



**US Army Corps
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Portland District

Lt. Col. Charles S. Markham

Deputy District Engineer and Deputy Commander

Biography



Lt. Col. Charles S. Markham became deputy district engineer and deputy commander of the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on July 12, 2002. In this position, he assists the district engineer in overseeing the work of about 1,200 civilian employees.

The Portland District, one of five districts in the Corps' Northwestern Division, is responsible for the Corps' water resource activities in western Oregon and part of southwestern Washington. Portland District has one of the Corps' most comprehensive and diversified civil works programs. Its major emphasis is on environmental management and restoration, fish and wildlife protection and enhancement, hydroelectric power, navigation, flood damage reduction, recreation, and operation of the Corps' center of expertise for hydropower and pump station engineering.

Lt. Col. Markham's military career began when he graduated from the University of Utah in 1982 with a bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering and as a distinguished military graduate of the ROTC program.

After attending the Engineer Officer Basic and Ranger Courses he was assigned as an equipment and vertical platoon leader and company construction officer with the 802nd Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy) at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea. His next assignment was with the 17th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Division (Hell on Wheels), at Ft. Hood, Texas, from 1985 to 1988 where he served as company executive officer and battalion supply officer.

Following attendance at the Engineer Officer Advanced Course at Ft. Belvoir, Va., he served as assistant operations officer and company commander assigned to the 23rd Engineer Battalion, 3rd Armored Division (Spearhead), at Hanau, Germany, from 1988 to 1992. He led his company through Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm attached to 4th Squadron 7th Cavalry.

In June 1993, he graduated the Del E. Webb School of Construction at Arizona State University and graduated with a master's of science degree in construction management. His graduate utilization tour was with the Far East Engineer District, Seoul, Korea, as an environmental engineer and deputy commander until June 1995.

After attending the Command and General Staff College from 1995 to 1996, at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., he served as battalion operations officer, 14th Combat Engineer Battalion (Corps) (Wheeled) at Ft. Lewis, Wash., until July 1997 when he joined the Ft. Lewis Readiness Group. There he served as the chief, engineer branch assistance team followed by duty as the engineer battalion operations officer, 191st Infantry Brigade (Training Support).

He returned to Korea in April 1998 and served as the deputy and later chief, Joint Planning and Execution System Branch, Force Development and Plans Division, G3, 8th Army, where he managed the Army portion of the theater's Time-Phased Force and Deployment Data. Prior to reporting to the Portland District, Lt. Col. Markham served as deputy commander, Far East District, Seoul, Korea, from May 2000 to June 2002.

Lt. Col. Markham's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster (six awards), the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster (two awards), the National Defense Service medal with bronze star, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three campaign stars, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 5, the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait), the Valorous Unit Award, the Bronze deFleury Medal, the Parachute Badge and Ranger Tab.

Lt. Col. Markham's and his wife have two children.