



US Army Corps
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Savannah District

Biography

COLONEL MARK S. HELD

District Commander

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District

Colonel Mark S. Held assumed command of the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on May 27, 2004.

As the Commander, Colonel Held is responsible for a \$4 billion military design and construction program; water resources planning, design and construction; hazardous, toxic and radiological waste cleanup; and real estate activities. The district supports 18 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North and South Carolina, and water resources activities in Georgia and portions of South Carolina. The Savannah District supports worldwide missions in support of real estate, master planning, family housing, barracks and other facilities in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Colonel Held came to the Savannah District from duty as the deputy division commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division. He also served in the Iraq Reconstruction Program in 2003. His previous assignment was as Commander and District Engineer of the Charleston District in S. C.

Colonel Held's educational background includes a Master of Science degree in Construction Engineering from Arizona State University in 1992. He earned a Master of Public Administration degree and a Bachelor of Science degree from Western Kentucky University, where he was commissioned a Regular Army lieutenant in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers on May 7, 1982.

Colonel Held's prior assignments include tours in the continental United States, the Middle East, and Central America. He served with the Corps of Engineers in a variety of assignments to include the Division office in Atlanta and the Charleston, Louisville and Mobile Districts. His troop assignments include a tour as Director of Public Works with the Multinational Force in Sinai, Egypt; S3 of the 19th Engineer Battalion (Mechanized) as part of the 36th



Engineer Group; Brigade Engineer and Company Commander with the 194th Armored Brigade and with the 20th Engineer Battalion, Eagle Support Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He also served as the Captain Assignments Officer, Engineer Branch, Total Army Personnel Command, Department of the Army.

His military honors include the Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster), the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, the Multinational Force and Observers Medal (second award), the Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.