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PACIFIC OCEAN DIVISION COMMANDER RECEIVES FIRST STAR

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(FORT SHAFTER, HI NR 03-06) U.S. Army Col. John W. Peabody, the 27th Commander and Division Engineer for the Pacific Ocean Division, received his first star today at a ceremony held at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers headquarters in Washington, D.C. Chief of Engineers Lt. General Carl A. Strock pinned Peabody with the brigadier general's star at the frocking ceremony.

Brig. Gen. Peabody assumed command of Pacific Ocean Division on July 29, 2005 when he relieved Brig. Gen. Robert L. Davis. Prior to coming to Hawaii, Peabody was assigned to the Army's Office of the Chief, Legislative Liaison, where he was the Programs Division Chief.

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2-2-2 BRIG GEN PEABODY

Brig. Gen. Peabody is responsible for the engineering design, construction, and real estate management for the U.S. Army and Air Forces in Hawaii and Alaska and for all Department of Defense agencies and U.S. installations in Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands. The Division, through its four districts located in Japan, Korea, Alaska and Hawaii, is also charged with responding to natural disasters such as the Katrina disaster relief effort, Hawaiian floods, Florida hurricanes, and earthquakes and tsunamis, such as the one that devastated Thailand, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia. His Pacific Ocean Division administers the Corps' federal water resource development program and regulatory program governing work in waters and wetlands in Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. It also undertakes projects on a reimbursable basis for other U.S. government agencies and Pacific island nations.

Brig. Gen. John Peabody entered military service in 1980 upon commissioning as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. His first assignment was to the 193rd Infantry Brigade in Panama, where he served as a Sapper Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Aide-de-Camp.

Brig. Gen. Peabody is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College with a Master's degree in Strategic Studies. He also holds a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University and studied international relations and political sociology as an Olmsted Scholar at El Colegio de Mexico, Mexico City.

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Other assignments include Instructor at the U.S. Army School of the Americas; Assistant S3 in the 307th Engineer Battalion (Airborne) and later Commander of the 618th Engineer Company (Light Equipment) (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division; the 13th Corps Support Command Engineer, Fort Hood, Texas; the Logistics Support Command Engineer, Somalia; S3 of the 17th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Division; Political-Military Division Chief of the J5, U.S. Southern Command in Panama; Commander of the 299th Engineer Battalion, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood; and Senior Engineer Trainer, Operations Group, at the National Training Center. During Operation Iraqi Freedom he commanded the 3rd Infantry Division's Engineer Brigade which included more than 3,000 engineers and 10 attached units.

Brig. Gen. Peabody's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, Purple Heart, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals, the Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Unit Commendation Award, the Army Superior Unit Award, Master Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab.

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