds of companies that gain access to your resume through their placement of job announcements and best of all it's free for SAME Members!

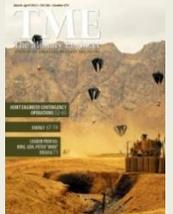
Also check out the annual [SAME Transition Workshop & Job Fair](#)—a great way to connect with SAME Sustaining Member firms and public agencies as you leave the service or are just looking for new career opportunities!

e. Information Services—In Print and Online

Stay on top of developments in the A/E/C field through our industry-leading publication, [TME—The Military Engineer](#) magazine and the new *TME Online*, where you'll discover in-depth features on contracting and design, environmental engineering, civil works and infrastructure resilience, emerging technology, energy and sustainability, engineering lessons learned from the battlefield, and much more.

The editorial staff is always accepting article submissions on a variety of topics, so check out the [Editorial Calendar](#) today or contact the [TME editor](#) for more.

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f. Future Engineers

SAME continues to reach out to aspiring engineers through its Student Chapter program—now at 49 colleges and universities across the country. SAME membership is FREE for students and provides them with opportunities for leadership and mentorship, plus potential internships or first jobs. To learn more about the SAME College Outreach program, please visit www.same.org/college.

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b. Membership Benefits: Becoming a member of the only worldwide Engineer network for those other than Active Duty Military, you will receive a 10% discount at the Castle Boutique -our online Engineer boutique- receive the monthly newsletter- the Castle Gram- be able to join others for monthly outings in the DC area & receive the yearly Red Book -Castle Directory.

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Welcome

The Army Engineer Spouses' Club welcomes membership from spouses of all U.S. Army Engineers, civilian employees of USACE and, with approval of the Executive Board, other persons who are associated with the Corps of Engineers.

Announcements

NEW!!

The Army Engineer Spouses Club is proud to announce two ways to join the club!! New and returning members can use our [online form](#) and pay via PayPal or credit card.

Or

Download and print out the membership form (.pdf), fill it out and send it in with a check

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Your Volunteer Experience

We would like to request your help. We are looking for stories regarding volunteer experiences that have been meaningful or interesting to share. We would like to publish them in upcoming issues of the Castle Gram. Do you have a story to share? We would love to hear it!

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