



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Transatlantic Programs Center

## **Colonel Robert L. Suthard, Jr. Commander, Transatlantic Programs Center**



Colonel Robert L. Suthard, Jr., became Commander of the Transatlantic Programs Center, a subordinate command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on June 26, 2006.

The Transatlantic Programs Center, headquartered in Winchester, Virginia, is responsible for most Corps of Engineers' operations in the Middle East and Africa. The Center provides engineering services in other regions as needed, and provides back-up engineering and support services to Corps organizations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Center's missions include designing and constructing facilities for use by U.S. forces and performing engineering activities for other U.S. government and foreign agencies.

Colonel Suthard most recently served as Professor of Military Science at the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., from June 2004 to June 2006, developing, managing, and administering cadet programs and supervising officers, noncommissioned officers, civilian employees and more than 800 cadets.

Previous Corps of Engineers assignments include Commander of the Tulsa District from June 2001 to June 2004 and Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff for the Omaha District from June 1994 to June 1996. Among his other assignments are Chief of Inaugural Support at the Pentagon; Chief of Engineer Enlisted Personnel at the U.S. Army Personnel Command; Commander of the 92nd Heavy Combat Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga.; and Deputy Director of Public Works and Operations Officer for 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky. He has held several command and staff assignments at Fort Belvoir, Va., at Fort Riley, Kan., and in Korea.

Colonel Suthard, a native of Nassawadox, Va., graduated from the Virginia Military Institute and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1979. He has a master's degree in engineering administration from George Washington University and a second master's in national resource strategy from the National Defense University. His military education includes the Basic and Advanced Engineer Officer Courses, Air Assault School, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Among his military awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, six awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, two awards of the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and Air Assault Badge.