



Colonel Scott A. Petersen- Commander, 18th Engineer Brigade

Colonel Scott Petersen is from Marinette, Wisconsin and is a 1989 graduate of the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management. After attending the Engineer Officer Basic Course at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, he was assigned to the 17th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas Combat (Mechanized) as an Engineer Platoon Leader. Upon redeployment from Operation Desert Shield/Storm in 1991, he was assigned as an Assault and Barrier Platoon Leader in the 8th Engineer Battalion at Fort Hood until 1992. He then was assigned as the Executive Officer of the Battalion's Float Bridge Company—which later became a separate III Corps unit, the 74th Engineer Company.

In 1993, he attended the Engineer Officer Advanced Course Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Upon completion, he served as a Commander in the 35th Engineer Battalion as a One-Station Unit Training (OSUT) Company. After redesignation of his unit as a company in the 169th Engineer Battalion, Colonel Petersen served as the Battalion Operations Officer.

Upon earning Masters' degrees in Industrial-Organizational Psychology and Business Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver in 1998, he taught Military Leadership and Organizational Behavior as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at West Point.

In 2002, he graduated from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth Kansas and was assigned as the 2d Infantry Division Engineer Brigade Operations Officer (S3) in Korea. From 2003 to 2005, he served as the 10th Special Forces Group Engineer which included a fourteen month deployment to Iraq as the J4 Engineer in the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force (Arabian Peninsula).

From 2005 to 2007, COL Petersen served as the Chief of Military Training and Assistant Commandant for DoD Training and Education at the School of Geospatial Intelligence in the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. In July 2007, he assumed command of the 65th Engineer Battalion (Provisional) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. From January-December, 2009, he deployed the battalion headquarters in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as commander of a five company unit, Task Force Trailblazer in Multi-National Division-North. In June 2010, he was assigned as the Executive Officer to the Chief of Engineers. From 2011-2011, he attended Senior Service College at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and currently commands the 18th Engineer Brigade in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Colonel Petersen's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster (2 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, and several service medals. He has also earned the Parachutist Badge and Bronze Order of the DeFleury Medal.