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Bostick new Chief of Engineers, USACE Commanding General

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick became the 53rd U.S. Army Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers May 22. Bostick serves as the senior military officer overseeing most of the Nation's civil works infrastructure and military construction.

As the USACE Commanding General, he is responsible for more than 37,000 Civilian employees and 600 Military personnel who provide project management and construction support to 250 Army and Air Force installations in more than 100 countries around the world. USACE has a key role in support to Overseas Contingency Operations, with thousands of Civilians and Soldiers having deployed to support reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bostick is also responsible for USACE's diverse missions such as hundreds of environmental protection projects; regulatory permit program to protect, restore and enhance thousands of acres of wetlands; and emergency response mission to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency in restoration and repair after a disaster, whether natural or manmade.

As the Chief of Engineers, Army Staff Principal, the Chief advises the Army on engineering matters and serves as the Army's topographer and the proponent for real estate and other related engineering programs.

Prior to USACE, Bostick served as Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Personnel, United States Army, responsible for developing, managing, and executing manpower and personnel plans, programs, and policies for the Army.

Bostick also served in a variety of command and staff assignments both in the Continental United States and overseas. Command positions include: Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command; Director of Military Programs, United States Army Corps of Engineers with duty as Commander, Gulf Region Division, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq; Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver), later Assistant Division Commander (Support), 1st Cavalry Division, Operation Iraqi Freedom; Commander, Engineer Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Operation Joint Forge, Bosnia-Herzegovina; and Commander, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized).

He served as Executive Officer to the Chief of Engineers, Executive Officer to the Army Chief of Staff, and Deputy Director of Operations for the National Military Command Center, J-3, the Joint Staff in the Pentagon from May 2001 to August 2002, including the events of September 11, 2001.

Bostick was also an Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at West Point and was a White House Fellow, serving as a special assistant to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Bostick graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He holds a Masters degree in both Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University, and is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Virginia.