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## Jacksonville Post

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### *Colonel Alan Dodd New President Jax Post Installs 2014-15 Officers/Directors*

Col. Alan Dodd, Jacksonville District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, took over the Jacksonville Post helm on June 21, 2014, during the Installation of Officers and Directors event at Blue Fish Grill in historic Avondale. His first act as president was to thank the outgoing Post President, CAPT Chris Kiwus, CEC, USN NAVFAC Southeast, and all the Post members for their dedicated service to SAME's mission.

Col. Dodd acknowledged CAPT Kiwus' leadership, with the official president's gavel plaque.

With more than 40 Jax Post officers, members and guests attending the dinner event, CAPT Kiwus kicked off the event by reviewing the year's successes, especially thanking those who helped make the JETC such a huge success with a record number of attendees.

"It's been an incredible year of accomplishment," said CAPT Kiwus. "Along with co-hosting the

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*Above:* New Jacksonville Post President Colonel Alan Dodd, right, accepts the president's gavel from outgoing president Captain Chris Kiwus, signifying the induction of the new president and term.



*Left:* Jacksonville Post Officers (from left) LTC Mark Himes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President; Captain Scott Hurst, First Vice-President; Colonel Alan Dodd, President; and Brian Files, Treasurer.



# 2014-15 Officers/Directors

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JETC with SAME Headquarters, the Post awarded \$40,000 worth of scholarships, supported the Wounded Warrior Project, and advanced the future of engineering with our youth through Engineering Career Day and the many mentoring projects the Young Members Committee and the UNF Student Chapter created."

Moving on to awards, CAPT Kiwus announced the Post President's award as going to Eric Denfield, NAVAC Southeas, for his outstanding service to the Post.

Next, CAPT Kiwus recognized other great achievers including Ron Hilton, Army Corps (ret), for his exceptional chairmanship of the JETC – Member of the Year; Wendi Leanhardt, CSX - Young Engineer of the Year; AMEC – Large Sustaining Member Firm of the Year; Jones Edmunds – Medium Sustaining Member Firm of the Year; and Keville Enterprises – Small Sustaining Firm of the Year.

Thanks to Alan Watt, RS&H, for residing-over the main event of the evening--the installation of officers and directors for the 2014-15 term (SAME South Atlantic Regional Vice President (RVP) Bill Bersson could not attend at the last minute).

Before and after the official "swearing-in", members, spouses and guests got the opportunity to network and meet new and old friends during a social hour and heavy appetizers. The event concluded with a bright outlook for the new term. ♦

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*Photos at right: Outgoing Post President CAPT Kiwus presents awards to (top) Brian Icerman, representing Jones Edmunds, (middle) Wendi Leanhardt, CSX, and (bottom) Doug McCutchen, representing Keville Enterprises.*



Installation members and guests get to know each other.

# Jacksonville Post July Opportunity

**DATE:** Wednesday, **July 23**, 2014

**LOCATION:** Ramada Inn –Mandarin  
3130 Hartley Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32257

**AGENDA:** 1130 – 1200 Registration  
and Socializing  
1200 BUFFET LUNCH

**TOPIC: Emergency Preparedness**

Don Maconi, PE, Contingency Engineer, Branch Manager NAVFAC Southeast and Aaron Stormant, Emergency Management Branch Chief, Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Provide information on individual emergency preparedness, NAVFAC Contingency Contracts and contractors' role, and the Corps of Engineers hurricane readiness preparedness and capabilities. Very timely topic!

**BUFFET LUNCH MENU:**

Garden Tossed House Salad  
Sauteed Chicken Marsala and  
Herbed Baked Salmon with Dill Cream Sauce  
Squash and Zucchini  
Wild Rice  
Key Lime Pie  
Rolls, Butter, Coffee (Regular & Decaf),  
Tea, Lemonade

**COST:** \$17.00 private sector, \$10.00 public agency  
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**SPEAKERS:**

Please see the two keynote speakers' bios on Page 5

**RESERVATIONS:**

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Left: Post First Vice-President CAPT Scott Hurst and wife greet guests.



Colonel Alan Dodd thanks the officers and directors for their service to the Jacksonville Post.



Above: Members and guests say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Right: Alan Watt, swears in Col. Dodd as the incoming Jacksonville Post 2014-15 President.



Jacksonville Post officers and directors celebrate the start of the new term.



# July Meeting Keynote Speakers

## Background

### **G. "Aaron" Stormant Chief of Emergency Management Branch Operations Division Jacksonville District**



In July 2009, G. "Aaron" Stormant became the Chief of Emergency Management Branch, Operations Division for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District. During this time he achieved a Masters Emergency Management Certification Degree from the George Washington University and has recently been selected into the Emergency Support Function 3 as an Assistant Team Leader to support the nation during any disaster. He fully supports the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Nation through the timely, consistent, and efficient execution of response and recovery operations as a result of natural and man-made disasters and military contingencies. He led teams in support of Hurricane Andrew (1992), Hurricane Georges (1998), Hurricane Ivan (2004), Hurricane Wilma (2005), Deepwater Horizon (2010), Haiti earthquake (2010), was the Operations Chief for the Alabama tornados (2011), was a Team Leader working with FEMA to support the Response/Recovery Missions in NYC for Hurricane Sandy (2012).

Prior to becoming the Chief of Emergency Management he worked in Engineering for Water Management from May 1992 to November 2003 in which he was responsible for operations of approximately 1000 miles of canals and over 200 water control structures. Then he worked from November 2003 to September 2007 for Planning Division in which he was the Planning Technical Lead for Everglades Restoration projects worth more than 1 billion dollars. Then in September 2007 he worked for Multi-Projects Branch and led a multi-million dollar Operations and Management programs prior to being selected as the Acting Chief of Emergency Management branch in 2008. While in Emergency Management he was selected as a Resident Engineer for 34 projects valued in excess of \$208 Million at the Al Asad Air Base in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was responsible for supervising and managing a staff of 24 U.S. and Iraqi personnel. ♦

### **Don Maconi, PE Contingency Engineer and NAVFAC LnO to USSOUTHCOM NAVFAC Southeast**



#### **Previous Positions:**

- Team Lead Facility Planner, IPT Gulf Coast NAVFAC Southeast
- Military Construction Naval Reserve (MCNR) Planner  
*Commander Naval Reserve Force (COMNAVRESFOR)*
- Program Mgr, Environmental Management System *Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP) Jacksonville, FL*
- Program Mgr, Environmental Solid Waste program *Public Works Center (PWC) Pearl Harbor, HI*
- Various tours as Naval Officer in Civil Engineer Corps (CEC), in both Active Duty and Reserve Components

#### **Education:**

- Masters in Public Administration (MPA), Troy University, 1997
- B.S., Mechanical Engineering (ME), U.S. Naval Academy, 1982

#### **Professional Credentials and Awards:**

- P.E. (Mechanical Engineering, Florida)
- Facilities Engineering (FE) Level III DAWIA Certification
- Seabee Combat Warfare Officer

#### **Program and Project Management Experience:**

- Program Manager, multiple Foreign Military construction projects in Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Barbados, and Antigua, 2008-2014
- Program Manager, multiple Humanitarian Assistance projects in several Caribbean nations, 2008-2014
- Program Manager, multiple waterfront and operation centers in support of Counter Narcotics operations in several Caribbean nations, 2008-2014
- Project Manager, Installation Master Plan, NAS Pensacola, 2008
- Project Manager, Tenant Master Plan, Louisiana Air National Guard (LAANG), 2008 ♦

# Getting to Know New Post President

## *Colonel Alan Dodd*

Colonel Alan M. Dodd is the Commander and District Engineer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District. Col. Dodd assumed command on June 28, 2012.



Col. Dodd recently graduated from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Prior to this assignment, he served as Commander, 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C., where he led the battalion during combat operations in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom from December 2009 to December 2010. Previous assignments include: Command Engineer, Joint Special Operations Command, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Plans Branch Chief, Office of the Chief of Engineers, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C.; Special Assistant to the Commanding General, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.; Battalion Executive Officer and Battalion Operations Officer (S3), 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.; Command Engineer, 1st Corps Support Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Deputy Resident Engineer, Yokosuka Resident Office, Japan Engineer District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Commander, C Company and Battalion Assistant Operations Officer (S3), 317th Engineer Battalion (Combat), 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.; Brigade Construction Officer, 20th Engineer Brigade (Combat)(Airborne Corps), Ft Bragg, N.C.; Executive Officer, Combat Engineer and Light Equipment Platoon Leader, B Company, 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

Col. Dodd was born and raised in Worcester, Mass. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1983 as an Atomic Demolitions Munitions Specialist and was assigned to the 66th Engineer Company (Atomic Demolition Munitions) at Ft Hood, Texas. In May 1989, he graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He has a master's degree in civil engineering from Pennsylvania State University. Col. Dodd is a graduate of the Army War College, Army Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Army Advanced Force Management Course, Engineer Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, 82nd Airborne Division Jumpmaster Course and the Air Movements Officer Course.

Col. Dodd's awards include the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device (three oak leaf clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal with bronze service star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze service stars, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Saudi and Kuwait Liberation Medals, NATO Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Australian, German, Japanese, Netherlands and Honduran Parachutist Badges, Army Staff Identification Badge and the Bronze Order of the deFleury Medal. ♦

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<b>23 JUL</b>	<b>Hurricane Readiness</b>	<b>Ramada Inn – Mandarin</b>
<b>27 AUG</b>	<b>Doing Business w/ Gov't &amp; Small Business Event</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>24 SEP</b>	<b>Joint luncheon w/ CMAA</b>	<b>Ramada Inn – Mandarin</b>
<b>22 OCT</b>	<b>Joint luncheon w/ DBIA</b>	<b>Ramada Inn - Mandarin</b>
<b>19 NOV</b>	<b>Wounded Warrior Project</b>	<b>Ramada Inn – Mandarin</b>
<b>17 DEC</b>	<b>Orlando VAMC</b>	<b>Ramada Inn – Mandarin</b>

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