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Biography



Colonel John D. “Jack” Drolet

*District Engineer and Commander
Gulf Region Division South District*

Colonel Jack Drolet is the 6th Commander and District Engineer for the Gulf Region Division South District. He is responsible for providing engineering and construction management services in the nine southern provinces of Iraq. Prior to his assignment with Gulf Region South, he commanded the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District where he served as District Engineer, responsible for water resources development in the Chicago metropolitan area, an area of about 5,000 square miles with a population of about 8 million.

Colonel Drolet, a native of Pennsylvania, graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Business Management. He also received a Master of Business Administration Degree in Comptrollership from Syracuse University in 1991 and a Master of Strategic Studies Degree from the United States Army War College in 2006.

His military education includes the Army War College, the Command and General Staff College, the Professional Military Comptroller School, and the U.S. Army Engineer Basic and Advanced Courses. Since his commissioning in 1983, Colonel Drolet has served in a wide variety of command and staff assignments in the United States, Europe, and Southwest Asia. He commanded the Army's 169th Engineer Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri from 2000 to 2002, and commanded engineers at the company level in Germany while assigned to the 237th Engineer Battalion in the late 1980s. Other key assignments in his career include service as Program Analyst and Budget Analyst, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, in the early 1990s; a deployment to Kosovo in 1999 as the NATO Theater Fund Manager for Infrastructure; Executive Officer of the 1st Engineer Brigade at Fort Leonard Wood in 2002; and Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Engineer School in 2004.

He served as the Chief, Economic Division for the Deputy Chief of Staff – Strategic Effects as part of the Multi-National Force – Iraq in Baghdad, Iraq, while deployed as a student from the U.S. Army War College.

Among his decorations, Colonel Drolet has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the NATO Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.