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MAJOR SONNY AVICHAL

Deputy Commander and
Deputy District Engineer
New England District



Major Sonny Avichal joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District in July 2017 and serves as the Deputy Commander and Deputy District Engineer. A native of Atlantic City, New Jersey, Major Avichal was commissioned in 2002 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers upon his graduation from the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Upon completion of the Engineer Officer Basic Course, Major Avichal was assigned to the 44th Engineer Battalion (Combat) at Camp Howze, Korea where he served as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer. Major Avichal deployed to Iraq in 2004 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After completing the Engineer Captain's Career Course, Major Avichal was assigned to Hawaii where he first served as an Engineer Planner for U.S. Army, Pacific and then served as a company commander for the 561st Engineer Company, 84th Engineer Battalion from Schofield, Barracks, HI. While serving as a company commander, Major Avichal deployed his company to Iraq as part of the OIF surge in 2008-2009 where his company helped to rebuild infrastructure and Iraqi Army basecamps throughout the country. Following company command, Major Avichal served as the Engineer CPTs assignment officer at U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC), Fort Knox, KY. After HRC, Major Avichal was selected for the Olmsted Scholarship where he studied International Relations at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru in Lima, Peru from 2012-2014. Following his tour in Peru, Major Avichal was restationed to Fort Bragg, NC where he served as the Brigade Plans Officer, Brigade Operations Officer, and the Brigade Executive Office for the 20th Engineer Brigade from 2015-2017. While serving at Fort Bragg he synchronized and integrated operations and logistics for the largest active-duty engineer brigade in the U.S. Army.

Major Avichal's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, and Ranger Tab.

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