



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**®
Portland District

Colonel Steven R. Miles, P.E.

Commander and District Engineer

Biography



Colonel Steven R. Miles became the Commander and District Engineer of the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on May 30, 2008.

The Portland District has one of the Nation's most comprehensive and diversified civil works programs. Covering most of Oregon and southwestern Washington, Portland District is operating locks and dams along the Columbia River, managing dams in the Willamette Valley for flood damage reduction, maintaining Oregon's coastal rivers for navigation, and leading the Nation in hydropower generation, all while ensuring equal attention is placed on environmental protection and restoration, fish and wildlife enhancement and recreation. Portland District also serves as the Corps' Hydroelectric Design Center, a National leader and Center of Expertise.

A native of Cherry Hill, N.J., Col. Miles earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Norwich University and was commissioned in the Army Corps of Engineers in 1985 as a Distinguished Military Graduate. Miles also holds two masters degrees -- business administration from Boston University and strategic studies from the Army War College. Col. Miles is a joint specialty officer and a licensed professional engineer in both Oregon and Virginia.

Prior to this assignment, Col. Miles served as Commander of the Northwestern Division from November 2007 to May 2008 and as the deputy from July to November 2007. Earlier assignments include a year long deployment to Fallujah, Iraq as an Area Engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in direct support of the U.S. Marines for stability and reconstruction operations in Western Iraq.

Other assignments include Commander of the 29th Engineer Battalion in Hawaii and Joint Engineer Officer on the U.S. Forces Japan staff near Tokyo. Col. Miles has served as executive officer and operations officer for the 84th Engineer Battalion in Hawaii that included a deployment to the Balkans during Operation Allied Force. He also served in Korea leading the Camp Casey and Seoul Project Offices for two years with the Far East District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Prior to this assignment, Col. Miles served in Germany for six years in the 130th and 18th Engineer Brigades as a Company Commander and staff officer during the Cold War. Prior to Germany, Col. Miles served as a NATO Project Engineer in Turkey with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. His initial assignment was with the 15th Engineer Battalion (Combat) 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash., as a Task Force Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer.

His awards, decorations, and badges include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal (5th Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), the National Defense Service Medal (Bronze Service Star), the Armed Forces Services Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Sapper Tab and Engineer Regimental Bronze DeFleury Medal.

Col. Miles is married and has two children.