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## **Lt. Col. Klinge Becomes 65th Honolulu District Commander**

**By Honolulu District Public Affairs**

**(FT. SHAFTER, HI - NR-22-06)** Lt. Col. Charles H. Klinge became the 65th Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Honolulu District today during a military ceremony held on Fort Shafter, Hawaii's famous Palm Circle parade field.

Pacific Ocean Division Commander Brig. Gen. John W. Peabody hosted the ceremony during which outgoing commander Lt. Col. David E. Anderson and Lt. Col. Klinge passed the ceremonial colors symbolizing the official change of command. Klinge and his family were presented with fresh flower leis, a Hawaiian symbol of welcome, and the Anderson family received leis as a tribute to their service.

Klinge assumes command from Anderson who departs to become the Legislative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, in Washington, D.C.

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## **2-2-2 CORPS COC**

Lt. Col. Klinge takes his new command after serving as the Deputy District Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District.

Prior to the ceremony Lt. Col. Anderson received the Army Meritorious Service Medal from Brig. Gen. Peabody and Mrs. Kara Anderson was presented the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal by Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, the commander of the 25th Infantry Division.

Mixon lauded Mrs. Anderson's extensive selfless service to the Army community at Schofield Barracks and also praised Lt. Col. Anderson's exemplary leadership in guiding the Corps' outstanding support of Army transformation.

Mixon said Anderson's proactive efforts in coordinating construction of Army transformation projects for the 25<sup>th</sup> ID and Pacific Army units are paying giant dividends now and will continue to do so in the future effectiveness of the 25<sup>th</sup> ID combat Soldier.

Mixon said the Corps' recent completion of the Battle Simulation Complex at Schofield Barracks is already making a difference in the way 25<sup>th</sup> ID Soldiers train for combat.

During his tenure, Lt. Col. Anderson met the challenge of successfully leading the District in executing all mission requirements: military construction (MILCON), civil works, international and interagency services, real estate, regulatory, environmental services and emergency management support.

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### **3-3-3 CORPS COC**

Throughout his tour of duty, Anderson led a highly motivated staff in support of U.S. Army military construction and transformation initiatives at Hawaii Army posts including completion of barracks renewal on Wheeler Army Air Field, and the Battle Command Training Center, Information Systems Facility, and Aviation Brigade Headquarters for the 25th Infantry Division.

Under his leadership, the district began military construction to support the new C-17s arriving in Hawaii with the C-17 Squadron Operations Facility, the C-17 Simulator Facility, C-17 Maintenance Shops and the Hickam Air Force Base (Medical) Life-Skills Clinic.

During Lt. Col. Anderson's tour the Honolulu District also provided significant civil works support to the State of Hawaii, specifically initiating reconstruction of Kaunapali (Kauai) Harbor breakwater, completion of dredging at the Kahului Small Boat Harbor, completion of the Moanalua Valley (Oahu) Rockfall Mitigation and an expansion to the ongoing Ala Wai Canal and Watershed Project study.

The district awarded more Civil Works and Interagency Service construction contracts during his tenure than in any comparable period in the past 10 years.

Through Anderson's leadership, the district's Emergency Management division provided exemplary support for Emergency response and interagency dam inspections for Hawaii after heavy rains in March 2006; Indonesian Tsunami support to USAID; support for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 and the Guinsaugon, Leyte, Philippines mudslide in April 2006.

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#### **4-4-4 CORPS COC**

Lt. Col. Anderson initiated and fostered a proactive district outreach program that dramatically strengthened and improved relationships with more than 140 customers and stakeholders throughout the State of Hawaii and Pacific region. Emphasis on quality execution and improved communication vastly improved the Corps' relationship with all the district's key customers.

During his tenure the district was named Pacific Air Forces Construction Agent of the Year and Engineering and Construction Agent of the Year for FY 2005. Honolulu District was also named the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) national runner-up for the FY2005 Public Service Agency of the Year award.

In April 2005, Lt. Col. Anderson led a successful outreach effort for Honolulu District's Centennial, celebrating 100 years the district served the people of Hawaii and the Pacific.

Klinge will command an organization of about 375 engineers, scientists and support staff located in Hawaii, Palau, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and Kwajalein. Honolulu District is responsible for major military design and construction, civil works, international and interagency support, real estate services to the Army and Air Force, regulatory work, environmental services and emergency management. The District's current active program is valued at about \$2 billion.

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### **5-5-5 CORPS COC**

Lt. Col. Charles H. Klinge began his military career with the 307<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, serving as platoon leader and company executive officer during *Operation Just Cause* and *Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm*.

After completing the Engineer Officer Advanced Course, Lt. Col. Klinge joined the Engineer Brigade staff of the 3rd Infantry Division in Wurzburg and Schweinfurt Germany and later served as the Assistant Brigade Engineer. He commanded 'A' Company, 10<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, later reflagged as the 9<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, to include *Operation Joint Endeavor* in Bosnia.

This is Lt. Col. Klinge's third tour with the Corps of Engineers. From 1999-2002, he served as Chief, Real Estate Division, Project Engineer and Project Manager, and Chief of Military and Support For Others Programs for the Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Lt. Col. Klinge also served as the Executive Officer of the 8<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division and the Baghdad Area Office Commander in the Central District, Gulf Region Division during *Operation Iraqi Freedom II* from 2002-2005.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with Arrowhead Device).

Lt. Col. Klinge is a graduate of the United States Military Academy and the U.S. Army Ranger and Jumpmaster Schools. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue University.

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### **6-6-6 CORPS COC**

Lt. Col. Klinge is married to the former Laurel Ricketts, also a graduate of the United States Military Academy, and they have one son, Henry.

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