



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Transatlantic Programs Center

News Release

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conducts a
Change of Command Ceremony
Thursday, July 15, 2004**

A Change of Command Ceremony was held on Thursday, July 15, at the Transatlantic Programs Center headquarters. The Transatlantic Programs Center, a subordinate command within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is based in Winchester.

The Corps of Engineers' Acting Director of Military Programs, Maj. Gen. James A. Cheatham, passed the colors and command to Colonel Frederick L. Clapp, Jr., the incoming commander.

In accepting command, Colonel Clapp said that he and his family look forward to “getting to know the team members here at the Transatlantic Programs Center as well as becoming members of the local community. It’s indeed a privilege to be given the opportunity to command such an outstanding organization with such an important mission.”

Colonel Robert R. Derrick is the outgoing commander. He became Commander of the Transatlantic Programs Center in November 2002. His next assignment is Chief of Base Realignment and Closure at the Pentagon.

The ceremony was held in the Main Conference Room complex at the Transatlantic Programs Center’s headquarters. In attendance were Corps employees, both military and civilian; Winchester-Frederick County officials; representatives from contractor organizations that conduct business with the Transatlantic Programs Center; former employees; and friends and families of the outgoing and incoming commanders.

Colonel Clapp most recently served three years in Vicksburg, Miss., as the 48th Commander and District Engineer for the Corps of Engineers' Vicksburg District. [A biography of Colonel Clapp is attached, along with a photograph from the Change of Command ceremony.]

The Transatlantic Programs Center 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 it provides back-up assistance 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.