

## **Colonel John Hudson**

Colonel John Hudson became the Commander of the Omaha District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, July 26, 2017.

As District Commander, Hudson oversees an annual program of more than \$1 billion spread over 1,200 military construction projects in eight states, civil works projects in nine states, and environmental restoration projects in 41 states.

The Omaha District team of about 1,300 professional Army Civilians and military service members operate the six main stem dams on the Missouri River and 21 tributary dams for congressionally-authorized purposes. Within its 700,000-square-mile boundary, the Omaha District also manages the design and construction of facilities for the Army and Air Force, coordinates the cleanup of hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste sites for the Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency, and provides regulatory and real estate services that benefit the Nation.

Hudson received his commission into the U.S. Army in 1994 through Army ROTC at University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He attended Engineer Officer's Basic Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and was assigned to 27<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion at Fort Bragg for his first duty assignment.

Most recently, he graduated from the National Defense University's Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy. Prior to that, he served as the Executive Officer to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). His previous assignment was as the Commander of the Nashville District, USACE, where he managed the water resources development and navigable waterways operations for the Cumberland and Tennessee River basins.

Previous assignments included Lead Engineer, Joint Contingency Acquisition Support Office, Defense Logistics Agency, at Fort Belvoir, VA and Executive Officer in the 9<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, 172<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade, Schweinfurt, Germany. While there, he deployed with the battalion to Iraq in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 08-10.

Other assignments and deployments include Assistant Project Manager for Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) construction at Ft. Carson, CO, and Project Engineer on the US Air Force Academy Hospital Addition and Alteration as part of Omaha District, USACE. He was the Resident Office Officer in Charge of the International Zone Reconstruction Office, Central District, Gulf Regions Division, USACE, responsible for oversight of reconstruction operations in Central and Southwestern Baghdad in support of OPERATIONS IRAQI FREEDOM 05-06. He served as Company Commander of Alpha Company, 54<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion and was part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division for the initial attack to Baghdad in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. He has also served as the Chief of Construction Management, 130<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade; Construction Officer, 20<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade; Construction Platoon Leader,



27<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion as well as additional staff assignments at Battalion and Brigade levels.

Colonel Hudson's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Combat Action Badge, Ranger Tab and Parachutist Badge.

He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Architecture at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, a Master's Degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri of Science and Technology, and a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering (Structural) at the University of Kansas. His military education includes the Army Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms and Staff Services School, and the Engineer Officer Advanced and Basic Courses. He is also a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Texas.