

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Change of Command



**Friday, July 18, 2025 at 11:00am
Mobile District Headquarters
100 Canal St.
Mobile, AL 36602**

Sequence of Events

Welcome & Remarks

MAJ Mitchell Creel

*Deputy Commander, Mobile District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

Arrival of the Official Party

National Anthem

Invocation

James Hathorn

Chief of Water Management, Mobile District

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Remarks

BG Zachary L. Miller

*Commander, South Atlantic Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

COL Jeremy J. Chapman

*Commander (outgoing) Mobile District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

COL Kelcey R. Shaw

*Commander (incoming) Mobile District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

The Engineer Song

The Army Song

Reception Immediately Following



BG Zachary L. Miller
Commander,
South Atlantic Division

Brigadier General Zachary L. Miller graduated from the United States Military Academy (USMA) and was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1997, he served in numerous command and staff positions in the United States and the Middle East and currently serves as the commander of the South Atlantic Division.

The Division is one of eight regional offices of USACE overseeing military and water-resources design, construction, and operation in the eight states in the Southeast, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

BG Miller's prior command assignments include a combat engineer company in the First Cavalry Division, the 21st Engineer Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division, 5th Battalion, 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, the Memphis District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the 3rd Security Force Assistance Brigade, and the Army's Joint Modernization Command. Additionally, he has had multiple deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, and across the broader Middle East.

BG Miller's military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Iraq and Afghan Campaign Medals, Korea Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NATO Service Medal, Army Staff Identification Badge, Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

BG Miller and his wife, Beth, are the proud parents of Nathaniel and Evelyn.

COL Jeremy J. Chapman **Outgoing Commander, Mobile District**



Colonel Jeremy J. Chapman has proudly served as the commanding officer of the Mobile District since June 2021. His military journey began at the United States Military Academy, where he graduated in 1998. A devoted fan of Army Football, he played the offensive line, fully embodying the spirit of “Beat Navy!”

Following graduation, COL Chapman completed the Engineer Officer Basic Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He was then assigned to lead a mechanized combat platoon in the A/299th Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. His leadership potential quickly became apparent, leading him to serve as the Company Executive Officer for the B/299th Engineer Battalion and in the Battalion S1 position before attending the Captains’ Career Course. Between 2001 and 2002, he served as a G3 Battle Captain in the XVIII Airborne Corps based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His role was especially crucial as he supported the initial deployment of units to combat following the tragic events of 9/11.

COL Chapman’s commitment to duty was evident during his deployment with the 37th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne) to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2004. Serving alongside the 101st Airborne Division as Deputy Battalion S3 in Mosul, he honed his operational experience and leadership skills. Upon returning, he commanded the B/37th Engineer Company (Combat) (Airborne). Seeking to further his expertise, he pursued a master’s degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Stanford University. Afterward, he became a Senior Project Manager with the New Orleans District from 2006 to 2009, after Hurricane Katrina. There, he oversaw the monumental \$1.1 billion The Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Surge Barrier project, marking a significant milestone in the Corps’ history.

In 2009 and 2010, COL Chapman served as the J3 Operations Officer for the Afghanistan Engineer District, directly supporting U.S. Forces Afghanistan (USFOR-A) during Operation Enduring Freedom. He managed daily operations and led a joint security force to ensure the safety of service members and civilians across Afghanistan. After redeployment, he attended the Command and General Staff College, graduating in May 2011, before joining the 10th Mountain Division as the G3 Deputy Division Engineer, where he supported operations in Regional Command – South during ongoing missions.

Throughout his career, COL Chapman has assumed numerous key roles, including Battalion S3 of the 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, where he successfully trained units for deployment to Paktika Province, Afghanistan. In June 2015, he took command of the 2nd Brigade Engineer Battalion, skillfully reorganizing the unit and implementing a comprehensive training strategy. His commendations include the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal, reflecting his steadfast dedication. A certified Professional Engineer in Missouri, he has been married to his wife, Renee, for 27 years and raised three sons aged 19 to 24, showcasing his commitment to both military and family life.

COL Kelcey R. Shaw

Incoming Commander, Mobile District

Colonel Kelcey R. Shaw took command of the Mobile District in July 2025, bringing an extensive and distinguished military background. Originally from Saint Louis, Missouri, Colonel Shaw's career has been marked by a series of challenging and impactful roles, showcasing his dedication to service and leadership.



Following graduation from Tuskegee University and Engineer Officer Basic Course, Colonel Shaw served as an Airborne Platoon Leader in the 30th Engineer Battalion, part of the 20th Engineer Brigade (Combat) (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His platoon completed one of the initial deployments to combat following the tragic events of 9/11. He later held the positions of Executive Officer for the Headquarters Company of the same brigade and Assistant Operations Officer for the 30th Engineer Battalion.

Subsequently, Colonel Shaw served as the Assistant Brigade Engineer for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division in Schweinfurt, Germany. He enhanced his operational knowledge as the Deputy Team Chief for the 2nd Battalion, 5th Brigade, of the 2nd Iraqi Federal Police Division in Baghdad, Iraq. Additionally, he commanded the Headquarters Company for the 40th Engineer Battalion and worked as the Assistant Brigade Plans Officer for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division in Baumholder, Germany, completing two deployments to Iraq.

Colonel Shaw contributed to the education and training of future leaders, serving as the Senior Small Group Leader, Instructor, and Writer for the Engineer Captains Career Course at the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After completing the Air Command and Staff College, he further served as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Commanding General and Deputy Chief of Engineers at Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C.

His later assignments included serving as Operations Officer and then Executive Officer for the 249th Engineer Battalion at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Then, to enhance his interagency skills, he served as an Interagency Fellow at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. Following this fellowship, Colonel Shaw took on the role of Chief of Engineer Plans at U.S. Central Command, at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

Colonel Shaw commanded the 27th Engineer Battalion (Airborne), part of the 20th Engineer Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, NC, and deployed to Kuwait. After completing his battalion command, he was selected to serve as a Military Assistant in the Immediate Office of the Secretary of the Army.

His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (with oak leaf cluster) and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, among others. An accomplished scholar, Colonel Shaw holds multiple graduate degrees and is a licensed Professional Engineer and Certified Project Management Professional. He and his wife, Mrs. Erica Shaw, have two children, twins named Emerson and Anderson.

History

The history of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Mobile District began with the formation of the Corps in 1775 and the early need for coastal defenses after the War of 1812. Fort Morgan was the Corps' first major project on Mobile Point in 1815, marking the start of its coastal defense mission. Over the following decades, the Corps fortified the Gulf Coast, surveyed waterways, and built infrastructure.

In 1870, a permanent office was established in Mobile, with the District formally created in 1888. The District's mission expanded through the 19th and early 20th centuries with new responsibilities under River and Harbor Acts and Flood Control Acts. The 1930s and WWII marked a period of massive growth, with \$21 billion spent on wartime construction, including airfields, depots, and manufacturing plants.

Post-war, the Corps supported Cold War efforts, including the U.S. space program and flood recovery after Hurricane Camille. In the late 20th century, the District also played an increasing role in Latin America, notably supporting counter-narcotics and humanitarian missions and assisting with the Panama Canal transition.

In recent decades, the District has responded to major disasters like Hurricane Maria, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Michael, and the 2011 Alabama tornadoes. It has supported military, civil, and space missions—including NASA's Lunar programs—and the expansion of Mobile Bay, crucial to the economic growth of the State of Alabama.

The Mobile District is proud to continue its crucial work, including deepening the Mobile Harbor — a project that will significantly benefit Alabama's economy! This achievement is a direct result of the dedication of our team and partners, and truly embodies the "Mobile Delivers!" promise.

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Mobile District's History**



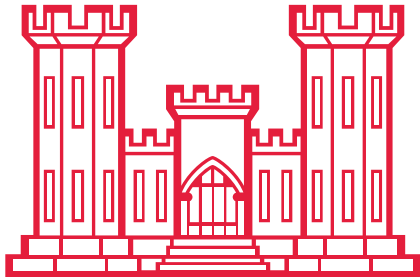
The Engineer Song

Pin the castle on my collar,
I've done my training for the team.
You can call me an engineer Soldier.
The warrior spirit has been my dream.

Essayons, whether in war or peace
We will bear our red and our white.
Essayons, We serve America
And the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Essayons!!

Essayons!!



The Army Song

March along, sing our song, with the
Army of the free.

Count the brave, count the true, who
have fought to victory.

We're the Army and proud of our name!
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong;
For where e'er we go,
You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

