



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District

COLONEL DIONYSIOS ANNINOS Norfolk District Commander

As Norfolk District Commander, Colonel Anninos manages the Corps' water resources development and navigable waterways operations for five river basins in the Commonwealth of Virginia. These include the Rappahannock, York, James and Chowan rivers and the Chesapeake Bay coastal basins. Colonel Anninos is also responsible for the Corps' military design and construction projects for Army, Army Reserve and Air Force military installations throughout Virginia. He also manages the Corps' regulatory, environmental restoration, flood damage reduction (including hurricane and storm damage reduction) and disaster response activities, and also provides engineering support to our nation's Global War on Terrorism.

Education

COL Anninos graduated from LaSalle University in 1985 with an undergraduate degree in Mathematics and, in 1987, earned Master of Science degrees in Systems and Transportation Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania. His other military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and the Command and General Staff College. In 2006, he graduated from the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, earning a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies.

Experience

Colonel Anninos' key military assignments include serving as Deputy Chief of Operations (C3), Combined Forces Land Component Command, in direct support of *Operations Iraqi Freedom* and *Enduring Freedom*; and Commander, 577 th Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. His "Iron Soldiers" battalion was "one-of-a-kind" in the Engineer Regiment. It included construction, sapper, dive and ordnance companies, a mine-dog detachment and the operation of the Sapper Leader Course.

Colonel Anninos' assignments also included serving as NATO Contingency Infrastructure Officer, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Brussels, Belgium, where he deployed for duty with the Bosnia Stabilization Force and Kosovo Force. Additionally, he served as Executive Officer, 11th Engineer Battalion and Engineer Brigade Operations Officer supporting the 3rd Infantry Division, during which he deployed to Kuwait in support of *Operation Desert Thunder*; as Assistant Division Engineer, 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea; and as a staff officer with the U.S. Army Artificial Intelligence Center, The Pentagon. He began his military career with the 15th Engineer Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington. Assignments included Assistant Battalion Operations Officer, Company Executive Officer, Platoon Leader and Commander, 54th Engineer Company (TOPO). While there, he also served duty fighting forest fires in the Pacific Northwest and deployments to the Republic of Korea and the National Training Center.

Awards

His military decorations feature the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with six oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NATO Medal, the Ranger tab, the Sapper tab and the Parachutist Badge.

Personal

Colonel Anninos was born in Kefalonia, Greece, and raised in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. He and his wife have two sons.