



Colonel Ronald N. Light
Commander U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Gulf Region Central District



Colonel Ronald N. Light comes to Gulf Region Central District (GRC) from commanding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic Programs Center (TAC), from July 31, 2007, to July 7, 2008. As GRC's Commander and District Engineer, he is responsible for engineering and construction management support of deployed forces and Iraqi reconstruction in Baghdad and Al Anbar provinces, Iraq. The District Commander oversees 631 District personnel and the construction of 536 projects valued at \$1.7 billion.

During Colonel Light's TAC command, he was responsible for providing engineering, construction, and related services in the Middle East, Africa, and other areas as required. He will return as TAC Commander after commanding at GRC.

Prior to TAC, Colonel Light served as Commander of the Corps of Engineers Sacramento District, Sacramento, California, from July 2004 to July 2007. He was responsible for the District's average annual budget of \$400 million and 800 employees who perform civil, military, and hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste work throughout eight western states.

Colonel Light graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in May 1981 (distinguished military graduate) with a degree in environmental sciences and technical writing. He received a master's degree from the University of Virginia in environmental engineering in May 1992. He is a graduate of various military schools including the Engineer Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses; the Combined Arms Services Staff School; the Command and General Staff Officer Course; the U.S. Army Airborne School; and the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, where he earned a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Colonel Light's previous assignments include Chief of the Concepts, Analysis, and Initiatives Group for the Commander, U.S. Army, Pacific. He commanded the Corps of Engineers Honolulu District at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, from 2000 to 2002. He also served as a project officer and program manager for the Base Realignment and Closure Division, U.S. Army Environmental Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and the Senior Engineer Observer/Controller for the Army's Battle Command Training Program at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was an Operations and Executive Officer in the 168th Engineer Battalion (Divisional) (Mechanized) at Fort Lewis, Washington; Company Commander in both the 43rd Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy) and 72nd Engineer Company (Mechanized) (Separate) at Fort Benning, Georgia; and a Platoon Leader and Maintenance Officer in the 82nd Engineer Battalion (Corps) (Wheeled), in Bamberg, Germany.

Among his military awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, five awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, two awards of the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, two awards of the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Light is a life member and fellow of the Society of American Military Engineers and the Army Engineer Association. He is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Association of the United States Army.

Colonel Light and his wife, Beth, have three children. Jennifer, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, is working at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Christopher, a senior at Stanford, is studying structural engineering; and Patrick, a sophomore at Duke University, is studying writing and computer science.