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Colonel Benjamin Bigelow
Deputy Division Commander
Great Lakes and Ohio River Division



Colonel Benjamin Bigelow assumed duties as the Deputy Commander of the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division on August 26, 2015. The division has seven engineer districts totaling over 4100 people operating in a seventeen state area, and is charged with directing federal water resource development in the Great Lakes and Ohio River basins with infrastructure valued at over \$80 billion. With an annual operating and construction budget exceeding \$2 billion, missions include planning, construction and operations of navigation structures and flood damage reduction, hydropower, environmental restoration, water conservation, recreation and disaster assistance.

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The division also executes military construction in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan with design and construction of barracks, hospitals, airfields and family housing on military installations.

Prior to his assignment to Cincinnati, Colonel Bigelow served as Department of the Army G-3/5/7 Engineer Organizational Integrator, Army Human Resources Command Engineer Branch Chief and Commander of the 9th Engineer Battalion in Germany and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq

Colonel Bigelow previously served in USACE as the Deputy District Commander, FUSRAP Project Manager and Project Engineer at the St. Louis District. He also deployed to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo to serve as the Operations Officer for the Base Camp Construction Agency in support of Operation Joint Guardian.

Colonel Bigelow received his commission in 1990, upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He earned a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas. He is also a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, and the Army Command and Staff College.

Other previous assignments include Deputy Division Chief at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Operations Officer and Executive Officer of the 37th Engineer Battalion in Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Assistant Operations Officer of the Combined and Joint Task Force-Consequence Management at Camp Doha, Kuwait during Operation Enduring Freedom, Assistant Operations Officer (later Commander) of the 175th Engineer Company in Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Joint Task Force-180 during Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti, Platoon Leader and Executive Officer Alpha Company of the 54th Engineer Battalion in Wildflecken, Germany and in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm.

Colonel Bigelow awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (five Oak Leaf Clusters), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Master Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Bigelow is married to Jules and they have two sons Blake and Jonathan and one daughter Christina.

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