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**Major General
Michael C. Wehr
Commander, Mississippi Valley Division
President-designee, Mississippi River Commission**



Major General Michael C. Wehr assumed command of the Mississippi Valley Division, Vicksburg, Miss., August 29, 2014. He also serves as president-designee of the Mississippi River Commission. Wehr came to MVD from Afghanistan where he served as director of the Joint Engineering Directorate, United States Forces-Afghanistan, and commander of the Transatlantic Division (Forward), Afghanistan.

As MVD commander, Wehr 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.

Wehr grew up on a military family, studied civil engineering, and was commissioned a second lieutenant through ROTC at Santa Clara University in 1985. His formal education is typical of a career engineer officer and includes the engineer officer courses, a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas and graduation from the Command and General Staff College and the Joint Forces Staff College.

Wehr served in engineer battalion assignments as a lieutenant at Ford Ord, Calif., in the 14th; as a captain at Fort Bragg, N.C., in the 307th; as a major at Fort Stewart, Ga., in both the 92nd and the 11th; and returned back to Fort Bragg as a lieutenant colonel to command the 307th Engineer Battalion in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. Following command, he continued to serve the 82nd Airborne Division as the chief of the Modular Force Coordination Cell for the Transformation of the division. Other engineer assignments include the Japan Engineer District, U.S. Pacific Command and the Vicksburg District.

He is grateful to have been awarded the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Ranger tab and the Sapper tab. He also holds a professional engineer license in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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 two Canadian provinces.

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