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Colonel Robert D. Peterson
Deputy Division Commander
Great Lakes and Ohio River Division



Colonel Robert D. “Bob” Peterson is the Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes and Ohio River Division. He assumed his duties as the Deputy Commander August 3, 2012. His duties include assisting the Commanding General in directing and supervising seven engineer districts totaling more than 4800 people, operating in a seventeen-state area. He also supports the Commanding General in directing federal water resource development in the Great Lakes and Ohio River basins with infrastructure valued at more than 80 million dollars. He is directly responsible for the Division’s Emergency Management, Public Affairs, and Safety offices.

Colonel Peterson’s most recent assignment was Commander of the Huntington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, from July 2009 to July 2012. As the District Commander, he was responsible for carrying out the District’s mission within the Ohio River Basin, which included more than 300 navigable miles of the Ohio River in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio. The district area encompasses 45,000 square miles in five states – WV, KY, OH, VA, and NC. His staff of more than 800 employees supported the District’s mission to operate and maintain 35 multi-purpose reservoirs and nine locks and dams, providing flood damage reduction, commercial navigation, recreation, and water supply while protecting the environment.

Colonel Peterson has held a variety of command and staff assignments including: Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, 8th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood TX; Company Commander, 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne), Operation Desert Storm - Iraq and Fort Bragg, NC; Project Engineer, Savannah District, USACE; Director of Engineering, U.S. Military Training Mission, Saudi Arabia; Group Engineer, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Battalion S3, 37th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Engineer Troop Commander, 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment – DELTA (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Battalion Commander, 577th Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Plans Chief, Standing Joint Force Headquarters - USSOUTHCOM, Miami, FL; Deputy C7, Multi-National Corps – Iraq, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Peterson graduated in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and from the U.S. Army War College with a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies. His military education includes the Engineer Officer’s Basic and Advanced Courses; the Combined Arms Service Staff School; the US Army Command and General Staff College; Joint Forces Staff College; the U.S Army War College, and the Basic Airborne and Jumpmaster Schools.

Awards include the Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, three awards of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, six awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, two awards of the Army Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Bronze and Silver Order of the deFleury Medal.

Colonel Peterson and his wife Rhonda have three sons: Bryan, Kyle, and Cullen.

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