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US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District welcomes new Deputy Commander

PITTSBURGH –The US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District, recently welcomed Maj. Randall Wheeler as its Deputy Commander. As the Deputy Commander, he will serve as chief of staff and is responsible for management of the district's operating budget and more than 328 miles of navigable waterways, 23 navigation locks and dams, 16 multi-purpose flood damage reduction reservoirs, 40 local flood damage reduction projects and other projects to protect and enhance water resources and wetlands.

Major Wheeler was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through the Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at Campbell University in 1991.

Prior to his assignment with the Pittsburgh District, Maj. Wheeler served as the Army Special Forces Command (Airborne) Engineer, Fort Bragg, N.C., where he managed the Military Construction program for five Special Forces Groups.

His other assignments include: Observer Controller Team Chief, 1st Battalion, 345th Engineer Regiment, Fort Jackson, S.C.; Project Engineer, Far East District, Seoul, Korea; Company Commander, 317th Engineer Battalion, Fort Benning, Ga.; Assistant Brigade Engineer, Executive Officer and Platoon Leader, 3rd Engineer Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga.

During his two tours in Afghanistan, he served with the Combined and Joint Special Forces Task Force, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

Major Wheeler graduated from Campbell University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics in 1991. He also earned his Masters of Earth and Environmental Resource Management from the University of South Carolina in 2000. In 2004, he graduated from the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

His awards include the Bronze Star, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, five Army Commendation Medals, the Combat Action Badge, the Ranger Tab and the Parachutist Badge.

Major Wheeler is a North Carolina native and is married to the former Christie Myers also from North Carolina. Together they have a daughter Meghan and a son Reagan.

His predecessor, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Steinig and his family transferred to the 555th Engineer Brigade, Fort. Lewis, Washington.