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Huntsville Center's deputy experienced, ready

HUNTSVILLE, Ala--The U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center's newest deputy commander is Lt. Col. William Burruss, who assumed the position July 15.

He came to the Center from Fort Lewis, Wash., where he had been assigned to the 555th Engineer Brigade from 2008-2011. While with the "Triple Nickel" he initially deployed to Iraq as the brigade's chief of construction, later serving as the brigade budget officer.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Military Academy, he served with the 37th Engineer Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C., the 84th Engineer Company, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment and served as an engineer platoon observer/controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La. Other assignments include combat operations analyst for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's Analysis Center and combat training center analyst for the Center for Army Lessons Learned at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

After his Leavenworth assignment, he deployed to Camp Red Cloud, Republic of Korea, to serve as the Assistant Division Engineer for 2nd Infantry Division.

Burruss' previous assignments with the Corps of Engineers include deputy commander for Memphis and Vicksburg Districts.

Burruss also holds a Master of Science Degree in Operations Research from the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga., and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Missouri.

Burruss said his family is glad to be in the South again because the people are nice here and his family enjoys the slower pace traditionally associated with living in the South.

He said Huntsville Center has a great reputation throughout the Corps and the Army.

"The Center appears to have a very complex and challenging mission, as well as a diverse pool of talented employees to get the job done. Everyone I've met has been friendly and excited about their job," he said.

Burruss said since the Center is global in operations, he believes there are greater challenges associated with his new position.

"Our missions (and employees) are literally spread across the globe, which requires extra focus on internal and external relationships."

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