

Change of Command Ceremony

Welcome	LTC Dale A. Knieriemen Deputy Commander
Presentation of Colors	Naval Support Activity Color Guard
National Anthem	156 th Army National Guard Band
Invocation	Chaplain (Major) Walter Austin
Change of Command	
Remarks	MG Phillip R. Anderson Division Commander Mississippi Valley Division
Remarks	COL William L. Conner District Commander – Outgoing
Presentation	Mr. Chris Laborde Chamber, New Orleans and River Region
Remarks	COL Thomas F. Julich District Commander – Incoming
Benediction	Chaplain (Major) Austin
Army Song	156 th Army National Guard Band
Retirement of Colors	Naval Support Activity Color Guard
Reception	

Colonel William L. Conner

Colonel William L. Conner has been the Commander and District Engineer of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, since July 12, 1996. Colonel Conner will join Ellen, his wife, in Seattle, Washington, where he will become the Director of Public Works for the city of Shoreline, a community of 55,000 just north of Seattle.

Colonel Conner served as Special Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans (Force Development) on the Army Staff at the Pentagon. He previously served as Deputy Commander of Military Programs at Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

During his career, Colonel Conner commanded at the platoon, company and battalion level, including command of Company C, 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and command of the 10th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

Colonel Conner is a 1974 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He holds master's degrees in structural engineering and construction management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is also a graduate of the Army War College and the Army's Jungle Warfare School. He is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The National Society of Professional Engineers selected Colonel Conner as its 1999 Military Engineer of the Year for the Corps. He was also honored as Louisiana's Professional Environmentalist of the Year for 1998 by the National Wildlife Federation.

Among his military awards are the Army Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Ranger Tab, Air Assault Badge and the Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Thomas F. Julich

New Orleans District's 56th Commander and District Engineer, Colonel Thomas F. Julich, is a recent graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. He was previously assigned to the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management in the Pentagon.

Colonel Julich's career assignments include two tours in Germany as Engineer Project Officer for the 5th Corps in Frankfurt; Operations Officer, 565th Engineer Battalion, Karlsruhe; and Staff Officer at Headquarters, 7th Army, Heidelberg. He also served a tour in South Korea as Project Officer at Camp Page, Far East District. Earlier, Colonel Julich commanded Company C, 17th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, at Fort Hood, Texas.

Colonel Julich previously served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as Commander of the Charleston District, and as a major was Deputy District Engineer in Fort Worth District.

Colonel Julich is a 1976 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He holds a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Washington. In addition, he is a graduate of the Army's Airborne School. He is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Among his awards and decorations are three Army Meritorious Service medals and three Army Commendation medals.

A native of Tacoma, Washington, Colonel Julich and Mary, his wife, have four children, Chris, Terry, Scott and Laura.

Major General Phillip R. Anderson

Major General Anderson assumed command of the Mississippi Valley Division (MVD) on July 15, 1997. He came to MVD from Headquarters where he was Director of Military Programs. He previously served as Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Engineer Center and Fort Leonard Wood. As MVD Commander, Major General Anderson plays a vital role in managing the Corps' water resources program in the Mississippi River Valley (MVD). MVD's boundaries extend from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and include portions of 12 states for a total of 370,000 square miles.

The Chief of Engineers has nominated General Anderson to be president of the Mississippi River Commission. The appointment, made by the President of the United States, is subject to confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

His troop assignments include Platoon Leader, Engineer Equipment Officer, and Company Commander, 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat, Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Assistant Division Engineer and Executive Officer, 307th Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg; Commander, 20th Engineer Battalion (Combat), Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and Commander, 36th Engineer Group (Combat), Fort Benning, Georgia.

General Anderson is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia, where he was commissioned in 1970 into the Corps of Engineers. He holds master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Illinois in Champagne/Urbana and international relations from Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. He is a licensed professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic, Construction, and Advanced courses, the Army Command and General Staff College and the Naval War College.

General Anderson was born in San Diego, California. He is married to the former Elizabeth Allen. They have one daughter.