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**Colonel Margaret W. Burcham**  
**Commander and Division Engineer**  
**Great Lakes and Ohio River Division**



Colonel Margaret W. Burcham took command of the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, headquartered in Cincinnati Ohio, on September 19, 2011. The division has seven engineer districts totaling over 4800 people operating in a seventeen state area, and is charged with directing federal water resource development in the Great Lakes and Ohio River basins with infrastructure valued at over \$80 billion. With an annual operating and construction budget exceeding \$2 billion, missions include planning, construction and operations of navigation structures and flood damage reduction, hydropower, environmental restoration, water conservation, recreation and disaster assistance.

The division also executes military construction in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan with design and construction of barracks, hospitals, airfields and family housing on military installations.

Colonel Burcham previously served as the Chief of the Joint Capabilities Division of the Resources, Assessments and Force Management Directorate, J8, on The Joint Staff in the Pentagon and the commander of the Europe District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as well as the Gulf Region North District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Iraq.

Colonel Burcham was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY in 1982. She later received a master's in Computer Science from Kansas State University. Her military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Command and General Staff Officers Course, and the Senior Service College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Other previous assignments include the 516th Engineer Company (Medium Girder Bridge); 130th Engineer Brigade in Hanau, Germany; Far East District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Seoul, Korea; U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY; 4th Region (Reserve Officer Training Corps) and 864<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) at Fort Lewis, WA; U.S. Total Army Personnel Command in Alexandria, VA; 94th Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) in Vilseck, Germany; Headquarters U.S. Army Europe in Heidelberg, Germany; and Human Resources Command in Alexandria, VA.

Colonel Burcham's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (six Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (one Bronze Service Star), the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 5), the Army Superior Unit Award, the Joint Staff Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Burcham is married to Jay Burcham and has two children, a daughter, Monica Walrond, and a son, John Tubesing.

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