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BRIGADIER GENERAL KENNETH T. SAWYER IS NAMED
NORTH PACIFIC DIVISION ENGINEER

Brigadier General Kenneth T. Sawyer will become Division Engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers' North Pacific Division effective September 6.

Gen. Sawyer will succeed Brigadier General Roy S. Kelley as Division Engineer. Gen. Kelley will retire July 31. The current Deputy Division Engineer, Colonel Arthur R. Marshall, will act as interim Division Engineer, pending Gen. Sawyer's arrival.

The Army Corps of Engineers plans and executes a major national water resources development program under national policies and directives established by the President and Congress.

In his new post as North Pacific Division Engineer with headquarters in Portland, Oregon, Gen. Sawyer will be responsible for Army Corps of Engineers water resources and related real estate functions, in the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, western Montana, a portion of Wyoming, and in Alaska. The North Pacific Division also supervises military construction in Alaska.

Gen. Sawyer, born in Menominee, Michigan, November 21, 1919, attended the University of Michigan before entering the U.S. Military Academy. He was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers upon graduation in 1943. He served with the 295th Engineer Combat Battalion in Europe in World War II, winning the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for valor.

After the war, Gen. Sawyer was a member of the Logistics Staff of Continental Base Section in Germany. During this tour he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

After receiving a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Iowa in 1948, Gen. Sawyer served on the staff of the Engineer School and then was senior instructor for Engineer ROTC students at Auburn University.

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In 1953 Gen. Sawyer commanded the 14th Engineer Combat Battalion in Korea. After graduating from the Command and General Staff College he served as acting Chief of the Military Personnel Division, Office of the Chief of Engineers, and was awarded an oak leaf cluster to the Army Commendation Medal for his service. He then attended the Army War College and became District Engineer of the Alaska District. He received the Legion of Merit for service during the five turbulent months following the disastrous Good Friday earthquake. His next post was as Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics on the staff of the Superintendent at West Point, where his work in the Corps of Cadets expansion construction program earned him an oak leaf cluster to the Legion of Merit.

Prior to his present assignment in Korea as Eighth Army Engineer, Gen. Sawyer commanded the 45th Engineer Group in Vietnam. Here he won the Silver Star, the oak leaf cluster to the Bronze Star for valor and the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters. He later became the Deputy Commander of the Army Engineer Command, Vietnam, and Deputy Engineer of the Army, Vietnam.

Gen. and Mrs. Sawyer have two children.

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