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Col. William E. Rapp to head Corps' Northwestern Division

PORTLAND, Ore. -- At a change of command ceremony today, Col. William E. Rapp assumed command of the Northwestern Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Rapp, selected by Army for promotion to brigadier general, most recently served in Iraq for Gen. David Petraeus as Director of the Commander's Initiatives Group for the Multi-National Forces-Iraq. He has also held numerous staff and command positions in the United States and abroad. Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers, presided over the ceremony.

Rapp directs a 4,700-member workforce and more than \$3.0 billion of civil, military and environmental programs in the Missouri and Columbia river basins. These activities are implemented through its five districts, including a Kansas City district office commanded by Col. Roger Wilson.

Rapp, a distinguished graduate of the Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers in 1984. He holds a master's degree and a doctorate in political science from Stanford University and a master's degree in national security policy from the U.S. Army War College. He is a licensed professional engineer.

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