



Brigadier General
Scott F. "Rock" Donahue
Director, J-7
United States Forces-Iraq
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Brigadier General Rock Donahue assumed duties as Director, United States Forces-Iraq J-7 on 24 January 2011. The mission of the USF-I J7 is to provide full-spectrum engineering support to US Forces-Iraq Stability Operations, assist the Department of State and Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq to ensure their success, and develop Iraqi Army engineer capability, to enable regional stability beyond 2011.

Brigadier General Donahue commissioned into the United States Army Corps of Engineers in 1983 from the Virginia Military Institute as a distinguished academic and military graduate. Prior to assuming the directorship of USF-I J7, he commanded the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Pacific Division from July 2009 to January 2011. He also served as XVIII Airborne Corps Engineer beginning September 2007 and as Director, Multi-National Corps – Iraq C7 from February 2008 to April 2009 (Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09); and as Executive Officer to the HQDA DCS G-8 from June 2006 to June 2007, and as Executive Officer to Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea from July 2005 to June 2006.

Brigadier General Donahue commanded the 2d Infantry Division Engineer Brigade from July 2004 to July 2005. Prior to returning to Korea in June 2004, he served as Inspector General, and Commander, 41st Engineer Battalion, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, New York. As Battalion Commander from June 2000 to June 2002, he served as 10th Mountain Division Engineer, as well as the Combined Joint Task Force-Mountain C/J-7, and Chief of Staff, Task Force Bagram in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

His previous operational assignments include Brigade S3, 3d Engineer Brigade, 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia and Operation Desert Thunder; Battalion S3, 11th Engineer Battalion, 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia; Operations and Plans Officer, G-3 Operations, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Operation Just Cause; Company Commander and Assistant Battalion S3, 307th Engineer Battalion, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, and Battalion S2 in the 13th Engineer Battalion, 7th Infantry Division (Light), Fort Ord, California.

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His senior staff assignments include joint duty as Chief of Studies and Analysis Branch, Plans Division, Assistant Chief of Staff, Engineer, Combined Forces Command, Seoul, Korea; and Operations Research Systems Analyst, Directorate of Military Personnel Management, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington D.C.

Brigadier General Donahue holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the Virginia Military Institute, a Master of Science degree in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College. He is also a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Virginia. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; the Atomic Demolitions and Munitions Course; the Airborne, Ranger, Pathfinder, Jungle Warfare, Jumpmaster, and Sapper Leader Courses; the Combined Arms Services Staff School; the Command and General Staff Officer Course; the Inspector General Course; the United States Army War College; the Joint Forces Staff College, and recently graduated from the U.S. Army Capstone Course.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (3 OLC), Bronze Star Medal (2 awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (4 OLC), National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with Bronze Service Star for Operation Just Cause-Panama and Operation Desert Thunder-Kuwait), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Staff Identification Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, Sapper Tab, and the Bronze Order of the deFleury Medal.

Brigadier General Donahue and his wife Nancy have four children: son Eric (Captain, 1st Ranger Battalion), and three daughters – 2nd Lieutenant Jenna Pacheco (Army Nurse Corps, San Antonio Military Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston), and twins Taylor and Morgan (16). Their daughter-in-law, Captain Claudia Donahue, is currently assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division Aviation Brigade at Fort Stewart, Georgia; and their son-in-law, 1LT Leo Pacheco (Army Nurse Corps), is also assigned to Fort Sam Houston's San Antonio Military Medical Center.