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Brigadier General

Duke DeLuca

Commander, Mississippi Valley Division

President-designee, Mississippi River Commission



Brig. Gen. Duke DeLuca assumed command of the Mississippi Valley Division, Vicksburg, Miss., September 24, 2013. He also serves as President-designee of the Mississippi River Commission. Brig. Gen. DeLuca came to MVD from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where he was the Commandant of the United States Army Engineer School, United States Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence.

As MVD Commander, DeLuca is responsible for a \$2 billion civil works program. In addition, he plays a vital role in managing the Corps water resources program in the Mississippi River Valley.

Brig. Gen. DeLuca was commissioned from the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Pennsylvania in 1983 after earning bachelors of science degrees in economics and mechanical engineering. He also earned a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University in 1993.

Brig. Gen. DeLuca has served from platoon level through combatant command in Army, Joint, multi-national and Interagency environments. He has commanded from company through division level, including command of a battalion and a brigade in combat. He has run multi-billion dollar annual construction programs in Iraq and in a region including the northeast United States, Europe and Africa supporting foreign militaries, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, the Department of Defense family and several other federal agencies. Brig. Gen. DeLuca is an engineer and a Eurasian foreign area officer, a graduate of the Defense Language Institute and has served in fellowships at Columbia University, the George C. Marshall Center for European Security Studies and Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

A life of Army service has allowed Brig. Gen. DeLuca to work professionally in 29 states of the United States and 23 countries, including three years in formally declared combat zones. It has offered opportunities for both remarkable experiences and for the ability to work with the finest and most amazing American citizens and foreign partners.

His awards include the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Joint Service Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and Ranger Tab.

The Mississippi Valley Division is responsible for water resources engineering solutions in a 370,000-square-mile area, extending from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and encompassing portions of 12 states. Work is carried out by district offices located in St. Paul, Minn.; Rock Island, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; Memphis, Tenn.; Vicksburg, Miss.; and New Orleans, La.

Since 1879, the seven-member Presidentially appointed Mississippi River Commission has developed and matured plans for the general improvement of the Mississippi River from the Head of Passes to the Headwaters. The Mississippi River Commission brings critical engineering representation to the drainage basin, which impacts 41% of the United States and includes 1.25 million square miles, over 250 tributaries, 31 states, and 2 Canadian provinces.

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