

# New commander | Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District

Col. Richard P. Pannell passed the command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District to Col. Lars N. Zetterstrom ( 53rd USACE Galveston District commander ) during a change of command ceremony on July 8, 2016 at the USACE Galveston District's Jadwin Building in Galveston, Texas ( TX ).

## COL Lars N. Zetterstrom



COL Lars N. Zetterstrom was born and raised in Clifton Park, New York. He attended the United States Military Academy then was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers May 28, 1994.

He assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District July 8, 2016.

He previously was the director of the Maneuver Support Battle Lab at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri ( MO ). Previous assignments are varied and include: Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Garrison Commander, USAG Kaiserslautern, Germany; Engineer Planner, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan (South/Southwest), Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan;

Deputy District Commander of the Buffalo District,

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Battalion Executive Officer of the 10th Sustainment Brigade Troops Battalion; Facilities and Construction Chief in the 10th Mountain Division and Combined Joint Taskforce-180 in Fort Drum, New York and Afghanistan; Assistant Brigade Operations Officer and Training Officer in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Training Support Brigade, Fort Drum, New York; Company Commander of the only Rough Terrain Engineer Company in

the world - Bravo, 27th EN BN "Rough Terrain" in Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Kosovo; and Sapper Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer and Assistant Battalion Plans Officer in the 82nd Engineer Battalion "Blue Babe" in Bamberg, Germany and Bosnia-Herzegovina. His deployments include Bosnia-Herzegovina ( two tours ), Kosovo and Afghanistan ( two tours ).

COL Zetterstrom earned a Master's of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College, a Master's of Science in Civil / Environmental Engineering from the Missouri University of Science & Technology and a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering from the United States Military Academy. He is also a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Missouri and a Bronze DeFluery Medal recipient. His awards and badges include, but are not limited to, the Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal ( five oak leaf clusters ), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award ( one oak leaf cluster ) and the NATO Medal ( four service stars ).

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