

## ® U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS Alaska District

## Colonel Michael S. Brooks Commander



COL Michael S. Brooks assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska District on July 16, 2015 at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska. He oversees a multi-million dollar program that provides engineering, construction, planning, contracting, real estate, emergency operations, environmental and regulatory services to the military; federal, state and local governments; as well as the public in Alaska. The organization supports U.S. Pacific Command by designing and constructing humanitarian assistance projects in countries throughout Southeast Asia. Under the DoD Foreign Military Sales Program, the district oversees master planning, requirements validation, design and construction of infrastructure for the Government of India's C-17 aircraft at Hindon Air Force Station, India.

Previously, COL Brooks served as the Deputy Chief and Engineer Planner for the J36 Domestic Operations Division at U.S. Northern Command on Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Earlier assignments include: student at the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.; Deputy Chief of Staff for the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo.; Commander of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion at Fort Carson, Colo.; Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Detroit District in Detroit, Mich.; as well as Battalion Executive Officer and Brigade Engineer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. As Battalion Executive Officer, he deployed to Baqubah, Iraq for 15 months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Other assignments include: Chief of the Engineer Tactics Team for the U.S. Security Assistance Training Management Organization in King Khalid Military City, Saudi Arabia; Assistant Brigade Operations Officer for the 2/91<sup>st</sup> Training Support Brigade at Fort Carson, Colo.; Company Commander and Assistant Brigade Engineer in the 4<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion at Fort Carson, Colo.; Company Executive Officer and Platoon Leader in the 814<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company (Assault Float Bridge) and 46<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion at Fort Polk, La. While serving in the 46<sup>th</sup> Engineer Bn., he deployed to Haiti in support of United Nations' operations.

In 1993, COL Brooks was commissioned as an engineer officer in the U.S. Army. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Master of Science in Engineering Management from Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo.; and Master of Strategic Studies at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with bronze service star, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon, United Nations Medal (Haiti) and Superior Unit Award with oak leaf cluster. He also earned the Combat Action Badge.

COL Brooks is a native of the state of Alabama. He is married to Cary (Crouch) Brooks of Eagle River, Alaska.