



U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY
CEREMONY

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From the
TRANSATLANTIC
DIVISION



To the
SOUTHWESTERN
DIVISION



U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Transatlantic Division Headquarters
201 Prince Frederick Drive
Winchester, Virginia

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS



ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

INVOCATION

HONORS

NATIONAL ANTHEM

TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY

“Casing of the Colors”

REMARKS

COLONEL CRAIG S. BAUMGARTNER

Transatlantic Division Commander

BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE H. WALTER

Southwestern Division Commanding General

ENGINEER SONG

ARMY SONG

TRANSATLANTIC DIVISION COMMANDERS & COMMANDING GENERALS



**MAJOR GENERAL
KENDALL P. COX**

COMMANDING GENERAL 2009-2012



**MAJOR GENERAL
ROBERT D. CARLSON**

COMMANDING GENERAL 2014-2017



**COLONEL
MARK C. QUANDER**

COMMANDER 2018-2019



**MAJOR GENERAL
KIMBERLY M. COLLOTON**

COMMANDING GENERAL 2020-2022



**COLONEL
CRAIG S. BAUMGARTNER**

COMMANDER 2024-2025



**MAJOR GENERAL
MICHAEL R. EYRE**

COMMANDING GENERAL 2012-2014



**BRIGADIER GENERAL
DAVID C. HILL**

COMMANDING GENERAL 2017-2018



**COLONEL
CHRISTOPHER G. BECK**

COMMANDER 2019-2020



**BRIGADIER GENERAL
WILLIAM C. HANNAN, JR.**

COMMANDING GENERAL 2022-2024



Colonel Craig S. Baumgartner

USACE Transatlantic Division Commander



COLONEL CRAIG S. BAUMGARTNER assumed duties as Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic Division, in June 2024. Prior to taking command, he served as the Deputy Commander of the Transatlantic Division, beginning in August 2021. Baumgartner also previously served as Chief of Staff, HQDA G-3/5/7, Combined Joint-Engineer Branch Head, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan (CSTC-A), and Commander and District Engineer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, headquartered on Arsenal Island in Rock Island, Illinois. He commissioned in the United States Army Corps of Engineers in May 1993 from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY.

Baumgartner also served as Command Engineer of United States Army Cyber and Second Army at Fort Meade, Maryland; Deputy Brigade Commander of 18th Engineer Brigade in Schweinfurt, Germany; and Battalion Commander of the 15th Engineer Battalion in Schweinfurt, Germany and during a combat tour in support of Operations New Dawn and Enduring Freedom.

Other previous assignments include:

- Joint Engineer Observer/Trainer for United States Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) in Norfolk, Virginia.
- Battalion S3, 1-3 Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, including a combat tour in Ramadi, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom V.
- Brigade Engineer, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia including a combat tour in Tikrit, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III.
- Engineer Future Operations Officer (G35), Coalition Forces Land Component Command, Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I/II and Operation Enduring Freedom.
- Engineer Trainer, 3d Battalion, 307th Regiment, 87th Division (Training Support), Fort Jackson, South Carolina.
- Adjutant and Company Commander, 1st Engineer Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas including an operational deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of Stabilization Force-6.
- Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer, 317th Engineer Battalion, Fort Benning, Georgia including an operational deployment to Saudi Arabia/Kuwait in support of Operation Vigilant Warrior.

Baumgartner holds a Bachelors Degree in Engineering Management from the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, a Masters Degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri Science and Technology, and a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. His military education includes the U.S. Army War College Senior Leader Seminar, U.S. Army War College Fellowship Program (in residence at Syracuse University), Joint Combined Warfighter School, College of Naval Command and Staff, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and Engineer Officer Advanced and Basic Courses. Baumgartner's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit Medal (2 OLC), Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), and Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLCs). His badges include the Combat Action Badge and Parachutist Badge. He is also an Engineer Regiment Silver de Fleury Medal recipient.



Brigadier General George H. Walter

USACE Southwestern Division Commanding General



BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE H. WALTER is the Commanding General and Division Engineer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Southwestern Division. The division, which is headquartered in Dallas, is one of nine Army Corps of Engineers regional commands. With four district offices in Fort Worth and Galveston, Texas, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Little Rock, Arkansas, it encompasses all or part of six states, and covers more than 2.3 million acres of public land and water. As the division

Commanding General and Division Engineer, Walter oversees hundreds of water resources development and military design and construction projects that bring value to our communities, our Nation and our warfighters.

Prior to taking command of the Southwestern Division, Walter served as Plans Division Chief in the Operations Directorate of HQDA G-9. Walter's previous assignments include serving as the Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations, for the XVIII Airborne Corps. Additionally, he served as a Lieutenant in the 82d Airborne Division, Company Commander in 173d Airborne Brigade, S3/XO in the 82d Airborne Division, Battalion Command with 6BEB in 4-25 IBCT (ABN), and Brigade Command in 20th Engineer Brigade.

Walter had broadening assignments with 7th Army Training Command, Aide-de-Camp at the Southern European Task Force, Active Component/Reserve Component Team Chief in 1st Army, observer/controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center and later LNO to FORSCOM, Chief of Staff for the US European Command Logistics Directorate (J4), Executive Officer to the EUCOM Deputy Commander and as both Division and Corps Level Command Engineers.

Walter is a graduate of the Engineer Basic Course, Infantry Captains Career Course, and the US Army War College. In addition to a Master of Strategic Studies from Carlisle, he also has a Master of Business Administration from the University of South Carolina. He received his Commission into the Army Corps of Engineers after graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1996.

A Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Service Chiefs' Fellow and Project Management Professional, Walter has operational and combat experience in Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. His awards and decorations include the Ranger Tab, Combat Action Badge, and Master Parachutist Badge with bronze service star.



BUILDING LEGACY 1940-2025: Since the 1940s, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has operated a wide range of divisions, districts, area offices, resident offices, field detachments, and specialized task forces throughout the Middle East and surrounding regions. Some were longstanding fixtures; others stood up rapidly in response to contingency operations, emerging missions, or partner-nation requirements. Whether focused on reconstruction, infrastructure development, security assistance, or combat support, each played a direct role in advancing U.S. and allied objectives across the region. This historical lineage booklet represents an initial effort to consolidate USACE's chronological footprint in the region.





**Legacy is not about what is built.
It is about what endures. Across 250 years of
Army history, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
has stood as the force behind the force, laying
the foundation for what comes next.**

The Transfer of Authority marks a pivotal moment in the history of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. With the transition of responsibility from the Transatlantic Division to the Southwestern Division, the legacy of more than 15 years of leadership, innovation, and steadfast service in the Middle East and Central and South Asia enters its next chapter. Since its reactivation in 2009, the Transatlantic Division has been the engineering force behind U.S. military operations and diplomatic efforts across more than 21 nations, delivering infrastructure that has enabled combat missions, strengthened partner capacity, and reinforced America's strategic presence in one of the world's most dynamic regions.

As USACE approaches its 250th anniversary, this deliberate realignment ensures the continuity of mission, relationships, and regional expertise. The Southwestern Division assumes command with deep-rooted experience supporting overseas operations, having long contributed personnel, technical leadership, and project delivery expertise during critical periods of conflict and reconstruction. While the organizational structure evolves, the mission endures, anchored in the same values of excellence, partnership, and service to nation.

The Transfer of Authority is not simply a ceremonial exchange. It is a moment of profound significance. It honors the achievements of those who have built, led, and sacrificed under the Transatlantic Division's banner, and it entrusts that legacy to capable hands prepared to carry it forward. This transition reaffirms our enduring commitment to those we serve: to build strong, to serve with purpose, and to shape the future through engineering excellence.



ENGINEER SONG

Pin the Castle on my collar.
I've done my training for the team.
You can call me an Engineer Soldier.
The warrior spirit has been my dream.
Essayons, whether in war or peace
We will bear our red and our white.

Essayons!

We serve America and the
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Essayons! Essayons!

ARMY SONG

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.

We're the Army and proud of our name!

We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

First to fight for the right, And to build the Nation's might,

And the Army goes rolling along.

Proud of all we have done,

Fighting till the battle's won,

And the Army goes rolling along.

Then it's hi! hi! hey! The Army's on its way.

Count off the cadence loud and strong;

For where'er we go,

You will always know

That the Army goes rolling long.



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