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BIOGRAPHY



Colonel Jeffrey R. Eckstein

Commander, Vicksburg District

Colonel Jeffrey R. Eckstein is the current District Commander for the Vicksburg District, Vicksburg, Mississippi. In this role he is responsible for navigation on 300 miles of the Mississippi River. He is also charged with flood risk management, environmental restoration and other projects within a 68,000 square mile area covering the states of Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Colonel Eckstein is a native of Inverness, Florida. He is a 1985 graduate of the United States Military Academy with a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering. He received a Master's of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Washington in 1994. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Florida and Virginia. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the Combined Arms Service and Staff School and Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Colonel Eckstein's company grade assignments include a tour in Germany where he served as a Platoon Leader and Battalion Intelligence Officer with the 54th Engineer Battalion (C)(M). While at Fort Benning, Georgia, he served in the 36th Engineer Group as an Assistant Operations Officer during Desert Storm and later as a Company Commander in the 43rd Engineer Combat Battalion (H) after the war. He participated in Hurricane Andrew cleanup and Operation Restore Hope in Somalia with the Battalion. Colonel Eckstein served as a Project Engineer with the Seattle District, United States Army Corps of Engineers executing construction projects at Fort Lewis, Washington. His projects included new construction, barracks upgrades, and historic renovation.

Colonel Eckstein's grade assignments include a second tour with the 36th Engineer Group serving as the Group Operations Officer and Design Engineer. He deployed to Nicaragua in support of Operation Fuerte Apoyo. He served as a Requirements Officer in the J8 of U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia. He commanded the 84th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) in Hawaii. He deployed with the Battalion during OIF-2 and executed construction missions throughout Northern Iraq. Colonel Eckstein served as the G-7, Reconstruction Officer, for Multi-National Division North when 25th Infantry Division deployed in support of OIF 06-08. He then served as the Chief of Staff for the 25th Infantry Division. His previous assignment was the Senior Advisor for Infrastructure at the US Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute at Carlisle Barracks.

Colonel Eckstein is married and has three children.