



# *Change of Command*

of  
THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

From:  
Colonel William M. Conde  
to  
Colonel John A. Atilano II

HOSTED BY  
Major General Jeffrey L. Milhorn  
North Atlantic Division Commander  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

July 8, 2020  
Concord, Massachusetts

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# *Sequence of Events*

## **Call to Order and Welcome**

Major Mark Gillman  
Deputy Commander, New England District

## **Presentation of Flowers**

## **Presentation of Colors**

New England District Ranger Color Guard

## **National Anthem\***

## **Invocation\***

Sean R. Magnuson, Chaplain (Major) USA  
Community Chaplain, Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel  
United States Military Academy

## **Change of Command**

## **Remarks**

Major General Jeffrey L. Milhorn  
North Atlantic Division Commander

Colonel William M. Conde  
Outgoing Commander

Colonel John A. Atilano II  
Incoming Commander

Engineer Song\*

Army Song\*

## **Retirement ceremony for Colonel Conde**

*\* Attendees are asked to stand (Civilian personnel stand with right hand over the heart).*

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# *Major General Jeffrey L. Milhorn*



Major General Jeffrey Milhorn is Commander and Division Engineer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, North Atlantic Division. He took command on July 19, 2018.

The North Atlantic Division provides engineering and construction services to the nation and is the Corps' headquarters for the Northeastern United States, Europe, and Africa, with offices in Concord, Mass., New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk and Wiesbaden, Germany.

As the Division Commander, Major General Milhorn oversees an annual program of more than \$5 billion to plan, design and construct projects to support the military, protect America's water resources, mitigate risk from disasters, and restore and enhance the environment. He is also responsible for a variety of Division engineering and construction activities for international, federal, state and local governments and agencies in more than a dozen Northeastern states as well as overseas.

Prior to assuming command, Major General Milhorn served as the I Corps Deputy Commanding General; 31<sup>st</sup> Commanding General, Pacific Ocean Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 for United States Army Pacific; Deputy Commanding General, Joint Task Force 505 (Nepal Earthquake) Operation Sahayogi Haat; Commander, 130<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade; Commander, 173<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Special Troops Battalion (Airborne) at Bamberg, Germany and Operation Enduring Freedom in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

Major General Milhorn is a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Florida, earning a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He holds a master's degree in Construction Engineering & Project Management from the University of Texas at Austin, and is a National Security Fellow of Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Missouri. His military education includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the Joint Forces Staff College.

Major General Milhorn is a native of Shalimar, Fla., and is married to Debbie Milhorn. Together, they have three children - a son and two daughters.

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# *Colonel William M. Conde*



Colonel William “Bill” M. Conde assumed command of the New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on July 19, 2017. Prior to this assignment, Colonel Conde was Chief of the Domestic Operations Division, Directorate of Operations, Headquarters United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM) stationed at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. He began his assignment at NORTHCOM in November 2016 after completing the Senior Service College at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA.

A native of Cadillac, Michigan, Colonel Conde received a commission in the United States Army Corps of Engineers in June 1995 following graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. Colonel Conde began his career in the 168<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion at Fort Lewis, WA, where he served as a platoon leader, company executive officer, Battalion S-4, and assistant operations officer. After completion of the Engineer Officer Advanced Course, Colonel Conde earned a master’s degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri-Rolla. He then served with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion at Camp Castle, Korea as the assistant operations officer. He commanded the 43<sup>rd</sup> Combat Engineer Company in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Carson, CO, and in 2003 he deployed his unit to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Following his deployment to Iraq, Colonel Conde served at the United States Military Academy as a Tactical Officer and Regimental Executive Officer. In 2007 he attended Command and General Staff College. He was later assigned to White Sands Missile Range, NM, as the executive officer of 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion and following the activation and transformation, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He arrived in Alaska in 2011 and served as the deputy commander of 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Brigade and Commander of the 6<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (Combat, Airborne) at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK.

Colonel Conde earned a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY; a master’s degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri-Rolla; a master’s degree in Leadership Development from Long Island University, NY; and a master’s degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He is also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS, and the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Colonel Conde’s military awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> award), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1); Meritorious Service Medal (4<sup>th</sup> award), Army Commendation Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> award), Army Achievement Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> award), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, ACMCS, GWOT Expeditionary and Service Medals, Korean Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon (2), Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge, Sapper Tab, Bronze DeFluery Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal (Puerto Rico Hurricane Response).

He and his wife Lynne have four children (Gabrielle, Sophia, Michael and Mark).

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## *Colonel John A. Atilano II*



Colonel John A. Atilano II assumes 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 was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

Previous assignments include serving as Division Engineer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division; Battalion Commander, 4-306 BEB, 1<sup>st</sup> Army; Chief of Plans (G5), 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 50<sup>th</sup> 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).

Colonel Atilano is married to the former Dr. Daniella Grimaldi. They are the parents of three children (John, Joseph and Gianna).

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# *The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

## *New England District*

An engineer force first proved its value in a military operation on American soil here in New England in June 1775 when Colonel Richard Gridley designed and built fortifications on Bunker Hill. Since then, Army Engineers have been a sustaining force in the field and have accomplished peacetime civil works missions that have helped develop a nation.

Structured as a Major Army Command, the Corps' primary assignment is to service and support units worldwide with first-rate troop facilities, with equipment and engineering know-how for the Soldier in the field, and as an implementing agent of national water resource policy.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in New England operated as a Division until April 1997 when it became a District under the North Atlantic Division in New York City.

The six-state region served by the District covers 66,000 square miles with a population of 13 million people. The New England "town meeting" tradition is much in evidence in the active role that project sponsors play as partners with the Corps.

As is the case nationally, the New England District's civil works program is principally concerned with flood control and navigation. Environmental engineering support is a rapidly expanding part of the Corps' workload, and priority is also given to disaster recovery operations and mobilization preparedness.

In accomplishing its basic missions, the New England District contributes to the region's well-being in such areas as harbor improvement and maintenance, industrial and municipal water supply, irrigation, flood damage prevention, recreation, hydroelectric power generation, water quality, and conservation of natural resources.

The primary mission of the United States Army Corps of Engineers is to support the Army and Air Force. The New England District provides engineering and construction management to military installations as requested. This expertise is also made available to other federal agencies, such as the Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century and the needs of the nation.

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## *Past Commanders*

Colonel Leonard B. Gallagher	May 1, 1942 - Aug. 6, 1942
Colonel Douglas L. Weart	Aug. 7, 1942 - Dec. 9, 1942
Colonel George W. Gillette	Dec. 10, 1942 - Feb. 4, 1945
Brigadier General James A. O'Connor	Feb. 8, 1945 - Dec. 6, 1945
Major General William M. Hoge	Dec. 13, 1945 - Jan. 10, 1946
Brigadier General Douglas L. Weart	Feb. 2, 1946 - Oct. 31, 1946
Brigadier General Raymond G. Moses	Nov. 12, 1946 - Nov. 17, 1948
Brigadier General James H. Stratton	Nov. 18, 1948 - July 31, 1949
Colonel Bartley M. Harloe	Oct. 24, 1949 - Dec. 31, 1949
Colonel Henry J. Woodbury	July 24, 1950 - May 11, 1952
Colonel Leland H. Hewitt	July 24, 1952 - March 31, 1954
Colonel Richard W. Pearson	May 22, 1954 - Jan. 14, 1955
Brigadier General Robert J. Flemming, Jr.	Jan. 15, 1955 - April 7, 1957
Brigadier General Alden K. Sibley	April 8, 1957 - Sept. 9, 1960
Brigadier General Seymour A. Potter, Jr.	Oct. 17, 1960 - Sept. 30, 1962
Brigadier General Peter C. Hyzer	Oct. 1, 1962 - Jan. 25, 1965
Brigadier General Robert R. Ploger	April 30, 1965 - Aug. 31, 1965
Colonel Remi O. Renier	Jan. 12, 1966 - Aug. 29, 1968
Colonel Frank P. Bane	Sept. 25, 1968 - July 31, 1972
Colonel John H. Mason	Aug. 1, 1972 - Aug. 30, 1976
Colonel John P. Chandler	Aug. 31, 1976 - July 1, 1979
Colonel Max B. Scheider	July 1, 1979 - Oct. 31, 1980
Colonel C. Ernest Edgar III	Feb. 1, 1981- Aug. 30, 1982
Colonel Carl B. Sciple	Aug. 30, 1982 - Aug. 28, 1985
Colonel Thomas A. Rhen	Aug. 28, 1985 - Aug. 26, 1988
Colonel Daniel M. Wilson	Aug. 26, 1988 - Aug. 17, 1990
Colonel Philip R. Harris	Aug. 17, 1990 - May 1, 1992
Colonel Brink P. Miller	July 7, 1992 - June 7, 1994
Colonel Earle C. Richardson	Aug. 2, 1994 - Aug. 21, 1996
Colonel Michael S. Meuleners	Aug. 21, 1996 - June 12, 1997
Colonel Michael W. Pratt	June 12, 1997 - July 1, 1999
Colonel Brian E. Osterndorf	July 1, 1999 - July 19, 2002
Colonel Thomas L. Koning	July 19, 2002 - July 8, 2005
Colonel Curtis Thalcken	July 8, 2005 - June 27, 2008
Colonel Philip T. Feir	June 27, 2008 - July 29, 2011
Colonel Charles P. Samaris	July 29, 2011 - July 31, 2014
Colonel Christopher Barron	July 31, 2014 - July 19, 2017
Colonel William Conde	July 19, 2017 - July 8, 2020

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## *The Engineer Song*

Pin the Castle on my collar.  
I've done my training for the team.  
You can call me an Engineer Soldier.  
The warrior spirit has been my dream.  
Essayons, whether in war or peace  
We will bear our red and our white.  
Essayons! We serve America...  
And the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.  
Essayons!  
Essayons!

## *The Army Song*

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.  
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.  
We're the Army and proud of our name!  
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

First to fight for the right,  
And to build the Nation's might,  
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.  
Proud of all we have done,  
Fighting till the battle's won,  
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Then it's hi! hi! hey!  
The Army's on its way.  
Count off the cadence loud and strong;  
For where'er we go,  
You will always know  
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

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