

US Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic Programs Center

Lieutenant Colonel William John Duddleston Deputy Commander (Forward)



Lieutenant Colonel William John Duddleston is the senior U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative deployed in the Arabian Gulf region representing the Transatlantic Programs Center. As the Deputy Commander (Forward) based in Kuwait, he is responsible for management of U.S. military construction and coordination of host nation construction in the region. He moved into this position on July 1, 2008.

From August 2006 until June 2008, Lieutenant Colonel Duddleston served as the Chief of the Headquarters U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Operations Center in Washington, DC, providing continuous support to units, teams and personnel deployed in contingency areas of operations, and overseeing the preparation and readiness of USACE teams to respond to natural and man-made disasters.

Lieutenant Colonel Duddleston's overseas assignments include Korea, Kuwait, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Iraq. He also served stateside assignments at Fort Polk, Louisiana; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Irwin, California, Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Fort Stewart, Georgia.

In these assignments Lieutenant Colonel Duddleston served in diverse positions as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer and Battalion Maintenance Officer; commanded two Engineer Companies; as a National Training Center Observer/Controller; Operations Officer at Battalion and Brigade levels; Brigade Executive Officer; Battalion Commander and as the 3rd Infantry Division Engineer.

Lieutenant Colonel Duddleston was born and raised in Chicago and graduated from New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1979, with an associate of arts degree. In May 1981, Lieutenant Colonel Duddleston was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of Oklahoma ROTC program. While completing undergraduate (bachelor of architecture) and graduate studies (masters of science in construction science), he served in the 95th Infantry Division (Training), U.S. Army Reserve, entering active duty in August 1985.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, six awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, two awards the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Overseas Ribbon, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the NATO Medal and the Army Parachutist Badge.

The Transatlantic Programs Center is responsible for providing engineering, construction, and related services in the Middle East, Africa, and other areas as required. Its work includes designing and constructing facilities for use by U.S. forces, performing engineering activities for other U.S. government and foreign agencies, and providing operations and maintenance services for various customers. In addition, the Center provides stateside reachback engineering and support services to Corps of Engineers organizations in Iraq and Afghanistan.