



**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
TRANSATLANTIC DIVISION**
MIDDLE EAST DISTRICT ~ EXPEDITIONARY DISTRICT

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS, BUILDING CAPACITY, AND
ENHANCING SECURITY FOR OUR NATION, ALLIES, AND PARTNERS

BUILDING STRONG

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS



BUILDING CAPACITY



ENHANCING SECURITY



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**INNOVATIVE ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS IN ONE OF THE MOST
DYNAMIC CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTS IN THE WORLD**



Our Mission

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS BUILDING CAPACITY ENHANCING SECURITY

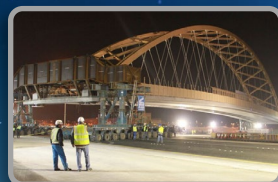
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has six focused mission areas: Civil Works, Military Missions, Environmental, Emergency Operations, Research and Development, and Sustainability. The Transatlantic Division primarily focuses on three aspects of these mission areas:



MILITARY MISSIONS: Support our Combatant Commands to achieve our DoD security objectives and advance our Nation's interests around the globe. Provide programmatic policy and management of the worldwide military construction programs as a designated DoD construction agent.



CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS: Support to military actions requiring rapid deployment of the full spectrum of military forces in support of national policy short of war. Delivering agile, responsive, and innovative, design, construction, engineering and contingency solutions maximizing the combat potential of the force, balanced against the many uncertainties of a rapidly developing operation undertaken when vital national interests are at stake.



INTERNATIONAL & INTERAGENCY: Integrate capabilities and expertise across the organization to enable our international and interagency partners to focus on their primary mission goals and objectives. Leverage our global presence, unique authorities, enduring relationships, and enterprise processes to deliver scalable solutions at home and abroad.



ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST & CENTRAL ASIA

OUR VISION

Trusted team, proudly serving as USACE's 'Tip of the Spear'; providing innovative solutions for our nation, allies, and partners.

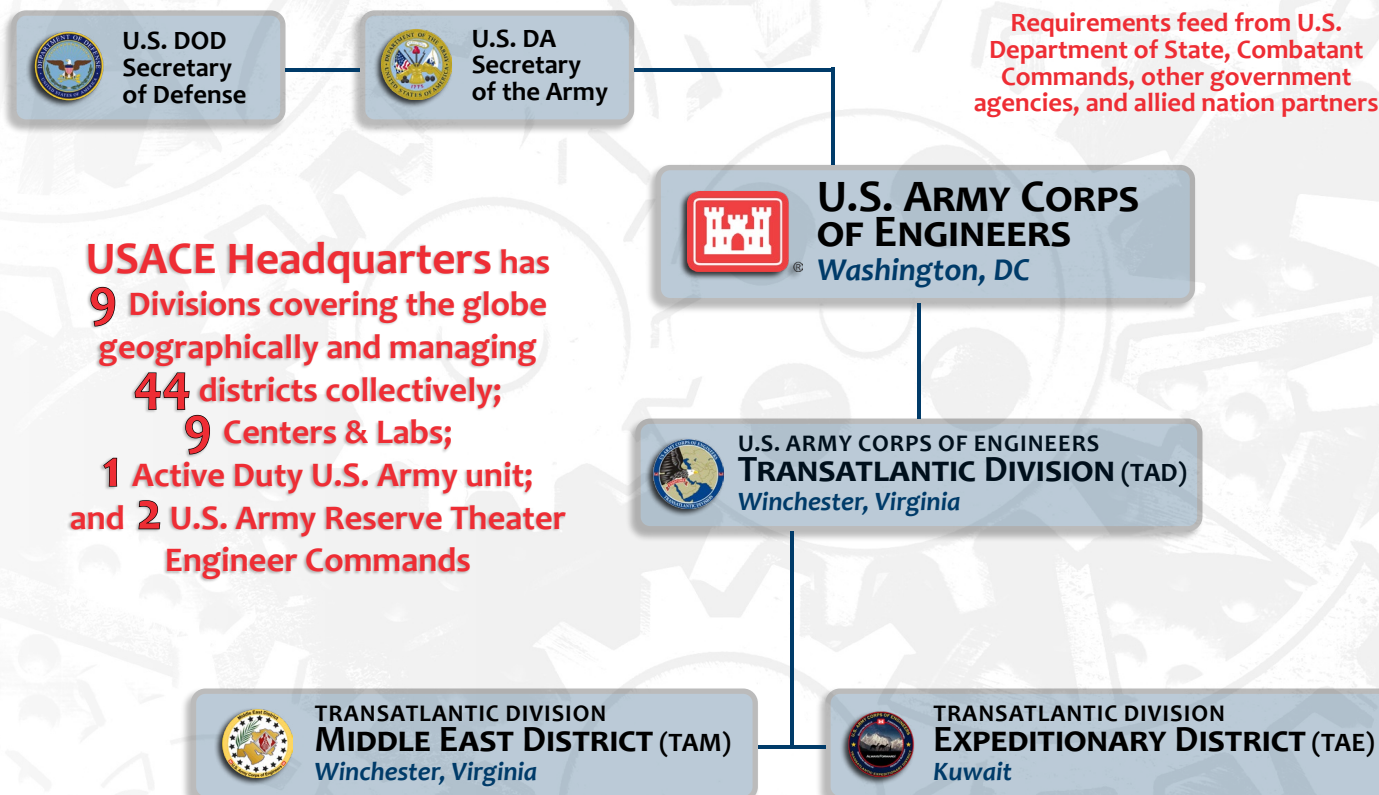
OUR MISSION

TAD delivers agile, responsive, and innovative design, construction, engineering, and contingency solutions in support of CENTCOM, SOCOM and other global partners to advance national security interests.

Our Organization

"What the Transatlantic Division brings to the CENTCOM AOR is a doorway to the full Army Corps of Engineers Enterprise and all the research and development, expertise, and experience that comes with it. This brings a lot of partnerships and innovation capability to the table."

~COL William C. Hannan, Jr.



USACE Headquarters has
9 Divisions covering the globe geographically and managing
44 districts collectively;
9 Centers & Labs;
1 Active Duty U.S. Army unit;
and 2 U.S. Army Reserve Theater Engineer Commands

ONE DOOR TO THE CORPS!

The Transatlantic Division and our Districts have reachback capabilities to the full USACE Enterprise, including Subject Matter Expertise, and Research and Development.

Building Strong!



Our Capabilities

“Engineering Excellence”



ENGINEERING, DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Our Division is unique. We are increasing **READINESS** and **MODERNIZATION** through military construction projects supporting the warfighter, enabling steady-state military operations, and sustaining our nation’s ability to fight and win wars ...

DIVISION (MSC) FUNCTIONS: *Mission Command, Stakeholder Engagement, Program Management, Quality Assurance, Executive Management & Direction*

DISTRICT CAPABILITIES:

- Planning
- Engineering
- Design & Construction
- Operations & Maintenance
- Program & Project Management
- Safety
- Contracting & Procurement
- Research & Development
- Emergency Management & Resiliency
- Disaster Response & Recovery
- Training

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Air/Water Quality, Compliance Documentation, Floodplains/Wetland Protection, Habitat Mitigation, Hazardous Waste Response, Impact Assessments, Inventories, Remedial Design/Action, Surveys/Audits

WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Dredge, Excavation, Maintenance, Flood Control Structures, Waste and Water Treatment, Water Resource Master Planning, Bridges, Port Facilities, and Locks/Dams/Ports

REAL ESTATE

Acquisition/Disposal, Appraisal, Leasing Management

70+ Years

Engineering Excellence
throughout the Middle East
& Central Asia

~ \$5.3 B Portfolio

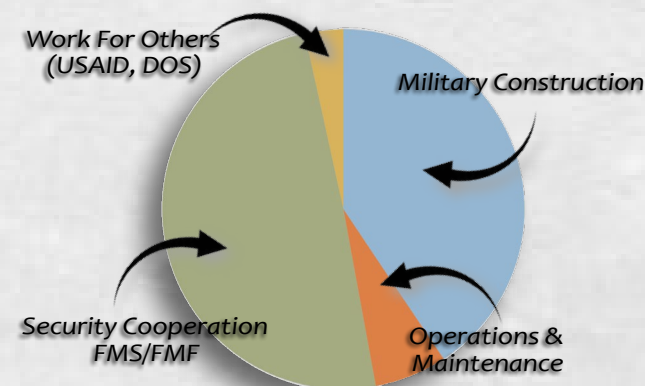
Supporting our Nation,
CENTCOM Mission Partners,
and Allied Nations

~ 275+ Projects

Supporting CENTCOM,
SOCOM, & Component
Commands

USACE BUILDING STRONG, TOGETHER

... We are also providing engineering, design and construction for our allied nation partners through **SECURITY COOPERATION** and related facilities and infrastructure design and construction, increasing capacity and enhancing security throughout the entire region.



- Expeditionary Support for the Warfighter
- Counterpart Engagements
- Energy and Environmental Solutions
- Integrated Water Resource Management
- Applied Science and Technology
- Disaster Preparedness and Response

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Increasing readiness and modernization through projects supporting the warfighter, enabling steady-state military operations, and sustaining our nation’s ability to fight and win wars.

SECURITY COOPERATION

Addressing the operational, training and maintenance needs of our allied nation partner’s military efforts, increasing interoperability and enabling sustainable security and continued stability within the region.

~ \$1.9B

Military Construction

~ \$2.4B

International and Interagency Services /
Security Cooperation (IIS)



Our Districts

“Partnership In Action”



TRANSATLANTIC MIDDLE EAST DISTRICT (TAM) HEADQUARTERED IN WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

ENDURING REGIONAL SUPPORT AND SECURITY:

Serving as the longest enduring element of the Transatlantic Division, the Middle East District provides critical design, construction, and related services to enhance regional security and stability in alignment with enduring U.S. interests. Their work significantly contributes to infrastructure development, establishment of military bases, and logistical support across the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS AND CRISIS RESPONSE:

On order, the Middle East District is fully equipped and always ready to provide crucial support for contingency operations in times of crisis or unforeseen circumstances, thus ensuring continuity and resilience in complex scenarios.

COLLABORATION ON INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS:

The Middle East District supports a broad range of U.S. and foreign mission partners, including the U.S. Air Force Materiel Command, Egyptian defense forces, and other Foreign Military Sales customers such as Jordan, Qatar, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This global collaboration demonstrates their commitment to fostering strong international partnerships and advancing mutual security objectives.



TRANSATLANTIC EXPEDITIONARY DISTRICT (TAE) HEADQUARTERED AT CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT

SPEED OF RELEVANCE AND FORWARD DEPLOYED:

The Expeditionary District, being the only forward-deployed District of the Army Corps of Engineers, is uniquely structured to provide responsive, effective project management, planning, engineering, design, environmental support, and real estate services within the U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility, enabling USACE's footprint in the AOR to expand, retract, and relocate to meet future established mission requirements.

ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS FOR PARTNER CAPACITY BUILDING: They offer theater-wide engineering solutions and expertise in support of U.S., Coalition, and Host Nation efforts. Their work is central to building partner capacity within the CENTCOM AOR and supporting overall CENTCOM mission objectives, thus promoting long-term security and stability.

CONTINGENCY SUPPORT AND SUSTAINABLE ENGINEERING: The Expeditionary District is uniquely enabled and equipped to provide cost-effective, sustainable engineering solutions and services safely and quickly in support of contingency operations. Their unwavering commitment to promoting the security and stability of allied mission partners exemplifies their motto - Always Forward!



SUPPORT TO U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND

U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

The U.S. Central Command's AOR is an expansive region spanning over 4 million square miles, encompassing 21 nations, and home to more than 560 million people from 25 ethnic groups. This region intersects three continents and includes globally vital commercial sea lanes, flight corridors, pipelines, and overland routes.

The Transatlantic Division provides a single point of entry for U.S. Special Operations Command and its component commands, enabling communication, coordination, and collaboration on behalf of the USACE Enterprise in support of the SOCOM military construction, facilities and operational engineering programs.

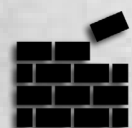


Strengthening Partnerships

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS: *Joint ventures inspire creative solutions and leverage cutting-edge technologies for infrastructure projects.*

TRUST AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING: *Decades of cooperation cultivate mutual trust, foster understanding, and build lasting relationships.*

REGIONAL STABILITY AND PROSPERITY: *By promoting infrastructure development, and enhanced security, partnerships contribute to the overall stability and prosperity of the region.*



Building Capacity

INCREASED INTEROPERABILITY: *Capacity-building initiatives promote shared understanding and coordination between the U.S. and regional allies, streamlining joint operations and enhancing collaborative efforts.*

BOOSTED SECURITY RESILIENCE: *The capacity building efforts enhance regional allies' ability to manage and respond to security challenges, thus leading to a more resilient and secure operational environment.*

SUSTAINED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: *Building capacity bolsters economic growth, supports job creation, and improves local industries related to infrastructure design and maintenance, fostering a sustainable path for regional development.*



Enhancing Security

FORTIFIED INFRASTRUCTURE AND IMPROVED FORCE PROTECTION: *Advanced engineering solutions and innovative technologies boost infrastructure resilience and optimize force protection, reducing vulnerabilities and threats for U.S. service members, civilians, and regional allies.*

BOOSTED SECURITY RESILIENCE: *Enhanced security measures result in increased operational and overall regional stability, minimizing conflicts and incidents, while creating a secure environment for cooperation and development.*

SUSTAINED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: *Security enhancements foster greater trust and cooperation between the U.S. and regional partners, ultimately contributing to long-term peace, prosperity, and progress in the region.*

WINNING = SAFELY FINISHING QUALITY PROJECTS, ON TIME AND WITHIN BUDGET!



Cost Savings:
Efficiency &
Innovation Driving
Down Costs



Mega Projects:
Transforming the
Security Landscape
Through Collaboration



Engineering:
Advanced Solutions
Fortifying Resilience
& Safety



Design:
Mission-tailored
Infrastructure
Fostering Readiness



People:
Empowering Alliances,
Boosting Collaboration,
Enhancing Impact



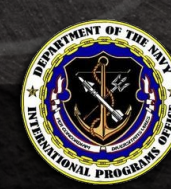
Partnerships:
Enhancing Regional
Stability Through
Enduring Partnerships



Readiness:
Infrastructure &
Initiatives Powering
Mission Capability



Innovations:
Leading-Edge Technologies
Underpinning
Regional Growth





Our History

BUILDING STRONG IN THE MIDDLE EAST & CENTRAL ASIA SINCE 1952



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has paved the way in complex construction environments for almost a century. Shortly before World War II, Congress and the War Department approved the transfer of military construction responsibilities from an overtaxed Quartermaster Corps to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



Today, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic Division continues its legacy through its two districts, the Transatlantic Middle East District, headquartered in Virginia, and the Transatlantic Expeditionary District, which combined the Division's contingency capabilities as one optimized command, headquartered in Kuwait.

THE HISTORY OF HOW WE EVOLVED IS AS DYNAMIC AND RICH WITH INNOVATION AS THE SUPPORT WE PROVIDE ...

The Mediterranean Division (1952-1976) - Established to manage military construction projects in Turkey on behalf of the U.S. Air Force in 1952, expanding to include air base work in Libya, Saudi Arabia, and Morocco and non-military projects such as civilian air terminals in Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Iran; a road system in Afghanistan; and port facilities in Somalia.

Middle East Division (1976-1986) - Activated April 20, 1976 to meet the demands of the growing Saudi Arabian-funded engineering and construction program. Its headquarters was located in Riyadh with three districts - Riyadh, Jeddah, and Al Batin, an Engineer Logistics Command, an Ordnance Program Division and a rear echelon near Winchester, Virginia. The division assisted the Saudi Arabian government with a design and construction program that included military cantonments, headquarters complexes, housing, air bases, navy bases, port facilities, hospitals, military training centers and schools, and all associated utilities and roads.

Middle East/Africa Projects Office (1986-1991) - As the program in Saudi Arabia drew to its expected closure, the Corps of Engineers reorganized to meet the changing workload. The rear echelon in Winchester, Virginia, evolved into a headquarters, serving customers throughout the Middle East and Africa. On September 30, 1986, the Middle East/Africa Projects Office became a district-level element of the South Atlantic Division. Within days of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on August 2, 1990, MEAPO began its deployment to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, to provide design, construction, and real estate services to support U.S. forces.

Transatlantic Division (1991-1995) - In February 1991, the Transatlantic Division was formed with its headquarters in Winchester, Virginia, multiple area and resident offices in the Middle East, and a single district - Europe - in Germany. This brought several new programs including assisting Kuwait's government with recovery operations and expanding engineering support to USCENTCOM.

Transatlantic Programs Center (1995-2009) - In 1995, the Transatlantic Division was renamed the Transatlantic Programs Center and in 1998 the Europe District was reassigned to the North Atlantic Division. The Center assisted USAID with construction projects in Kenya and Tanzania, and assisted the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the Russian Ministry of Atomic Energy with designing and building nuclear storage facilities.

Transatlantic Division (2009-Present) - As a result of the Global War on Terror, the Center expanded operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. On October 1, 2009, the Transatlantic Programs Center was renamed the Middle East District, following the activation of its new higher headquarters, the Transatlantic Division.

Transatlantic Division Expeditionary District (2021) - In May 2021, the Transatlantic Afghanistan District and Task Force Essayons combined to form the Transatlantic Expeditionary District. Located in Kuwait, the Expeditionary District supports Operation Spartan Shield, Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve; and provided facilities in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and the NATO Resolute Support mission (currently in mission close-out) to train, advise, and assist Afghan National Defense and Security Forces.

1952

1976

1986

1991

1995

2015

2023

★ “Being All We Can Be ...”

The Transatlantic Division's 70+ year Legacy Remains an Integral Part of the U.S. Army's Enduring Story



The Transatlantic Division has a unique and diverse history of supporting the U.S. Army's mission. Here is a brief overview of our story, highlighting our pivotal role and evolution over time.

Since the Revolutionary War, the Army Corps of Engineers has been a steadfast pillar of support, involved in diverse operations, infrastructure development, and disaster response. Our commitment to fortify wherever and whenever the Army requires is rooted in the enduring motto of “Be all you can be,” reflecting our dedication to building a strong and resilient force.

Beyond domestic frontiers, we embarked on a significant journey in the 1950s to support the Middle East region. Managing military construction projects, developing road systems, and constructing port facilities, we strengthened military capabilities and supported economic growth, forging long-term partnerships and establishing crucial military infrastructure.



The evolution of the Transatlantic Division showcases our dynamism and adaptability. From 1952 to 1976, the Mediterranean Division undertook numerous military and non-military construction projects, demonstrating our versatility in contributing to growth and stability in regions such as Turkey, Libya, Saudi Arabia, and Morocco.

To focus on Saudi Arabia, we established the Middle East Division in 1976, overseeing extensive construction programs throughout the country. Collaborating with the Saudi Arabian government, we played a crucial role in developing military cantonments, air bases, navy bases, hospitals, and more.



Since the establishment of the U.S. Central Command in 1983, we have supported Central Command's mission from its inception. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, our swift deployment to Saudi Arabia provided essential design, construction, and real estate services, ensuring the infrastructure and support necessary for U.S. military operations' success.

Our reorganization in 1986 led to the formation of the USACE Middle East/Africa Projects Office. Managing diverse projects in the Middle East and Africa, we contributed to the design and construction of facilities in Oman, supported defense forces in Egypt, Bahrain, and Kuwait, and participated in various programs.

The Transatlantic Division, originally established in 1991, undertook new programs, assisting in the recovery of Kuwait, supporting relief efforts for Kurdish refugees, and expanding engineering support in the Middle East. Renamed the Transatlantic Programs Center in 1995, we continued to evolve, extending our operations to places like Kenya, Tanzania, Iraq, and Afghanistan.



In 2009, that original division transformed into the Transatlantic Programs Center, providing products and services to the Middle East, Central Asia, and other areas. The ensuing two decades saw many shifts in the operational structure of the organization including the establishment of forward operating area offices and task forces.

In 2009, the Transatlantic Division was once again established as a headquarters in Winchester, Virginia, to provide a unified command for all Army Corps of Engineers' organizations within the CENTCOM area of operations, reflecting our continued commitment to supporting the Joint Force mission.

The Transatlantic Afghanistan District, operating from 2009 to 2021, played a crucial role in supporting the U.S. Army's mission in Afghanistan. Established in response to Operation Enduring Freedom, we repaired and constructed facilities for the Afghan National Army and National Police and focused on military construction projects at Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield.

Deployed from 2016 to 2019, the Mosul Dam Task Force exemplified our commitment to safeguarding critical infrastructure. By providing engineering expertise and technical support, we stabilized the dam, mitigating risks and ensuring regional stability while empowering local workers and engineers to maintain the dam effectively.

Task Force Essayons, operational from 2017 to 2020, supported the U.S. Army's mission in combating the Islamic State group. Through innovative approaches in project management, engineering, construction, and environmental management, we efficiently delivered projects that directly supported warfighters and contributed to the overall mission's success.



The Transatlantic Expeditionary District, our newest district established in 2021, is the Corps of Engineers' only forward deployed district and supports ongoing CENCOM named operations, as well as providing extensive engineering and construction support in Kuwait. By continuously evolving to meet the operational needs of the CENTCOM AOR, we continue to contribute to the overall mission success of the Army and have significantly contributed to regional stability and development.

As we celebrate the U.S. Army's 248-years of dedication to our nation's defense and embrace the ethos of “Be all you can be,” it is crucial to recognize the invaluable contributions made by the Transatlantic Division within the Army Corps of Engineers. We exemplify the core values and spirit of the Army, standing as a testament to the remarkable achievements that arise from unwavering dedication. Together, we forge ahead, ensuring future generations can continue to be all they can be in support of the Army's mission.



Read the full length article at:
[Being All We Can Be – The Transatlantic Division's 70+ year legacy remains an integral part of the U.S. Army's enduring story](#)





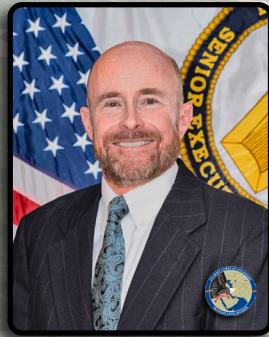
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"The best part of this mission is the people. Whether it's our government employees, our local national work force that are forward in multiple nations, or builder and contractors throughout the region, the best part of this job is working with the outstanding people." -Col. William C. Hannan, Jr.

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