



**SAVANNAH DISTRICT
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After serving as the Special Assistant of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Missouri River Basin Programs in the Northwestern Division from 2011 to 2014, Erik Blechinger accepted the highest ranking civilian position in the Savannah District. In June 2014, Blechinger became the Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management and Chief, Programs and Project Management Division in Savannah. The PPM Division is responsible for executing and managing an annual program that exceeds \$1 billion, and includes a staff of about 54. The Savannah District supports 11 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina, water resource activities in Georgia and portions of South Carolina as well as wetland protection in Georgia. The Savannah District also performs work in military design and master planning; hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste clean-up at Formerly Used Defense sites; real estate activities for the Department of Defense; emergency management operations for state and federal agencies; and supports Overseas Contingency Operations.

From 2005-2011, Blechinger served as the Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management and Chief, Programs and Project Management Division for the Omaha District of the Corps of Engineers. His responsibilities included support to 26 Army and Air Force installations in an eight-state area, water resources development in nine states of the Upper Missouri River Basin, and Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste cleanup work for the Department of Defense and other clients that covered 41 States and 147 installations.

Blechinger has completed two tours supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and has held several senior engineering, construction and management positions in the Corps' Districts and the Northwestern Division Office.

A native of Madison, Wisconsin, Erik earned his bachelor's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Wisconsin in 1987. He went on to earn a Master's of Science in Civil Engineering with Honors from the University of Kansas in 1997. Erik also completed the Harvard Senior Executive Fellows program in 2009.

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