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Alaska District**

**Colonel
Christopher D. Lestochi
Commander**



Col. Christopher D. Lestochi assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, on July 2, 2012. 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. Under the Humanitarian Assistance Program, the organization supports U.S. Pacific Command by designing and constructing projects in countries throughout Southeast Asia. Under the Foreign Military Sales Program, the district provides project management responsibilities that include master planning, requirements validation and design and construction for the Government of India's beddown of C-17 aircraft at Hindon Air Force Station.

Previously, Col. Lestochi attended the Army War College at Carlisle, Pa. From 2009 to 2011, he served as Chief of Construction and Executive Officer of the Engineer Division at U.S. Central Command Headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. Earlier assignments include Commander of the 54th Engineer Battalion in Bamberg, Germany, and during Operation Iraqi Freedom 08-10 from 2007 to 2009; Commanding Officer of the Engineer Operations Wing at the Royal Australian School of Military Engineering in Sydney, Australia from 2004 to 2006. While with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. from 2002 to 2004, he held the positions of Assistant Division Engineer and Operations Officer of the 326th Engineer Battalion during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

From 1998 to 2001, Col. Lestochi served as Deputy Chief of the Construction Division for the Alaska District. Previous assignments include Supply Officer, Assistant Brigade Engineer and Commander of Company C for the 91st Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, from 1993 to 1997; and 2nd Platoon Leader, Assault and Barrier Platoon Leader and Executive Officer for the 84th Engineer Company, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Bayreuth, Germany, and during Operation Desert Shield/Storm from 1989 to 1992.

Col. Lestochi was commissioned in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1989. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering and Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Pennsylvania State University, as well as a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Armor Officer Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, Army Command and Staff College, Airborne and Air Assault Schools, as well as Cavalry Leader's and Scout Platoon Leader's Courses. He is a registered Professional Engineer.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters (3 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), Valorous Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation (1 OLC), Airborne Badge, Air Assault Badge, Combat Action Badge and Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal.

Col. Lestochi is married to the former Tracy Hurwitz, who also is a Penn State Architectural Engineer. They have two sons, Anthony and Cory.

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