



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Mobile District

Lieutenant Colonel Ronald D. Payne Deputy Commander



Biography

Lieutenant Colonel R. Daren Payne assumed duty as Deputy Commander of the Mobile District in July 2007.

Prior to this assignment, he served as the Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer for the 46th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) at Fort Polk, LA. In this position he deployed with the battalion to Ramadi, Iraq for 12 months.

LTC Payne, a native of Stafford, Virginia, began his military career as a Cadet at the Virginia Military Institute in 1986. Upon graduating from VMI in 1990, he was commissioned into the Corps of Engineers and assigned as a platoon leader with the 44th Engineer Combat Battalion (Mechanical), 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea from 1991-92. Following this assignment he served as a platoon leader and company executive officer at Fort Rucker, AL with the 46th ECB (Heavy) from 1992-95. After completing the Engineer Officer Advanced Course in 1995 LTC Payne served as a Company Commander and Assistant S-3 with the 11th ECB (M) in the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Stewart, GA until 1999. Further assignments included duty as Company Commander and Staff Officer with the 9th Engineer Training Support Battalion at Fort Hood; Test Officer at Army Test and Evaluation Command in Arlington, VA and Deputy Area Engineer at Camp Speicher, Iraq.

LTC Payne holds a Bachelors Degree from VMI and has done course work toward an MS in Public Administration from the University of Louisville. His military education includes both the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; Command and General Staff College; Defense Emergency Management Officer Course; Airborne and Air Assault Schools.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (2), the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal (3), the Army Commendation and Army Achievement Medals (3 each), the Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Combat Action Badge and numerous campaign medals and service ribbons. LTC Payne also holds the Bronze Order of the DeFluerry Medal from the Army Engineer Association. A Silver Scroll Award winner, LTC Payne is a published author with credits in periodicals such as The Engineer Update and Army Engineer Magazine.