



**US Army Corps
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New Orleans District

Biography

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Col. Peter J. Rowan, New Orleans District's 57th commander and district engineer, took command of New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on July 12, 2002. As district engineer, Rowan is responsible for a \$500-million civil works program in south central and coastal Louisiana.



New Orleans District's jurisdiction includes 2,800 miles of navigable waterways, 950 miles of levees and floodwalls, 12 navigation locks, six major flood control structures, and other projects to create and protect coastal wetlands.

Rowan also serves as chairman of the federal-state Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act Task Force, which oversees a \$35-million annual program to protect and restore Louisiana's coastal wetlands.

Rowan's most recent military assignment was with the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management as a resource integration officer responsible for development, analysis, coordination and integration support to Army installations around the world. He also commanded the Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, from July 1998 to July 2000. He was responsible for civil works and water resources development in the Greater Chicago metropolitan area and northwest Indiana.

Other previous assignments in engineer staff and command positions were at the 249th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy) in Karlsruhe, Germany; the 52nd Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy), Fort Carson, Colorado; Headquarters, Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, while assigned to the Corps of Engineers Omaha District; Battle Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; 8th Engineer Battalion and Engineer Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; and Headquarters, V Corps, Heidelberg, Germany.

A 1979 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Rowan holds a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois and a master's degree in national security strategy from the National Defense University. His military education includes the National War College, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Engineer Officers Advanced and Basic courses.

His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Staff Badge, Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab. He is a licensed professional

engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Rowan, a native of Glenham, N.Y., is married to the former Jeanne Marie Garrison. They have four children: Catherine, Miles, Kelley and James.