

Executive Officer / COE, DCOE AXO William Arthur



Mr. William R. Arthur assumed responsibility as the Executive Officer of the Office of the Chief of Engineers (OCE) in Jun 2004. He serves as the Assistant Executive Officer to the Chief and Deputy Chief of Engineers. He is responsible for the day-to-day activities that enables the personnel within the organization to accomplish their mission.

As the XO to the OCE, Mr. Arthur's significant accomplishments include establishing the Engineer Blast, the Engineer Roundup, migration to the General Enterprise Fund Business System, three OCE office movements with design requirements and the HQDA Protection Program

Mr. Arthur enlisted in the United States Army in Jul 1981 and retired in Sep 2007. He attended Basic Training and Engineer Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Mr. Arthur last assignment was Sergeant Major, Office Chief of Engineers from Jun 2004-Jun 2007. Mr. Arthur also served as the Power Station Sergeant for Team 8 of the 249th Engineer Battalion in Heidelberg, Germany for three and a half years, which included deployment to Kuwait in support of OEF, OIF. Mr. Arthur has held a



variety of leadership, instructor, and staff positions throughout his career to include First Sergeant of the 55th EN CO (MGB), Fort Riley Kansas from Feb 1999 to Dec 2000. Other duty positions have included Power Station Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Section Sergeant, Squad Leader, Operations Sergeant, NCOES Evaluator, TASS Evaluator, Senior Instructor, ANCOC Instructor, and Heavy Equipment Operator

Mr. Arthur has been assigned to the 15th Engineer Battalion, Fort Lewis – Mar 1982; the 802nd Engineer Battalion, Korea – May 1983; the 34th Engineer Battalion, Fort Riley, KS – Jun 1984; the 503rd Engineer Company(CSE); Stuttgart/ Hohenfels – Jan 1989, Libby Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Fort Leonard Wood, MO – Jan 1991; Garrison Command, Fort Leonard Wood, MO – Jul 1993; the 55th Engineer Company (MGB), Fort Riley, KS – Sep 1996; the 249th Engineer Battalion (PP), Heidelberg Germany – Dec 2000; and the Office of the Chief of Engineers at the Pentagon – Jun 04.

Mr. Arthur's military education and honors include the Primary Leadership Course, Commandant's List, Honor Graduate; the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course; Commandant's List, the Honor Graduate, Commandant's Award; the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course; Commandant's List, Distinguished Graduate, the Honor Graduate, NCOA Initiative Award; and the Air Force Senior Academy, Class 04-E. Mr. Arthur has also pursued his civilian education earning an Associates Degree from Central Texas College.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (third award), Army Commendation Medal (fourth Award), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Achievement Medal (tenth award), Good Conduct Medal (eighth award), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze star device, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Driver's Badge (S). He is also a recipient of the annual Society of Military Engineer's Sturgis Medal for 1999, the Army Engineer Association's prestigious Bronze DeFleury Medal, the Ordnance Corps' Samuel Sharp Medal and he was certified by the Engineer School as a Master Instructor and Evaluator. Mr. Arthur is a 2025 recipient of the Arm Engineer Association's Sapper and Miner Award of Distinction honoring over thirty years of distinguished service in and out of uniform.