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**Colonel
Michael C. Wehr
South Pacific Division
Commander**



Colonel Mike Wehr assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) South Pacific Division June 3, 2011. Established in 1888, the division comprises one-fifth of the United States and is one of the Corps' nine commands. It includes four operating districts headquartered in Albuquerque, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Francisco.

As SPD Commander, Colonel Wehr is responsible for leading a professional workforce of over 2,300 people. The Division manages a \$1.17 billion military and a \$400 million civil works program. The region encompasses Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and parts of Colorado, Oregon, Wyoming, Idaho, and Texas. Key missions include strengthening national security, supporting Overseas Contingency Operations, and managing the nation's water resource infrastructure for economic growth and environmental sustainability. The SPD team synchronizes Corps efforts with those of other federal, state and local agencies, the Army and Air Force, the Administration, and the Congress to ensure that the Corps provides exceptional support to military installations and civilian communities throughout the region.

Recent assignments include: Engineer Director for the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan from January 2010 to April 2011; following command of the Vicksburg District of the Mississippi Valley Division of USACE from June 2007 to December 2009. Colonel Wehr came to the Vicksburg District from an assignment to the U.S. Army War College with duty as a Military Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Colonel Wehr grew up in a military family, studied civil engineering, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through ROTC at Santa Clara University in 1985. Additional education includes the engineer officer courses, a Masters of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas, and graduation from Command and General Staff and the Joint Forces Staff Colleges.

Colonel Wehr served in engineer battalion assignments as a Lieutenant at Fort Ord, Calif., in the 14th (Corps Wheeled); as a captain at Fort Bragg, N.C., in the 307th (Airborne); as a Major at Fort Stewart, Ga., in both the 92nd (Heavy) and the 11th (Mechanized); and returned back to Fort Bragg as a Lieutenant Colonel to command the 307th Engineer Battalion (Airborne) in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following command, he continued to serve the 82nd Airborne Division as the Chief of Transformation for the Division. Other engineer assignments include the Japan Engineer District and U.S. Pacific Command. Tours overseas in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Afghanistan have afforded Colonel Wehr unique professional and joint opportunities.

His awards include two Bronze Stars, two Legions of Merit, a Defense Meritorious Service Medal and other awards. He is a qualified Master Parachutist, Ranger, and Sapper.

Colonel Wehr is married to his college sweetheart and blessed with two children.

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