



# News Release

**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**®  
Norfolk District

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Norfolk District  
803 Front Street  
Norfolk, VA 23510-1096  
[www.nao.usace.army.mil](http://www.nao.usace.army.mil)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: May 4, 2007, # 07-08

Contacts: Bill Sorrentino or Matt Byrne, (757) 201-7649

Terry McCann, Public Affairs Office, (757) 201-7606

Society of American Military Engineers

## Local professionals receive national recognition

Norfolk, Va. – On May 2, during its annual conference in Philadelphia, Pa., the national Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) recognized two Hampton Roads U.S. Army Corps of Engineers professionals for their engineering and architectural contributions and accomplishments.

### **William A. Sorrentino, Jr. - Lt. Gen. Raymond A Wheeler Medal for Leadership in Military Engineering.**

The Society awarded its Wheeler Medal to Virginia Beach resident William A. Sorrentino, Jr. for his contributions and leadership to the military engineering community. In announcing the award, U.S. Army Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock recognized Sorrentino for his leadership of his team and his “personal combination of customer-focus and insistence on technical excellence, inspiring those around (him) to perform to the highest standards.”

Sorrentino, the Chief of Engineering, Construction & Operations for the Army Corps of Engineers’ Norfolk District, was nominated for his outstanding leadership, professionalism, innovation and out-of-the box thinking that has contributed significantly to our nation's Armed Forces in a host of areas, including the Global War on Terror, his work in streamlining Norfolk District’s critical business processes and his contributions in enabling the district to better leverage its customers’ dollars.

A registered Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia and a certified Project Management Professional, Sorrentino’s day to day responsibilities include managing and leading the district’s largest division with over 250 employees and an annual budget exceeding \$250 million. His responsibilities extend to the national level where he is responsible for \$2 billion in Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) work and for developing and maintaining design standards and criteria for seven Army Center of Standardization facility types.

**Terry L. Deglandon - Max O. Urbahn Medal for Contributions in the Field of Architecture.** The Society presented its Max O. Urbahn Medal to Terry L. Deglandon, of Virginia Beach, for his eminent and notable contribution in the field of architecture over the past five years. The SAME award for Deglandon states that “his leadership in design excellence and respect for the environment during his tenure at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has led to outstanding facilities and neighborhoods creating a stable sense of place for our military, their supporting staff, and families.” Deglandon was also lauded for using his professional skills in support of the global war on terror and for serving as an architectural mentor and leader both locally and regionally.

In addition to his responsibilities as Chief of the Norfolk District’s Architecture Section, Deglandon has

-more-

## Local professional receive national recognition

2-2-2-2-2

program management oversight responsibility for the Center of Standardization in Design for seven nationwide military facility types. In this capacity, he has been instrumental in establishing design standards for general instruction buildings, education centers, dining facilities, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division Command facilities, and family housing.

Deglandon, registered to practice architecture in Virginia, was previously recognized as the 2005 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Architect of the Year. He has 20 years of private sector experience influencing the national architectural landscape in the areas of education, retail, and commercial design.

-30-



William A. Sorrentino, Jr.



Terry L. Deglandon