



# **PACIFIC OCEAN DIVISION CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITY**

**BETWEEN**

**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR  
JAMIE LOPEZ**

**AND**

**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR  
ZACHARY R. PLUMMER**

**FOLLOWED BY A**

**RETIREMENT CEREMONY  
IN HONOR OF**

**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR  
JAMIE LOPEZ**

Wednesday, June 25, 2025  
1000 Hours  
Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, Hawaii



## **Sequence of Events**

### **Welcome**

Ms. Regina Jugueta-Vetter  
Chief of Staff

### **Arrival of the Official Party**

### **National Anthem**

### **Invocation**

Mr. Young Jin  
Chief, Internal Review Audit

### **Change of Responsibility and Retirement Ceremony**

### **Awards Presentation and Remarks**

BG Joseph "Clete" Goetz II  
Commanding General  
Pacific Ocean Division

### **Remarks**

CSM Zachary R. Plummer  
Incoming

### **Remarks**

CSM Jaime Lopez  
Outgoing

### **Closing Songs**





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## **Brigadier General Joseph “Clete” Goetz II**

### **Commanding General and Division Engineer**

### **Pacific Ocean Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**



Brigadier General Joseph “Clete” Goetz II became the 35th Commander and Division Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division on June 13, 2024, where he is responsible for a mission operating in a complex and diverse region spanning 16 time zones and covering 52% of the Earth’s surface for four engineer districts – Alaska, Far East, Honolulu, and Japan.

BG Goetz previously served as the 100th Commandant of the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, where he oversaw the professional military education and functional training courses for U.S. Army combat engineers and oversaw the development of doctrine for combat engineer operations.

As a company grade officer, he served with the 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, NC, and the 41st Engineer Battalion, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, NY. He deployed to Afghanistan in 2002 and Iraq in 2003-2004. After serving at the company command level, BG Goetz attended the University of Texas at Austin and subsequently served as a Project Manager and Deputy District Commander at the USACE Buffalo District. While assigned to the Buffalo District he served with Task Force Hope in New Orleans, LA, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Upon completion of Command and General Staff College, BG Goetz served as the Brigade Operations Officer for the 20th Engineer Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.

He commanded the 15th Engineer Battalion at Grafenwoehr, Germany, from 2014 to 2016. While there, he deployed to multiple Allied and partner nations, including Norway, Serbia, and Ukraine in support of U.S. and NATO security cooperation activities.

Following graduation from the U.S. Army War College in 2017, BG Goetz served as the military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works. Prior to brigade command, he deployed to Camp Taji, Iraq, to command the USACE Contingency Engineer Task Force in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

He then commanded the 36th Engineer Brigade at Fort Hood, TX from 2019-2021. Following brigade command, he served as the Director of the Office of the Chief of Engineers in the Pentagon from 2021 to 2022.

BG Goetz is a graduate of the Army War College and has earned degrees in Civil Engineering from the United States Military Academy, University of Missouri at Rolla, and the University of Texas at Austin. He is a registered Professional Engineer.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal.

He has earned the Ranger tab, Sapper tab, and Senior Parachutist wings.

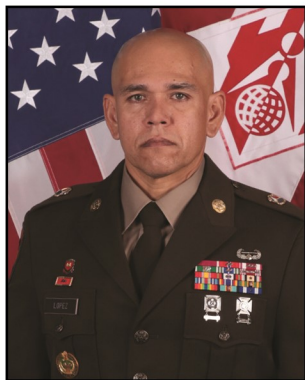


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## **Command Sergeant Major Jaime Lopez**

### **Outgoing Command Sergeant Major Pacific Ocean Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**



Command Sergeant Major Jamie Lopez assumed duties as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Pacific Ocean Division Command Senior Enlisted Leader in February 2023. In this role, he supported four districts across the Pacific, in Honolulu, Japan, Korea, and Alaska. He provided advice and counsel to the Commanding General and senior staff on all matters affecting the operation of the organization. He represented the command to customers and stakeholders supported by the Division. Additionally, CSM Lopez was responsible for the professional development, discipline, morale, and quality of life of all Soldiers and Civilians assigned to the Division.

CSM Lopez entered the military in February 1999. He completed Basic and Advance Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO as an Engineer Soldier.

Upon completion, CSM Lopez was assigned to the 84th Engineer Battalion, Schofield Barracks, HI where he served as a Team and Squad Leader. While assigned, he participated in multiple Pacific Pathway exercises. After his tour in Hawaii, CSM Lopez was assigned to Ops Group National Training Center (NTC), Fort Irwin, CA. At NTC, he supported multiple unit rotations serving with Lima, Phoenix, and Sidewinder teams. Following his time at the NTC, CSM Lopez served as a Drill Sergeant at Fort Leonard Wood, MO where he trained more than 7,000 Soldiers in a span of two years. After completing his time as a Drill Sergeant, CSM Lopez was assigned to 610th Engineer Support Company, 14th Engineer Battalion, Fort Lewis, WA. As a Platoon Sergeant, he deployed for 15 months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom VII. In March 2010, CSM Lopez was reassigned back to Fort Leonard Wood, MO as a First Sergeant with 232nd Engineer Company, 94th Engineer Battalion. In support of Operation Enduring Freedom 2013, he deployed to Northern Afghanistan. Upon his return, he was reassigned back to Hawaii, where he served as a First Sergeant for 31 months with 561st Engineer Company and HHC 130th Engineer Brigade.

In July 2016, CSM Lopez was selected to attend USASMA as part of class 67. He graduated and was selected as Battalion Command Sergeant Major for 3rd Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Armor Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX. He then deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield 2017. After Kuwait, CSM Lopez was assigned as the Battalion CSM for 5th Battalion, 3rd Security Force Assistance Brigade at Fort Hood, TX. With this assignment, CSM Lopez manned, equipped, and trained the unit to serve as specialized combat advisors anywhere around the world. In October 2019, the Enabler Battalion deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan to operate in support of Operations Freedom's Sentinel and Resolute Support. CSM Lopez served as the Brigade Command Sergeant Major for the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, GA.

CSM Lopez graduated from all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System. His military and civilian education include Master Resilience Trainer, Joint Engineer Operations, Drill Sergeant School, Battle Staff Course, Air Assault Course, Tactical Combat Causality Care Course, and Security Force Assistance Advisor Course. CSM Lopez holds a Master of Science in Management with a concentration in Organizational Leadership through Excelsior College.

CSM Lopez's awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with the V device, Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Driver's Badge, Air Assault, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge. He is also a recipient of the Silver Medallion of the Order of Saint George, Army Engineer Association's Bronze De Fleury Medal, and Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.



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## **Command Sergeant Major Zachary R. Plummer**

### **Incoming Command Sergeant Major Pacific Ocean Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**



Command Sergeant Major Plummer assumed duties as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Pacific Ocean Division Command Senior Enlisted Leader in June 2025. In his appointed role, he supports four districts across the Pacific, in Honolulu, Japan, Korea, and Alaska. He provides advice and counsel to the Commanding General and senior staff on all matters affecting the operation of the organization. He represents the command to customers and stakeholders supported by the Division. Additionally, CSM Plummer is responsible for the professional development, discipline, morale, and quality of life of all Soldiers and Civilians assigned to the Division.

CSM Plummer was born in Reno, NV, and enlisted into the Army in August 1999, as a Combat Engineer. He attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

In his previous positions, he served as the United States Army Engineer School Command Sergeant Major in January 2023. His stateside assignments include the 555th Engineer Brigade Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA, Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, TX, United States Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, NC, 20th Engineer Brigade Fort Bragg, NC, 3-13th Infantry Battalion Fort Jackson, SC, 73rd Engineer Company Fort Lewis, WA and the 14th Engineer Battalion Fort Lewis, WA.

CSM Plummer's overseas assignments include the 15th Engineer Battalion Grafenwöhr, Germany, and Aco 44th Engineer Battalion Camp Howze, Korea. CSM Plummer has deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

CSM Plummer's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2nd Award), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Joint Service Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Army Commendation Medal (5th Award), Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), National Defense Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (two bronze Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (6th Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award) NATO Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Combat Action Badge, Sapper Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Drivers Badge (wheel) and, recipient of the Silver Order of the de Fleury Medal.

CSM Plummer's military education includes all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, Master Resilience Training Course, Jumpmaster School, Enlisted Combat Skills Course, Survival, Evasion Resistance and Escape Course, Battle Staff Course, Basic Airborne School, Counter Explosive Hazard Planning Course, Drill Sergeant School, and Sapper Leader Course.

CSM Plummer earned an Associate degree in General Studies from Central Texas University and Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree from Excelsior College.

CSM Plummer is married, and they have two sons.



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## Closing Songs

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### The Engineer Song

Pin the Castle on my collar,  
I've done my training for the team.  
You can call me an engineer Soldier.  
The warrior spirit has been my dream.

Essayons, whether in war or peace  
We will bear our red and our white.  
Essayons, We serve America  
And the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.  
Essayons!  
Essayons!

### The Army Song

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.  
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.  
We're the Army and proud of our name!  
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

First to fight for the right  
And to build the Nation's might,  
And the Army goes rolling along.  
Proud of all we have done,  
Fighting till the battle's won,  
And the Army goes rolling along.

Then it's hi! hi! hey!  
The Army's on its way.  
Count off the cadence loud and strong;  
For where're we go,  
You will always know  
That the Army goes rolling along.





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## Command History

The origins of the Pacific Ocean Division, established in 1957, go back to 1905, when Lieutenant John R. Slattery became the first Honolulu District Engineer. In the early years, the District constructed lighthouses and improved harbors in the Territory of Hawaii and erected seacoast fortifications for the defense of Honolulu and Pearl harbors on the island of Oahu. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the Army Engineers strengthened the defenses of Hawaii against an anticipated but unrealized enemy landing. Later, Engineer dredges followed American assault forces across the central Pacific carving out harbors at newly gained islands, and reaching Okinawa even before that island's surrender in 1945.

With the return of peace, the Okinawa Engineer District was established in 1946 and began the immense task of building the war-and-typhoon-devastated island into a modern bastion of defense. Following the Korean War and the United States' decision to maintain armed forces in the Republic of Korea, increasing demands for military construction there, as well as in Japan and Okinawa, led to the establishment of the Pacific Ocean Division in Hawaii on June 3, 1957, with three subordinate district engineer offices in Honolulu, Korea and Okinawa.

The Division Engineer became responsible for a military construction program that stretched across the Pacific to include Hawaii, Okinawa, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, and, eventually, Pakistan. In 1959, the Division undertook the construction of antiballistic missile defense test facilities at Kwajalein Missile Range in the Marshall Islands.

The Division's civil works program experienced similar growth and geographical expansion. By 1980, its boundaries included Hawaii, Territory of Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Territory of American Samoa. Projects included deep-draft and small boat harbors, flood control, and beach erosion control, along with regulatory functions concerning the waters of the United States. Also by 1980, the Division had started navigation studies of the South Han River in the Republic of Korea. It was also responsible for a capital improvement program, as well as regulatory functions, in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

In 1970, the Division became fully operational in nature, as well as administrative, with its absorption of the personnel and programs of the Honolulu District. The Japan Engineer District replaced the Okinawa District in 1972, and the Alaska District joined the Division in 1997.

The Pacific Ocean Division transitioned from an operational division in 2000 to its present configuration, which includes four districts: Honolulu, Far East, Japan and Alaska. Today, this westernmost and southernmost of the Corps of Engineers' nine divisions has an area of responsibility that covers close to nine million square miles of the earth's surface. Its mission includes engineering design, construction and real estate management for the Army in Hawaii, Army and Air Force in Alaska, and for all Department of Defense agencies in Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands. The Division administers the Corps' federal water resource development program and waters and wetlands regulatory programs in Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Pacific Ocean Division supports U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and U.S. Army Pacific's Theater Security Cooperation strategies, Humanitarian Assistance Program, and Civil Military Emergency Preparedness with projects throughout the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

