## Deputy Commander Lieutenant Colonel Juan Ramon Mejia





**LIEUTENANT COLONEL RAMON MEJIA** assumed the role as the Deputy District Commander for the St. Louis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on September 6, 2016 after serving as the Base Support Group Infrastructure Section Head for the NATO Allied Land Command Headquarters Izmir, Turkey. He received a Bachelor's of Science in Construction Technology from Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at Indianapolis in December 1997 and was commissioned as an Engineer Officer from the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

After completing the Engineer Officer's Basic Course, Mejia served as a Mechanized Platoon Leader in A Company 10th Engineer Battalion where he deployed with the 3rd Infantry Division, Task Force 3-15 in support of Operations Desert Thunder/Fox, Kuwait. In July 1999, he was assigned as Executive Officer in D Company 10th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia. He then served as the Deputy Assistant Division Engineer Plans Officer, 3th Infantry Division forward deployed in support of Operation Joint Forge, Tuzla, Bosnia.

Upon completion of the Engineer Officer's Advance Course in 2002, Mejia received a Master's of Science Degree in Engineering Management from Missouri University of Science and Technology. In November 2002, he deployed to Afghanistan under CJTF 180 and served as the 18th Airborne Corps Assistant Engineer Plans Officer for Operation Enduring Freedom. In September 2004, he assumed command of the 175th Engineer Company (Topographic) (Airborne Corps), 30th Engineer Battalion, forward deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Baghdad, Iraq.

In June 2006, after company command, Mejia was assigned to the Corps of Engineers' Huntington District. In October 2006, he deployed in support of the Corps of Engineers' Afghanistan Engineer District where he served as Project Engineer at the Gardez Construction Office for the P2K (Paktia, Paktika and Khost) and Southern Ghazni region. He then served as the Resident Engineer for the Kabul East Construction Office. In July 2007, he returned to the Huntington District where he served as a Project Manager.

In May 2009, after completing his Intermediate-Level Education he was assigned to the 1st Armored Division, Wiesbaden, Germany. He served as the Division Engineer Plans Officer and deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in support of OIF and NEW DAWN. He then assumed duties as the Operations Officer for the U.S. Army 5th Corps Headquarters Battalion, Wiesbaden, Germany.

In June of 2012, Mejia was assigned to the Corps of Engineers' Mobile District where he served as the Forward Deployed Officer in Charge for Central America with duty in the U.S. Embassy Tegucigalpa, Honduras. His duties directly supported USSOUTHCOM and U.S. Security Cooperation and Assistance strategies for the Western Hemisphere.

Mejia is a graduate of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation the Army Combined Arms Service Staff School.

His awards include the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters.

Mejia has also been awarded the U.S. Army Engineer Regiment Bronze de Fleury Medal, the Honduran Medal of Merit, the U.S. Army Parachutist and Air Assault Badge, the Gold German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, and the Bronze German Parachutist Badge.

Mejia is married and has three daughters.