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COL Cullen A. Jones



COL Cullen Jones comes to OCE having recently served as the 65th Commander and District Engineer of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, working with Federal, State, Tribal, and Local partners delivering the engineering needs of south Louisiana including reducing risk for the region from hurricane & storm damage, facilitating navigation along the Mississippi River, and simultaneously working to protect and restore the fragile and disappearing ecosystem that houses our critical National water resources.

COL Jones is a native of Delaware and received his U.S. Army commission in 1999 from West Point. He has served in leadership and staff positions in Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, and multiple locations in the United States. Between 2000 and 2004, he was a platoon leader, executive officer, and battalion air officer with the 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He remained at Fort Bragg from 2004 to 2005, transferring to the 18th Airborne Corps as a current operations officer. From 2005 to 2006, he deployed to Iraq, serving as the Multi-National Corps anti-terrorism/force protection engineer, before returning to the 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Airborne) and deploying to Afghanistan in 2006 to assume command of B Company (Combat)(Airborne) (Rough Terrain) until 2008.



From 2010 to 2013, COL Jones was an Assistant Professor in the Civil and Mechanical Engineering Department at the United States Military Academy at West Point before transferring to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he served from 2013 to 2014 as the brigade engineer officer for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team (Strike). In 2014, he deployed with the Strike Brigade to Afghanistan as the battalion operations officer for the Special Troops Battalion. He continued with the Strike Brigade from 2014 to 2015 as the brigade executive officer. After completing a Training with Industry fellowship in the Washington D.C. area in 2016, COL Jones transitioned to serve as the Deputy District Commander for the Portland District, Northwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

COL Jones commanded the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District July 7, 2017, to June 28, 2019. As Commander and District Engineer, COL Jones managed the water resources development and navigable waterways operations for the Cumberland and Tennessee River basins covering 59,000 square miles, with 42 field offices touching seven states and a work force of over 700 employees. While in command, COL Jones also supported Taskforce Power Restoration in Puerto Rico helping restore the Commonwealth's power grid post-Hurricane Maria. Following command of the Nashville District, COL Jones served as the Executive Officer to the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Prior to taking command of the New Orleans District, COL Jones served as the Chief of Staff for the Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq (OSC-I) at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, where he was a principal assistant to the Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché (SDO/DATT) with responsibility for staff operations and management of the MILGROUP-Iraq Joint Staff.

COL Jones holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the United States Military Academy, a Master of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. His technical education includes the Blast Effects Estimation and Security Engineering courses from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Protective Design Center and his military education includes Command and General Staff College and U.S. Army War College. COL Jones is a licensed Professional Civil Engineer (P.E.), and Project Management Professional (PMP).