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Lt. Col. Virginia R. Brickner Deputy Commander



Lt. Col. Virginia R. Brickner assumed duties as deputy commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska District in July 2021. She manages the organization's resources, manpower and programs to support the annual execution of military construction, civil works and environmental cleanup activities throughout the state. She also directs the agency's emergency operations during contingency missions.

Previously, she served as the group engineer for the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, from 2018 to 2021.

From 2015 to 2017, Brickner served as a small group leader for the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where she instructed junior officers attending the Engineer Captains Career Course. From 2013 to 2015, Brickner served as a company commander in the 588th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado — first as commander of Company B and, following selection for a second command, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

Brickner's other assignments include construction operations officer for the 52nd Engineer Battalion, 555th Engineer Brigade from 2012 to 2013 at Fort Carson, Colorado; future operations planner for the 3rd Army, U.S. Army Central Command from 2011 to 2012 at Camp Arifjian, Kuwait; executive officer for the 178th Engineer Company (Vertical), 46th Engineer Battalion from 2009 to 2010 at Fort Polk, Louisiana; and platoon leader for Company B, 46th Engineer Battalion from 2008 to 2009 at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Brickner enlisted in the Army in 2001 and served as a medium helicopter repairer until being accepted into the Green to Gold Active-Duty Commissioning Program in 2005.

Brickner received a Master of Business Administration degree from Missouri University of Science and Technology in 2016. In 2007, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Austin Peay State University in Tennessee, where Brickner also received her commission into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Her military education includes the Army Engineer Officer Basic Course, Army Engineer Officer Career Course and Army Command and General Staff College.

Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Basic Aircrewman Badge, Army Basic Parachutist Badge, Army Air Assault Badge as well as the Bronze de Fleury Medal.

Brickner is originally from Van Wert, Ohio.