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New Commander Announced at Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District

FORT WORTH, TX – Colonel Christopher W. Martin assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, in a ceremony today at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

Colonel Martin succeeds Col. John R. Minahan, who has commanded the district since May 2003. Minahan will become the Deputy Commander of the Corps' Southwestern Division in Dallas, Texas.

Martin will manage one of the Corps' largest military construction programs, which encompasses all design and construction on Army and Air Force installations in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. He will also supervise the operation and maintenance of the district's 25 lakes, which furnish 35 percent of the state's water supply and provide outdoor recreation opportunities for millions of visitors annually.

Martin's last assignment was as the commander of the 91st Engineer Battalion, which was the first engineer battalion in the Army to field the Bradley Fighting Vehicle and then fight it at the National Training Center and ultimately in Iraq. The battalion deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom II in January 2004 and was responsible for a large part of the western Baghdad area until redeployment in February 2005. He attended the United States Army War College, graduating in June 2006 prior to his assumption of command.

Martin graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. in 1983. After graduating from the Engineer Officer Basic Course and Ranger School, he went to Germany where he served as a platoon leader with the 563rd Engineer Company and then in the 82nd Engineer Battalion as an assistant supply an logistics officer, assistant operations officer, and company executive officer.

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In 1987, he attended the Infantry Officer Advance Course, and was assigned to the 326th Engineer Battalion at Fort Campbell, Ky., as an assistant operations officer. He commanded the 887th Engineer Company in the 101st Airborne Division. Following this tour, he received his Masters degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois. In 1991, he was assigned to the Fort Worth Engineer District, serving in the Central Texas Area Office at Fort Hood, Texas. In 1994, he began a tour as an operations instructor with the Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Pacific, at the Naval Amphibious Base on Coronado.

In 1996, he was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division's Engineer Brigade in Germany. During this two-year tour, he served as the brigade supply and logistics officer, Chief of Construction for Task Force Eagle in Bosnia, and as the brigade operations officer. In 1996, he was assigned to the Southern European Task Force in Vicenza, Italy as the Brigade Engineer for the SETAF Infantry Brigade, and then as the deputy commander in charge of Operations for SETAF. In 2000, he was assigned to U. S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Headquarters in Fort Monroe, Va., as a special assistant to the commanding general.

His military awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service, Army Commendation, Army Achievement, and Humanitarian Service Medals, as well as Air Assault and Airborne Wings, and the Ranger Tab.

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