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Colonel Byron Jorns takes command of Mobile District

MOBILE, Ala. – Colonel Byron Jorns. assumes command as the 49th District Engineer in the history of the Mobile Engineer District in a ceremony July 7. Jorns succeeded Colonel Peter F. Taylor Jr., who was the commander and district engineer since July 22, 2004.

Jorns completed the resident course at the U.S. Army War College in June 2007. Prior to this assignment, the colonel served as the military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works at the Pentagon. In this capacity, he coordinated and supported the Secretary's meetings through out the country and abroad.

A native of Wisconsin, Jorns is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. His military education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course, the Engineer Officer Advanced Course, the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

Commissioned as a second lieutenant Armor Officer in May 1983, Jorns has held numerous command staff assignments during his career. He served as Director of Public Works at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; as commander of the Nashville District and as a project officer in the New York District at the West

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2-2-2-2 Jorns becomes new Mobile District Commander

Point Area Office. While assigned to Fort Bragg, N. C., his military assignments included current operations officer on the XVIII Airborne Corps staff and operations officer for the 27th Engineer Battalion (Airborne). He also served as an environmental project manager with Seattle District. His assignments as an armor officer included assistant battalion operations officer and company commander for 317th Engineer Battalion (Mechanized) at Eschborn, Germany, staff engineer officer to the 4th Transportation Command at Oberursel, Germany. He began his military officer career assigned to 4-40th Armor Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo., where he served as a tank platoon leader, battalion support platoon leader, and assistant brigade logistics officer.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Staff Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab.