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**COL Paul E. Owen
COMMANDER**



TRANSATLANTIC AFGHANISTAN DISTRICT

COL Paul E. Owen assumed command of Transatlantic Afghanistan District, United States Army Corps of Engineers, on 18 June 2015. Headquartered at Bagram Airfield, the District executes construction and engineering operations throughout Afghanistan in support of the United States Forces-Afghanistan mission.

COL Owen was commissioned as an Engineer Officer from the U.S. Military Academy in 1990, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. He holds a Master of Science in Engineering Management from Missouri University of Science and Technology, and a Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Colonel Owen's military education includes: Airborne School, Air Assault School, Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, and Army Command and General Staff College. He is a Senior Service College Fellow through the Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellowship Program at Cisco Systems, San Jose, CA. He is a licensed Professional Engineer (Civil) in the state of Missouri.

COL Owen previously commanded USACE New York District, headquartered in New York City. The District is responsible for Civil Works programs in the Lake Champlain/Hudson River watershed and New York/New Jersey Harbor, along with coastal flood risk reduction on Long Island and Northern New Jersey. Additionally, the District is responsible for design and construction at Army and Air Force installations in New Jersey, New York, and overseas in Greenland. COL Owen coordinated the Federal engineering efforts for FEMA during initial response actions after Hurricane Sandy in October 2012 and led the implementation of a \$3B region wide recovery program designed to reduce the risks of future coastal storms in New York and New Jersey.

COL Owen's other assignments include tours of duty with the 79th, 94th, and 54th Engineer Battalions, Company Commander, and Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Engineer School; 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Hood, TX, as the Operations Officer for the 588th Engineer Battalion, which included a one year deployment during OIF1 in Baquba, Iraq; Deputy Commander for the Chicago District, United States Army Corps of Engineers, where he participated in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts as the Operations Officer for the Louisiana Recovery Field Office; Commander for the 11th Engineer Battalion at Fort Benning, GA; Division Engineer, 82nd Airborne Division, at Fort Bragg, NC, deployed to Afghanistan as part of Combined Joint Task Force – 82 in 2009-2010; and Deputy Commanding Officer for 20th Engineer Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.

His military awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and Combat Action Badge. He is a recipient of the Army Engineer Association Silver de Fleury Medal.

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