SAVANNAH DISTRICT

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

LTC Stephen Peterson
Deputy District Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Peterson assumed his duties as Deputy Commander of the Savannah District in July 2017. As Deputy Commander, Peterson assists with overseeing the Savannah District's military and civil works programs valued at approximately $1 billion. The construction mission alone involves an extensive program at 11 Army and Air Force installations throughout Georgia and North Carolina. The civil works mission consists of wetland protection oversight for all of Georgia and management of three hydro-electric dams and reservoirs that provide more than half of the peaking hydropower supply in the Southeast region. He assists with the water resource mission for the entire Savannah River Basin, which is a freshwater resource for eastern Georgia and western South Carolina down to the Savannah Harbor. As Deputy Commander, Peterson also shares responsibility for the district's work in military design and master planning. He helps oversee the district's mission for hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste clean-up at formerly used defense sites and helps manage real estate activities for the Department of Defense.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Peterson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Missouri. He is a registered Professional Engineer (PE) in the State of Missouri and a registered Project Management Professional (PMP). His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic Course, the Engineer Captains Career Course, the Command & General Officers' Staff Course, and the Joint Engineer Operations Course.

Peterson has held a variety of assignments from the Company through Joint levels. He spent his Lieutenant assignments at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and the 326th Engineer Battalion deploying to Kosovo. As a Captain, he served as the 2nd Infantry Division Engineer Brigade Adjutant at Camp Howze, Korea. He then served as the V Corps Engineer Planner for Combined Joint Task Force-6 in Baghdad, Iraq, and Heidelberg, Germany. He commanded the Headquarters and Support Company, 94th Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Heavy) in Mosul, Iraq; Vilseck, Germany; and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. As a Major, he was the Operations Officer for the 5th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Mechanized) and Executive Officer for the 31st Engineer Battalion (One-Station Unit Training) at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He also served as an U.S. Army Special Operations Command Engineer Officer at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Baghdad, Iraq; Bagram, Afghanistan; and Zarqa, Jordan. He was also assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division Staff and deployed to Ghazni, Afghanistan, with 1-82 Brigade Combat Team as the Counter-IED Officer. He last served as the Professor Military Science at Tennessee Tech University.

His awards and decorations include two Bronze Stars, four Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, two Afghanistan Campaign Medals, three Iraq Campaign Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medal, three Armed Forces Service Ribbons, the Korea Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, three Overseas Ribbons, the NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Ranger Tab, Sapper Tab, Air Assault Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.