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**Colonel Paul J. Kremer**  
**Deputy Division Commander**  
**Great Lakes and Ohio River Division**



Colonel Paul Kremer assumed duties as the Deputy Commander of the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division in August 2017. The division has seven engineer districts totaling over 4,100 people operating in a 17 state area and is charged with directing federal water resource development in the Great Lakes and Ohio River basins. The infrastructure within the division is 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. 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.

COL Kremer enlisted as a combat engineer in 1990 serving in the 478th Engineer Battalion (USAR) and the 206th Engineer Battalion (KYARNG). Upon commissioning as a Second Lieutenant, he transitioned to active duty serving as a Platoon Leader, Assault and Obstacle Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, and as Company Executive Officer in the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. After promotion to Captain, he joined the 326th Engineer Battalion (Air Assault), 101st Airborne Division, serving as the Battalion Maintenance Officer, Assistant S3, and as Commander of the 887th Engineer Company (Light Equipment) deploying the unit as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom I.

After graduation from the Command and General Staff College he joined the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) as the Deputy Division Engineer for its deployment to Iraq as Multi-National Division (Center) and then redeployed to Iraq six months later as the Battalion S-3 and subsequently Battalion Executive Officer of the 7th Engineer Battalion. Upon that redeployment, COL Kremer served as the Professor of Military Science at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, where he was responsible for producing 26 lieutenants per year across all three Army components.

In July of 2013, COL Kremer took command of the 30th Engineer Battalion at Ft. Bragg, NC, leading five of the Army's dive detachments, a topographic company, the Brigade HHC, two firefighter teams, and a construction management team. In July 2015, COL Kremer deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan for a year-long deployment serving first as the Deputy CJ-Engineer and then as the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan (CSTC-A) Commanding General's Executive Officer. Upon redeployment from Kabul, COL Kremer spent a year in the Pentagon as the Chief of the Program Integration Branch, in the Office of the Chief of Engineers.

COL Kremer's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal (five Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (one campaign star), Iraq Campaign Medal (four campaign stars), NATO medal for Afghanistan, Sapper Tab, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge, Army Staff Badge, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation (two Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Superior Unit Award. COL Kremer has also been awarded the Army Engineer Association's Bronze De Fleury Medal and is a Project Management Professional (PMP). He has been married for 23 years and has six children.

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