



US Army Corps
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Savannah District

Biography

COLONEL MARK S. HELD District Commander

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District

Colonel Mark S. Held assumed command of the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on May 27, 2004.

As the Commander and District Engineer, Colonel Held is responsible for military design and construction; water resources planning, design and construction; hazardous, toxic and radiological waste cleanup; and real estate activities. The district supports Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North and South Carolina, and water resources activities in Georgia and portions of South Carolina. The Savannah District performs work nationwide and worldwide in support of master planning, family housing, barracks and other facilities. The Savannah District also provides support worldwide, as needed, to support the nation during the Global War on Terrorism.

Colonel Held came to the Savannah District from duty as the deputy division commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division. He came to Atlanta from Charleston, S.C., where he served as Commander and District Engineer. He also served as the first commander of the Iraq Reconstruction Office in Baghdad.

Colonel Held was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on May 7, 1982. He was graduated from Western Kentucky University with a bachelor of science degree in 1982 and a master of public administration degree in 1988. He also earned a master of science degree in construction engineering from Arizona State University in 1992. He is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College.

Colonel Held's prior assignments include tours in the continental United States, the Middle East, and Central America. He served with the Corps of Engineers in a variety of assignments to include the Division office in Atlanta and the Charleston, Louisville and Mobile Districts. His troop assignments include a tour as Force Engineer with the Multinational Force of Observers in Sinai, Egypt; S3 of the 19th Engineer Battalion (Mechanized) as part of the 36th Engineer Group; Brigade Engineer and Company Commander with the 194th Armored Brigade and with the 20th Engineer Battalion, Eagle Support Brigade, 101st



Airborne Division (Air Assault). He also served as the Captain Assignments Officer, Engineer Branch, Total Army Personnel Command, Department of the Army.

His military honors include the Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster), the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, the Multinational Force and Observers Medal (second award), the Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.