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**Lieutenant Colonel
Thomas F. Nelson
Deputy Commander**



Lieutenant Colonel Thomas F. Nelson serves as the Deputy Commander of the Mobile District, US Army Corps of Engineers, assuming duties in August of 2011.

A native of Georgia, Nelson received his commission from North Georgia College in Dahlonega, Georgia, in 1994. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from North Georgia College and a Master of Science Degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri-Rolla. His Military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Command and General Staff College, the Joint Engineer Operations Course, the Ranger Course, Sapper Leader Course, Airborne and Jumpmaster Schools.

Upon graduation and commissioning, he was assigned to Fort Irwin, California, where he served as an Anti-Tank Platoon Leader in Second Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, and as a Sapper Platoon Leader, the Assault and Obstacle (A&O) Platoon Leader, and Executive Officer of the 58th Combat Engineer Company, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, the Opposing Force (OPFOR) at the National Training Center. Upon completion of the Engineer Officer Advanced Course in 1999, he was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina as an Assistant S3, 20th Engineer Brigade (Airborne), and as Commander of HHC/307th Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division through 2002.

In 2002, Nelson returned to Fort Irwin to command the 58th Combat Engineer Company, and further served as an Observer/Controller on the Sidewinder Team (Engineer Battalion Trainers) of the National Training Center's Operations Group. Upon promotion to Major in 2005, he deployed to Iraq and served as the Chief of Facilities Operations for the Multi-National Corps-Iraq (MNC-I) C7, and then attended the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 2006. Following CGSC, he was assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he has served as Brigade Engineer, 2BCT, 101st Airborne Division; Battalion Executive Officer, 2BSTB, 2BCT, 101st Airborne; and Deputy Division Engineer. His operational deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom IV (MNC-I C7; May 2005-May 2006); OIF 07-09 (Brigade Engineer, October 2007-November 2008); and Operation Enduring Freedom XI (Deputy Division Engineer, May 2010-April 2011).

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (2), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (3), the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal (3), as well as the Ranger Tab, Sapper Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Combat Action Badge. He also holds the Bronze Order of the DeFluerry Medal from the Army Engineer Association.

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