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Brigadier General Margaret W. Burcham
Commander and Division Engineer
Great Lakes and Ohio River Division



Brigadier General Margaret W. Burcham took command of the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, headquartered in Cincinnati Ohio, on September 19, 2011. The division has seven engineer districts totaling over 4800 people operating in a seventeen state area, and is charged with directing federal water resource development in the Great Lakes and Ohio River basins with infrastructure valued at over \$80 billion. With an annual operating and construction budget exceeding \$2 billion, missions include planning, construction and operations of navigation structures and flood damage reduction, hydropower, environmental restoration, water conservation, recreation and disaster assistance.

The division also executes military construction in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan with design and construction of barracks, hospitals, airfields and family housing on military installations.

Brigadier General Burcham previously served as the Chief of the Joint Capabilities Division of the Resources, Assessments and Force Management Directorate, J8, on The Joint Staff in the Pentagon and the commander of the Europe District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as well as the Gulf Region North District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Iraq.

Brigadier General Burcham was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY in 1982. She later received a master's in Computer Science from Kansas State University. Her military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Command and General Staff Officers Course, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Other previous assignments include the 516th Engineer Company (Medium Girder Bridge); 130th Engineer Brigade in Hanau, Germany; Far East District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Seoul, Korea; U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY; 4th Region (Reserve Officer Training Corps) and 864th Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) at Fort Lewis, WA; U.S. Total Army Personnel Command in Alexandria, VA; 94th Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) in Vilseck, Germany; Headquarters U.S. Army Europe in Heidelberg, Germany; and Human Resources Command in Alexandria, VA.

Brigadier General Burcham's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (six Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (one Bronze Service Star), the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 5), the Army Superior Unit Award, the Joint Staff Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

Brigadier General Burcham is married to Jay Burcham and has two children, a daughter, Monica Walrond, and a son, John Tubesing.

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Brigadier General Jeffrey (Jeff) Holmes



**Assistant Adjutant General-Army
Tennessee Army National Guard**

**Deputy Chief of Engineers for National
Guard Affairs, Washington, DC**

Brigadier General Jeffery H. Holmes is the Assistant Adjutant General, Army, Tennessee National Guard. He is responsible for the training and supervision of the more than 10,600 soldiers in the Tennessee Army National Guard. General Holmes is also designated by the Governor, the Adjutant General, and the Secretary of Defense as Tennessee's Dual Status Commander

with the capability to command both active component and reserve component forces deployed in support of disaster response operations.

In addition to his duties as the Assistant Adjutant General-Army, Brig Gen. Holmes serves as the Deputy Chief of Engineers for National Guard Affairs, Washington, DC. Brig. Gen. Holmes duties include assisting the Chief of Engineers in carrying out his responsibilities to the Army Chief of Staff and serve as the senior Army National Guard Engineer representative to the Chief of Engineers.

General Holmes was commissioned from the Tennessee Military Academy in 1984 and has had multiple company, troop, squadron, regimental and brigade level commands of armor, cavalry and engineer formations. He is qualified in the armor, field artillery, engineer and military police branches.

He conducted two combat tours in Iraq as a Squadron commander and as the Regimental commander of the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment with responsibilities of conducting combat operations along the Iraqi-Iranian border. His unit captured over 100 Anti Iraqi Forces. Additional duties of his unit included the responsibility for the training of an Iraqi Army and Border Security Battalion of over 1,400 Iraq soldiers. Additionally, his responsibilities included coordinating inter-agency and multinational combat operations.

Karen Durham-Aguilera, SES

Director of Contingency Operations and Office of Homeland Security



Karen Durham-Aguilera, P.E., is the Director of Contingency Operations and Office of Homeland Security, Headquarters, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. A member of the Senior Executive Service, she is responsible for leadership of the USACE Homeland Security missions in support of the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of the Army, and the Department of Defense. She serves as the Program manager for all USACE efforts to assist Federal, state and local emergency management and response organizations with mitigation, planning, training, and exercises necessary to provide capabilities to respond to any emergency or disaster, including a terrorist incident involving weapons of mass destruction as well as other natural or manmade hazards. The Directorate of Contingency Operations provides command and control of USACE civil and military contingency operations, leads the development of command contingency doctrine, maintains readiness, provides oversight of contingency program development and execution and develops and publishes contingency plans. Ms. Durham-Aguilera's portfolio also includes leading USACE efforts in flood risk management and critical water resources infrastructure resilience.

Durham-Aguilera was most recently Director of Task Force Hope in New Orleans, Louisiana, an element of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Mississippi Valley Division. She was responsible for development and execution of the Corps' \$14.6 billion hurricane protection system work in New Orleans and Southeast Louisiana, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, and the long-term planning of coastal restoration and hurricane damage reduction.

In 2006, Durham-Aguilera served as the Director of Programs for the Corps' Northwestern Division where she was responsible for \$3.5 billion in civil works and military programs that included hydroelectric, navigation, flood damage reduction, and endangered species recovery projects, in an area that covered about 25 percent of the continental United States.

In 2005, Durham-Aguilera served as the Director of Reconstruction Programs, Project and Contracting office (PCO) in Baghdad, Iraq. She was responsible for planning, coordination, contracting acquisition and execution of nearly 3,200 projects spanning all construction sectors throughout Iraq with a workforce from all branches of the armed forces, multi-national civilians and Iraqi professionals.

A registered professional engineer in the state of Louisiana, Durham-Aguilera holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in civil (geotechnical) engineering, both from the University of Louisville. Prior to her assignment to the Northwestern Division, Durham-Aguilera served as Chief, Construction-Operations Division, at the Corps' Sacramento District. After early career assignments in New Orleans, Louisiana, she served in numerous engineering positions in the United States and abroad, including project engineer, resident engineer and area engineer. Recognitions include the Silver Order and Bronze Order of the DeFleury Medal, Joint Civilian Service, Meritorious Service, Superior Civilian Service Awards and Commander's Awards. Durham-Aguilera was the Corps of Engineers' 1990 Southwestern Division Engineer of the Year and 1993 Federal Engineer of the Year. She is also a recipient of the Secretary of Defense Medal for the Global War on Terrorism, and a 2008 recipient of the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service.



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Colonel Robert D. (Bob) Peterson

Deputy Commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division



Colonel Robert D. “Bob” Peterson is the Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes and Ohio River Division.

Colonel Peterson assumed his duties as the Deputy Commander August 3, 2012. His duties include assisting the Commanding General in directing and supervising seven engineer districts totaling more than 4800 people, operating in a seventeen-state area. He also supports the Commanding General in directing federal water resource development in the Great Lakes and Ohio River basins with infrastructure valued at more than 80 million dollars. He is directly responsible for the Division’s Emergency Management, Public Affairs, and Safety offices.

Colonel Peterson’s most recent assignment was Commander of the Huntington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, from July 2009 to July 2012. As the District Commander, he was responsible for carrying out the District’s mission within the Ohio River Basin, which included more than 300 navigable miles of the Ohio River in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio. The district area encompasses 45,000 square miles in five states – WV, KY, OH, VA, and NC. His staff of more than 800 employees supported the District’s mission to operate and maintain 35 multi-purpose reservoirs and 9 locks and dams, providing flood damage reduction, commercial navigation, recreation, and water supply while protecting the environment.

Colonel Peterson has held a variety of command and staff assignments including: Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, 8th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood TX; Company Commander, 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne), Operation Desert Storm - Iraq and Fort Bragg, NC; Project Engineer, Savannah District, USACE; Director of Engineering, U.S. Military Training Mission, Saudi Arabia; Group Engineer, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Battalion S3, 37th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Engineer Troop Commander, 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment – DELTA (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Battalion Commander, 577th Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Plans Chief, Standing Joint Force Headquarters - USSOUTHCOM, Miami, FL; Deputy C7, Multi-National Corps – Iraq, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Peterson graduated in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and from the U.S. Army War College with a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies. His military education includes the Engineer Officer’s Basic and Advanced Courses; the Combined Arms Service Staff School; the US Army Command and General Staff College; Joint Forces Staff College; the U.S Army War College, and the Basic Airborne and Jumpmaster Schools.

Awards include the Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, three awards of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, six awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, two awards of the Army Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Bronze and Silver Order of the deFleury Medal.

Colonel Peterson and his wife Rhonda have three sons: Bryan, Kyle, and Cullen.

Last Updated: September 2012

COL Steven J. Roemhildt

COL Steven J. Roemhildt is the Chief, Operations, Plans and Training (G3) for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in Washington DC where he integrates, communicates and leads enterprise level operational and decision making processes in support of DOD, FEMA/DHS, and other directed Congressional missions..

A native of Minnesota, Colonel Roemhildt is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and was commissioned as an engineer officer 1987. He earned a Master of Science degree in Engineering Management from the University of Alaska – Anchorage and is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Alaska. He is also a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic Course, the Infantry Officer Advanced Course and the U.S. Army Command and Staff College.

Colonel Roemhildt has served in a variety of assignments to include Company Commander 14th Engineer Battalion - Fort Lewis WA, Deputy Resident Engineer Alaska District, NATO Project Engineer for USACE - Bosnia, Engineer Plans Officer 8th U.S. Army – South Korea, Deputy District Engineer Pittsburgh District, DPW - Task Force Sinai (Egypt), DPW - Yongsan, South Korea, District Engineer Nashville District, Operations Officer Gulf Regions Division – Iraq, Deputy Division Commander – Transatlantic Division and District Engineer Mobile District. He was deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Operation Joint Endeavor, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

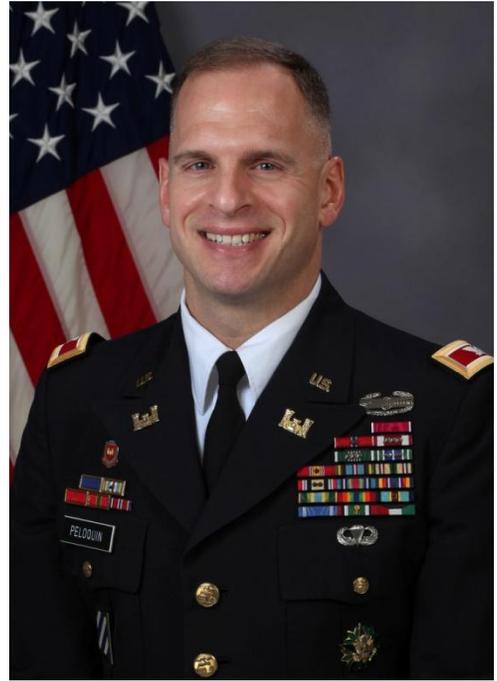
Colonel Roemhildt wears the Combat Action Badge, Parachute Badge, Ranger Tab, Sapper Tab, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, nine awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, eight awards of the Overseas Service Ribbon and the Bronze and Silver Order of the DeFleury Medal.

Colonel Roemhildt is married to Lieutenant Colonel An Duong, a USAF officer serving at Wright-Patterson, AFB in Dayton, OH.

**COL MICHAEL D. PELOQUIN,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR MILITARY AND INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, HQ USACE**

Colonel Michael Peloquin currently serves as the Executive Director for Military and International Operations at HQ USACE where he has been since May 2013. In this capacity he directly supports the DCG-MIO and DMP in running the directorate and leading special projects involving manpower, budget, facilities, and property. COL Peloquin will transition to become the USACE G-3 in summer 2014.

COL Peloquin was commissioned in 1989 into the Engineer branch through ROTC at Cornell University, earning a B.A. in Biology. Upon completion of the Engineer Officer Basic Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he was assigned as a line platoon leader in the 24th Infantry Division's 3rd Engineer Battalion joining his platoon in Saudi Arabia ten days before the ground campaign of Operation Desert Storm. Upon redeployment to Fort Stewart, Georgia, he served as an Assault and Obstacle Platoon Leader and Support Platoon Leader. After graduation from the Engineer Advanced Course in January 1995, he was assigned to the Warrior Preparation Center near Ramstein Air Base, Germany and subsequently to the 40th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armor Division in Baumholder, Germany, where he served as an Assistant Brigade Engineer, Assistant S-3, and Charlie Company Commander, where he deployed twice to Bosnia-Herzegovina.



Following company command, COL Peloquin earned an M.A. from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a follow-on assignment as a Project Manager and Assistant District Engineer in the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers from January 2001 through 2002. He departed that assignment on short notice to deploy and join the 10th Engineer Battalion in the 2nd Bridge Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division in time to plan and execute the invasion of Iraq. Following service with 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia, COL Peloquin served as an Engineer Planner in the Office of the Chief of Engineers in the Pentagon. He subsequently attended graduate school before assuming duties as an Environmental Engineering Instructor at the United States Military Academy for the 2008/2009 academic year. Activated for command, COL Peloquin left West Point in May 2009 to command a Military Transition Team advising the Iraq Border Police National Headquarters in Baghdad. In September 2010 he joined the HQDA G-8 Force Development Directorate as the Mobility Branch Chief, and in Jan 2012 wall moved to work for the G-8 as an strategic writer, Executive Officer, and Chief, Director's Initiatives Group.

Colonel Peloquin's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (third Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (third Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (sixth Oak Leaf Cluster), other awards associated with his multiple deployments, the Bronze Oder of the DeFleury Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.



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Deborah H. Lee, P.E., P.H., D.WRE

Acting Regional Business Director Chief, Water Management Division



Deborah H. Lee is the Acting Regional Business Director of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (LRD) in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA. Formerly, she served as the Chief, Water Management Division.

LRD is responsible for water resources development throughout the Great Lakes and Ohio River watersheds, an area of more than 335,300 square miles (868,423 square kilometers) including all or parts of 17 states. The program includes planning, construction and operation of navigation and flood control on both the Ohio River and Great Lakes. This region contains more than 90% of the USA's surface freshwater.

Ms. Lee has more than 25 years of professional experience in water resources research and management with the Corps and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. As Chief, she directs the Water Management Program for the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division and its 7 Districts. She has oversight responsibility for an \$18M program with approximately 78 technical positions managing 79 multi-purpose reservoirs, the Ohio River and the Great Lakes. Her program includes all policy and technical activities employed in river, reservoir, and lake regulation including computer modeling, satellite data collection systems, regional and local computer systems, reservoir system analysis, water quality and policy interpretation and implementation. She directs lower Ohio and Mississippi River reservoir flood management operations in accordance with Section 7 of the 1944 Flood Control Act under the auspices of the Mississippi River Commission and executes oversight for Great Lakes regulation in accordance with the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty for the International Joint Commission.

Ms. Lee is a graduate of The Ohio State University and has completed post graduate studies at the University of Michigan. She is licensed as a Professional Engineer, certified as a Professional Hydrologist, and is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers for which she was recently elected to the Board of Trustees. She has received numerous awards during her Federal service, including the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, Certificates of Appreciation from the International Joint Commission and Mississippi River Commission, International Joint Commission Award of Merit for Professional Contribution and the Boggess Award for Best Paper from the American Water Resources Association.

Dr. Randall W. Jibson

Dr. Randall W. Jibson is a Research Geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Golden, Colorado. He received a B.S. degree in geology from San Diego State University, after which he conducted graduate studies at Stanford University where he received an M.S. degree in geotechnical engineering and a Ph.D. degree in geology. In 34 years at the USGS, he has conducted research on a wide variety of geologic hazards. He has participated in numerous post-earthquake investigations in the United States and throughout the world and is an internationally recognized expert in earthquake-triggered landslides. Most recently, he has developed methods to assess and map regional seismic landslide hazards. He served as the Coordinator of the USGS Landslide Hazards Reduction Program for several years and has published more than 100 research articles and reports.

CECIL H. WHALEY, JR.

- Cecil has served Tennessee State Government for over Thirty-four years. During his career in emergency management he has served in over sixty presidentially declared disaster operations throughout CONUS and overseas. He has served in the Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) as: Incident Commander, Operations Branch Manager, Planning Branch Manager, Logistics Branch Manager, Emergency Services Branch Manager and Public Affairs Branch Manager.
- He serves presently as Director of the Planning, and Exercises Branch of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA).
- He was previously Director of Operations for Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA).
- Previously served as Supervisor of Emergency Planning for TEMA Domestic Preparedness and Weapons of Mass Destruction policy.
- Previously directed the Planning Division of TEMA which provided long-range strategic planning input and assistance to the Tennessee Office of Homeland Security. Cecil has served with TEMA since 1988.
- Cecil's previous positions with TEMA include: Director, Earthquake Preparedness Program and Earthquake Program Manager for the State of Tennessee.
- He served also as Director of the Tennessee State Disaster Preparedness Program.
- Served as TEMA Liaison for the FEMA Accredited Urban, Search and Rescue Program, Tennessee Task Force #1, 1991-1994.
- Cecil continues to serve as the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) designated representative for the State of Tennessee and serves on the national steering committee for EMAC operations within the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA). He has continuously served in this capacity since 1991.

EDUCATION

- Undergraduate: Attended: Indiana University, Bloomington on Scholarship: 1966.
Graduated: University of Tennessee, B.S. 1973
Graduate School: Attended University of Tennessee, Masters in Public Administration Program, did not finish degree.

MILITARY

- Served in US Army 69-71, Special Electronic Warfare Surveillance Combat Evaluator and Analysis for Project MASSTER, Republic of South Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Ft. Hood, Texas

MEMBERSHIPS—TEACHING

- Adjunct Instructor, U.T. Center for Government Training, Municipal Technical Assistance Service (MTAS) and County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS), 1975-1980.
- Instructor, Federal Emergency Management Institute, Emmetsburg, Md. 1995-02, Courses included: Homeland Security, Domestic Preparedness, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Emergency Management Assistance Compact and Local Government Emergency Planning.
- Member, National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), Chairman, Steering Committee, Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) 1991. Tennessee Emergency Management Association (EMAT), Chairman of the State-Local Coordinating Council; Chairman, Program Director's Council of the Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC), the International Coordinating Council on Emergency Management.

Jane Waldrop

Ms. Waldrop is currently the West TN Regional Director for the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. She has over 30 years of experience in the emergency management field.

Ms. Waldrop began her career with the Brownsville-Haywood County Emergency Management Agency as an Administrative Assistant and later went on to serve as Operations Officer, Deputy Director and Director. In 2001 she began working for the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency as an Area Coordinator and was appointed as Regional Director in 2008.

She has completed professional and specialized training courses in all areas of emergency management and she is an instructor for multiple courses including but not limited to Hazardous Materials, Search and Rescue, Emergency Operations Centers, National Incident Management System (NIMS), Damage Assessment and Professional Development.