

# Biography

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## **Colonel Sheldon L. Jahn**

Commander and District Engineer

Colonel Sheldon L. Jahn became commander of the U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska on July 15, 1997. COL Jahn was born in Juneau, Alaska and raised in Haines, Alaska. He is the first Alaska District commander who was born and raised in the 49th State.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the California State University, San Jose and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. In 1983 he received a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University, Corvallis. He was then assigned to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he taught in the Civil Engineering branch of the Department of Engineering for three years.

He is also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and the Army War College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Prior to his assignment to the Alaska District, COL Jahn was the Deputy Director for Operations at the Alaskan Command, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

His military assignments also include Staff Engineer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Engineering, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Heidelberg, Germany; Commander of the 79th Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Heavy) at Karlsruhe, Germany; Chief of the Engineer Branch, Fort Lewis Readiness Group advising Engineer National Guard and Reserve units in Washington and Oregon and Executive Officer of the 864th Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Heavy) at Fort Lewis, Washington. He also served for three years at Hanau, Germany in several different positions - as Assistant Adjutant, 130th Engineer Brigade; Company Commander of the 568th Engineer Company; and Operations Officer for the 559th Engineer Battalion.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Parachutist Badge. COL Jahn is also a qualified Joint Specialty Officer. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Virginia.

He and his wife, Karen, are the parents of three sons - Christopher, Cameron, and Matthew. They reside in Eagle River, Alaska.