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Col. Jason Kirk

US Army Corps of Engineers

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Kirk joined the Jacksonville District after graduating with a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Before attending the War College, Kirk served for three years at the Army's National Training Center in California's Mojave Desert, as Deputy Commander of Operations Group and earlier as the Senior Maneuver Support/Engineer Observer Coach/Trainer. In both positions he trained Army units for service in Afghanistan and for broader global contingency missions.

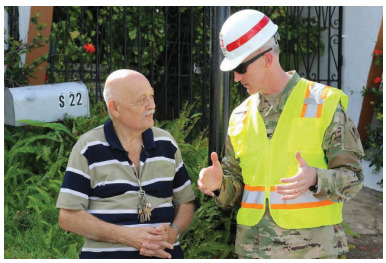
From 2009-2011, Kirk commanded the Charleston District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, leading the district in executing a broad program that included civil works, military construction for Fort Jackson and Joint Base Charleston, and support to interagency customers such as Department of Energy and Department of State. Before commanding the Charleston District, Kirk served in Army engineer leadership and staff positions with three mechanized brigade combat teams (BCTs): as a field grade officer with 2nd BCT, 1st Armored Division, then based in Germany, which included service in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) 2005-06 as the 40th Engineer Battalion's Operations Officer and Executive Officer (XO) and as the BCT XO in OIF 2008-09; as a captain with 299th Engineer Battalion, 1st BCT, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, conducting "digitized division/ForceXXI" experiments; and as a lieutenant with 11th Engineer Battalion, 1st BCT, 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia., as part of the XVIII Airborne Corps' ready force.

Kirk also served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District, working as both a construction division project engineer and as a planning project manager for the Louisiana Coastal Area Restoration Plan, which was presented to Congress in 2004.

Kirk is a 1993 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental engineering. He earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Missouri-Rolla and a Master of Engineering degree from the University of Florida. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Missouri. His military schooling includes the Army War College (distinguished graduate), Army Command and General Staff College, the Engineer Officer Advanced and Basic Courses (distinguished graduate from both), and the Army's Sapper and Airborne Schools.

Kirk's military awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal with five oak leaf clusters, and Iraqi Campaign Medal with three bronze stars. He is also the recipient of the Army Engineer Association's Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal and the Society of American Military Engineers Regional Vice President's Medal.

Col. Kirk grew up in two unique locations he calls "home"—first, the small northern Illinois town of Genoa and later, the northern Louisiana city of Shreveport.







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