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Huntsville Center conducts Change of Command

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. -- Col. Larry D. McCallister assumed command of the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, during a traditional military change of command ceremony July 21, at 10 a.m. at the University of Alabama's Chan Auditorium.

Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson, deputy chief of engineers and deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, passed the organizational colors to McCallister – symbolizing the transfer of leadership from Col. John D. Rivenburgh, who commanded Huntsville Center for the previous three years. Rivenburgh was also recognized at the ceremony for his 30 years of service to and retirement from the Army.

Johnson presented Rivenburgh with a Legion of Merit medal and the Army Engineer Association's Silver DeFleury medal and thanked Rivenburgh for his service. "Thank you for your outstanding leadership and contributions – not just in the past three years, but for the past 30 years," Johnson said.

Johnson welcomed the McCallisters. "You now face the challenge of leading this organization. Under your leadership, the Center will continue to make great contributions on behalf of our military and our nation."

Huntsville Center is a major subordinate command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As the Huntsville Center commander, McCallister will oversee programs located worldwide that include installation support, medical, ordnance and explosives, chemical demilitarization and ballistic missile defense.

McCallister comes to Huntsville after commanding the Gulf Region South District, Gulf Region Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at Camp Adder, Iraq, from July 2005 through July 2006, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Prior to this assignment, he was the director and

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command engineer (J4), Logistics and Installations Directorate at U.S. Forces Japan at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

Addressing the Huntsville Center work force, McCallister said, “It is truly an honor for me to be here today and accept the colors of this historic organization ... I’m especially looking forward to the opportunity to work with the professional men and women within the Engineering and Support Center as we continue to provide world class support to the warfighter and to the defense of the nation during this time of war.”

Some of McCallister’s other recent assignments include serving as deputy chief of staff for Installations, Logistics and Environment with the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Huntsville; and deputy district and area engineer, the U.S. Engineer Group, Europe District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. During Operation Desert Storm, McCallister served as operations officer, 20th Engineer Brigade (Airborne), XVIII Airborne Corps. He deployed to Somalia as the Joint Task Force Somalia engineer, and was the base camp engineer for Task Force Hawk (V Corps) in Albania. McCallister also was the Europe District’s Israel program manager and deputy district engineer.

McAllister earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in civil engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla, a master’s degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, and a doctorate in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is a graduate of the Army’s Engineer Officer Basic and Advance courses, the Combined Armed Services Staff School, the Army Command and General Staff College, the Army Management Staff College and the Army War College. He is a registered professional engineer with the states of Virginia and Texas, and a Fellow with the Society of American Military Engineers.