

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS Lieutenant Colonel Richard T. Childers Transatlantic Expeditionary District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Lieutenant Colonel Richard T. Childers joined the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic Division's Expeditionary District on July 21, 2022. As Commander, he is in command of the District, which includes civilian, military, and contract employees who provide theater-wide engineering solutions and expertise in support of U. S. Coalition, and Host Nation efforts in order to enable the building of partner capacity within CENTCOM area of responsibility, and to support overall CENTCOM mission objectives.

LTC Childers hails from Port St. Lucie, Florida and was commissioned into the U.S. Army as an Engineer Officer following graduation from Georgia Military College in 1999.

LTC Childers previous assignments include: Mechanized Platoon Leader, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment, Georgia Army National Guard; Company Executive Officer, Assistant Operation Officer and Battalion Civil Engineer, 62nd Engineer Battalion, Fort Hood, TX; Assistant Brigade Logistics Officer, Company Commander, 14th Engineer Battalion, 555th Engineer Brigade, Fort Lewis, WA; Science & Technology Staff Officer, Army Capabilities Integration Center, Headquarters Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Eustis VA; Battalion Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment and Brigade Operations Officer (S-3) 165th Infantry Regiment, Fort Jackson, SC; Task Force Engineer, Joint Task Force Bravo, U.S. SOUTHCOM, Soto Cano Airbase Honduras; Deputy Commander, Tulsa District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa, OK.

Most recently LTC Childers was the Brigade Commander and District Engineer of the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he oversaw more than 800 engineers and professionals from various functional backgrounds.

His awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Humanitarian Service Medal, the Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign medals and the NATO Medal. He earned the Combat Action Badge and Parachutist Badge. He is also the recipient of the Bronze Order of de Fleury Medal from the Army Engineer Association.

His operational deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005 and 2008; and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2012.

LTC Childers civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering from Mercer University, and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in Missouri and a Certified Project Management Professional.

LTC Childers military education includes studies at the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Engineer Officer Basic and Career Courses, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

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