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Col. Christopher W. Crary becomes 37th Commander of the Far East District

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Col. Christopher W. Crary relieved Col. Teresa A. Schlosser, as commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Far East District (FED), July 24 at a ceremony on U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, Republic of Korea.

The ceremony was presided over by Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Tickner, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division.

Tickner highlighted several achievements during Col. Schlosser's tenure which included completing 181 construction projects, valued at over \$4.5 billion dollars and 97 design projects valued at over \$138 million dollars. Among these projects were the \$64 million dollar Eighth Army headquarters, the \$300 million dollar Osan Air Base second runway and significant upgrades to USFK's training areas and ranges.

Tickner reflected on the past two years and thanked Col. Schlosser for all her hard work.

"It has been an honor to serve alongside such an inspirational leader who cares so much about her team and mission," said Tickner. "You have a great future ahead of you as you

head to Vicksburg. ERDC [U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center] will be lucky to have such a committed leader."

Schlosser, in her farewell remarks, reflected on the history that was made during her time at FED. From moving

the FED headquarters from its Seoul location to Camp Humphreys to the hope for peace on the peninsula through unforeseen summits and meetings at the Joint Security Area.

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Col. Christopher W. Crary, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District commander, passes the district colors to Richard Byrd, deputy district engineer, during a change of command ceremony held at River Bend Golf Course, Camp Humphreys, South Korea, July 24. (Photo by Antwaun J. Parrish)



Instructor Curt Betts provides training for FED personnel during a security engineering planning and standards course taught at the FED compound on July 16. (Photos by Yi Yong-un)



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“But, even more important than the world history that was made, is the personal history I’ve been able to make here in FED,” said Schlosser. “I’ve had the honor and privilege of working with the best people in the world and will never forget any of you.”

Schlosser departs for Vicksburg, Mississippi where she will be the commander of the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center.

Crary arrived at the Far East District after serving at the Army War College and at the Pacific Command's Logistics, Engineering, and Security Cooperation Directorate. During his remarks he thanked Brig. Gen. Tickner, Col. Schlosser and the entire FED

team for the warm welcome back to the Pacific Ocean Division, as he previously served as the Honolulu District commander.

“To the great members of the Far East District, thank you for the initial reception and the warm welcome you’ve extended to me in the transition process,” said Crary. “You belong to the greatest district in USACE that possesses superior leadership and an outstanding workforce with an impressive and distinguished history. Col. Schlosser has done a phenomenal job leading you. I look forward to being your commander and I am truly honored to be on your team and a member of the toughest, most versatile district

in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.”

The Far East District is one of four districts within the Pacific Ocean Division and one of 45 districts in the United States Army Corps of Engineers. It is headquartered at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea and is the premier engineering, design, and construction agent for all Department of Defense agencies in the Republic of Korea. With a workforce of nearly 500 Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, and Korean employees the Far East District contributes significantly to the peace and security in the Pacific region through the execution of a multi-billion dollar construction program for U.S. Forces in the Republic of Korea.



Richard Byrd (center), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District deputy district engineer, prepares to pass the district colors to commemorate Col. Teresa Schlosser relinquishing command to Col. Christopher Crary (left), USACE FED commander, during a change of command ceremony held at River Bend Golf Course, Camp Humphreys, South Korea, July 24. Also pictured is Brig. Gen. Thomas Tickner, USACE Pacific Ocean Division commander, who presented awards and offered remarks during the day's festivities. (Photo by Antwaun J. Parrish)

USACE awards FED employee Program Manager of the Year

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Jennifer Moore, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Far East District (FED), Air Force Program Branch Chief, was selected as the USACE 2019 Program Manager of the Year.

Recently Moore traveled to Washington D.C. where she was recognized for her accomplishment by Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite, USACE Commander. Other distinguished leaders were in attendance at the ceremony to recognize her along with other awardees.

Moore has been assigned to her position for over two years, and has worked at the Far East District a total

of six years in the Programs and Project Management Division (PPMD). However, Moore has been an employee with USACE for a total of 11 years.

According to Moore, learning that she was selected for this award was surprising, humbling, exciting and a little bit scary all at once.

“It took me a couple weeks to believe it as I know some incredible Program Managers in USACE and actually wanted to nominate one of my peer program managers several months ago, so I was pretty blown away when I got the call,” said Moore. “I think that us wanting to nominate each other speaks

to the wonderful talent and camaraderie we have at FED PPMD as a whole.”

Although she was initially surprised, Moore went on to state that she felt honored to have been nominated among other program managers.

“The first thing I did as soon as it was announced was thank my senior leadership for taking the time to nominate me, for trusting me to lead, build my team, get involved in program and community initiatives, and do the things that may have contributed to this award. The second thing I did was

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Jennifer Moore (second from left), Air Force Program Branch Chief, Programs and Project Management Division U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District, was selected as the 2019 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Program Manager of the Year. (FED file photo)

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thank my wonderful husband for his encouragement and support, and then I thanked my team of project managers, PMAs (project management advisors), and program analysts,” said Moore. “I’ve thought about the Air Force Team a lot during the last few weeks since the announcement and subsequent award ceremony and just how hard they work.

Being selected amongst a group of highly qualified program managers is rewarding as Moore feels that they all are strong competition and lead tremendous programs.

“To be considered among other hard-working FED program managers such as our security operations branch and everything they are doing to bring their expertise across US-ACE, our installation support team hustling to finish the Yongsan

relocation program and navigating a growing Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization (SRM) program while doing things quicker and more affordably across the Peninsula, or our Army/Navy/Marine Corps branch with the largest program in the district, is an honor. There are also several program managers across the divisions that have amazing missions and their programs are highly visible, whether it’s hurricane relief efforts, hydropower, waterways and remediation,” said Moore. “I think most of the nominees probably share those interesting programs in common, and it’s special to even be considered among them. What may have set me apart was my passion for talent management and thinking strategically and intuitively to look out

for my teammates, my employees, our stakeholders, and our mission. Having the best mentors, co-workers, and leaders was a huge factor in this award as well. I learned so much from past senior project managers who bring their breadth of knowledge from several different districts as well as other program managers, and senior leaders. I have been fortunate to have incredibly kind mentors who have been generous with their experience and wisdom.”

Although Moore earned this pres-

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***- Jennifer Moore,
FED Air Force Program Branch Chief -***

tigious award she remains humble and states that she’s proud of her team and that she’s incredibly grateful. She also offers advice to anyone working in her field on achieving this honor.

“I want us to continue working on being technically sound but to also have those intangible skills of being outstanding project delivery team leaders, communicators, with the ability to close the loop,, and find solutions to difficult problems,” said Moore. “Get involved, do the little things, the stuff that seems like you won’t possibly have time for it (Civilian Education System, USACE Leadership Development Program, Executive Leadership Development Program)...do it anyway. Care about making the whole USACE enterprise better, not just making yourself better.

Do your utmost every single day. It’s not always easy looking outside just your role and seeing what you could offer to help everyone around you. Doing what you say you’re going to do, and doing it for the right reasons, is incredibly important and growing those around you to not only better themselves, but to also instill in them a sense of wanting the team to be the best possible.”

Moore offered additional advice, saying it is important to be genuine, dependable, and passionate in all things, no matter how small the task, even if that means going against the grain sometimes.

Finally, Moore said don’t be afraid to ask advice of senior leaders around you. Her experience has been that they’re eager to share their knowledge and just as appreciative of you as you are of them.

“I have been incredibly blessed with an amazing team and those I’ve worked with in the past, thank you to each of you for teaching me and trusting in me,” said Moore. “I wouldn’t have been nominated without their dedication and commitment to our goals of delivering the program and always striving for better communication with our stakeholders. A lot of people put their faith in me and I want to surpass their expectations. They work hard, I need to continue working even harder to support them.”

USACE FED project earns LEED Gold Certification

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Through design and development the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Far East District (FED), is continuing to make strides in building sustainable projects.

Recently the district earned a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council and enhanced commissioning for family housing at Camp Walker, South Korea.

LEED certification is a report that contains the results of the technical review of an application for LEED certification submitted for a specified project. LEED certification is an official recognition that a project complies with the requirements prescribed within the LEED rating systems as created and maintained by the U.S. Green Building Council. The LEED certification program is administered by Green Business Certification Inc.

“LEED goes along with the commander’s intent [Lt. Gen. Semonite] to develop sustainable projects,” said Ho, Sung, a district project engineer and LEED Accredited Professional. “Gold or silver certification means that our building’s construction design will be eco-friendly, water saving, and more energy efficient.”

Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite, USACE commanding general, recently sent out a message asking everyone involved in the design of Army military construction and sustainment, restoration and modernization to document life cycle cost analysis (LCCA).

“To remain a world-class organization, we must demonstrate that we are building cost-effective and efficient facilities,” said Semonite.

The LEED certification is based around five areas such as, sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality.

The Camp Walker housing project began in 2015. Ho said most of the engineers who started the design of this project have left, however, they successfully transferred the information for continuity, which he believes made it easy to take over and complete.

Ho stated that he’s proud of the work they accomplished, however initially they were working towards a different goal.

“This design was based on LEED silver certification,” said Ho. “When we attended the project we got with the



Camp Walker, South Korea housing project which earned the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District, a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council and enhanced commissioning due to its sustainable design and development. (Photo by Han Chong-hyon)

contractor and found out that we needed six more points to achieve LEED gold. To get this kind of certification, the most important thing to note is it takes teamwork.”

The LEED rating system is the industry’s gold standard for environmentally sustainable buildings, and FED continues to look at more ways to continue to develop projects within the LEED standard.

Hospital construction complete; A major milestone for Yongsan Relocation Program

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An acceptance release letter (ARL) signing ceremony was held in front of the new Brian D. Allgood Army Community Hospital, Camp Humphreys, South Korea, July 24. The ARL ceremony marks the completion of a project and acceptance from the ROK government to the U.S. government.

Since breaking ground in 2012, construction on the hospital at Camp Humphreys has been an ongoing endeavor, however, the project is now complete and the 65th Medical Brigade will welcome patients later this year.

The new hospital is part of the \$10.7 billion, multi-year, massive relocation effort known as the Yongsan Relocation Program (YRP). The YRP relocates most U.S. Forces and headquarters United Nations Command activities from the

Seoul metropolitan area to areas south, most notably to U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Humphreys. USAG Humphreys has grown exponentially over the past 10 years due to projects led by the Far East District.

For Col. Teresa Schlosser, former U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Far East District (FED) commander, it was important that this event occurred as a part of her last action during her command of the district.

“I wanted my final act as the FED commander to be able to turn over this hospital,” said Schlosser. “Thankfully due to extremely hard teamwork by everyone involved, this day has come and the hospital is complete.”

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Brig. Gen. Thomas Tickner (center), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Pacific Ocean Division commander, and dignitaries gather in front of the new Brian D. Allgood Army Community Hospital, following the signing of the Acceptance Release Letter, Camp Humphreys, South Korea, July 24. (Photo by Antwaun J. Parrish)

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Schlosser admitted that signing the hospital over was a day that she thought would never come. This is due to many construction delays throughout the seven year process.

“I want to be the first of many to thank all the partners associated with this and everybody who combined to bring this hospital forward,” said Schlosser. “I appreciate being able to close out this hospital after all these years of hard work to get it across the finish line and to turn it over to my medical brethren.”

Col. Derek Cooper, 65th Medical Brigade commander, was also in attendance and offered a few remarks to show his appreciation for everyone involved in constructing the facility.

According to Cooper, the facility will enable the medical community here in Korea to greatly enhance the quality of life for the Soldiers and family members that serve here

on the peninsula every day.

“It’s my honor to be accepting this world-class health-care facility on behalf of the entire medical enterprise here in Korea and it extends all the way back to the U.S. Army Medical Command,” said Cooper.

Cooper went on to thank the partners, of whom he saw fit to rename teammates, for their efforts in getting it across the finish line.

“You all should be proud of your accomplishments in getting us to this point,” said Cooper. “I want to thank you on behalf of the entire AMEDD [Army Medical Department] community and the Army medical enterprise.”

A dedication ceremony is scheduled for Sept. 20 and the hospital will officially open for patients on Nov. 15.



Cpl. Jeong Tae-yeong and Cpl. Ahn Hong-in, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District, Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) soldiers, were promoted during a ceremony held at the U.S. Forces Korea headquarters, Camp Humphreys, South Korea, August 2. (FED File photos)

AMIE program provides full spectrum learning

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Working alongside industry experts provides university interns with a comprehensive and elaborate spectrum of experience, which can help them secure employment in the future.

Oluwaferanmi Ogundana, a junior civil engineering student, and Samuel Coleman, a senior civil engineering student, were both selected as the Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering interns for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District.

The AMIE program provides the interns with real world experience in several capacities throughout the district.

Ogundana attends Morgan State University, he states that he selected this

program for his first internship because of his interest in learning new skills and his interest in East Asian culture.

"This is the first time I have been this far away from my parents, and I wanted to experience that feeling," said Ogundana. "I was interested in Korean culture and the technology here. When they started telling us about 5G being in use here, it was impressive to me."

The district interns are placed on a learning rotation throughout their stay where they work within the project management, engineering and construction divisions during the nine-week program. This rotation provides them a full scope of how daily and long-term operations are executed here.

According to Ogundana, in school he is shown what he can look forward to within the engineering field, but here he can see the process, which he describes as eye-opening.

"I actually know what the program managers are doing and what the construction and engineering teams are doing throughout the project development process," said Ogundana. "It actually put everything into perspective and gave me more of a focus of what I can reach toward. I came here with the idea that I wanted to learn engineering, but definitely my eyes opened up to program management, and the construction division."

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Samuel Coleman, a Tennessee State University senior civil engineering major, is interviewed at a construction site, Camp Humphreys, South Korea, July 15. Coleman is currently working as an intern at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District, as a part of the Advancing Minorities Interest in Engineering program. (Photo by Antwaun J. Parrish)



Oluwaferanmi Ogundana, a Morgan State University junior civil engineering major, is interviewed at a construction site, Camp Humphreys, South Korea, July 15. Ogundana is currently working as an intern at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District, as a part of the Advancing Minorities Interest in Engineering program. (Photo by Antwaun J. Parrish)

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He went on to state that it is fun going to construction sites and observing the facilities actually being developed.

“When I was in school I was looking at a screen and they were trying to describe it [project management] to me,” said Ogundana. “Now that I actually see it I can actually understand it more, and I feel like it is going to help with my upcoming year in school.”

Ogundana wishes that the district could implement a winter program, however, he is definitely interested in being selected as an intern next summer.

Coleman attends Tennessee State University, and states that he wanted to

experience working outside of the U.S. He said that he expected to learn the full range of project management and how it all ties together for project delivery.

“I wanted to learn why the Corps of Engineers was so prevalent in influencing other engineering companies, and why it was a great place to work,” said Coleman.

Coleman enjoys the rotation program that FED provides him as an intern at the district. He goes on to explain what he learned from each division within the district.

“In project management I learned the process of a project and how it’s executed from start to finish, and all the

different people that are involved,” said Coleman. “I learned how to talk to different clients and different contractors and engineers, and how it ties them all together to get the project done.”

For Coleman this is his fourth internship and as he completes his senior year this fall, he said that he feels prepared to apply what he’s learned towards his near-future career.

“This experience will assist me with future employers and describing my experience to them,” said Coleman. “This internship was different because it provided me the full scope of engineering and I appreciate this experience.”



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District, Advancing Minorities Interest in Engineering (AMIE) interns, Samuel Coleman (standing right) and Oluwaferanmi Ogundana (standing left), presented Col. Christopher Crary, USACE FED commander, and other district personnel with a presentation highlighting their internship experience, Camp Humphreys, South Korea, July 30. The AMIE program provides the interns with real world experience in several capacities throughout the district. Samuel Coleman is a senior civil engineering student at Tennessee State University, and Oluwaferanmi Ogundana is a junior civil engineering student at Morgan State University. (Photo by Antwaun J. Parrish)

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