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COLONEL JOHN A. ATILANO II

Commander and District Engineer New England District



Colonel John A. Atilano, II assumed command of the New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on July 8, 2020. Prior to this assignment, Colonel Atilano served as the Deputy Division Commander for the North Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A native of Sacramento, California, Colonel Atilano enlisted in the Army in 1994 and served for two years as an Infantryman. In 1996, he graduated from Officer Candidate School and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Previous assignments include serving as Division Engineer for the 3rd Infantry Division; Battalion Commander, 4-306 BEB, 1st Army; Chief of Plans (G5), 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia; Engineer Planner, U.S. Forces - Afghanistan (USFOR-A) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; Deputy Executive Officer to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Assistant Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC; Team Leader, Battalion Military Transition Team, Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Strategic Planner, U.S. Army War Plans Division at the Pentagon, Washington, DC; Board Recorder, DA Secretariat for Officer Selection Boards; Commander, 50th Multi-Role Bridge Company in Uijongbu, South Korea; Executive Officer, HHC/91 EN BN while deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of NATO Stabilization Force 5; Battalion Maintenance Officer, 91 EN BN; and A&O Platoon Leader, B/91 EN BN, and Sapper Platoon Leader, A/91 EN BN where he deployed to Kuwait for Operation Intrinsic Action.

Colonel Atilano holds a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco; a Master of Science in Public Policy Administration from the University of Missouri - St. Louis; a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government; a Master of Military Art and Science from the School of Advanced Military Studies and Master of Science in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy from the Joint Advanced Warfighting School.

Colonel Atilano's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (1 Oak Leaf Cluster); Meritorious Service Medal (5 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Good Conduct Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Army Parachutist Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold).

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