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## **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

**JUNE 2020** 

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers to serve the next business year, starting in June, was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors & Post President, and an official election by the membership was held to ratify the Board's decision at our May 13 monthly luncheon. Following is the list of candidates:

The new slate of officers will be installed at the upcoming monthly luncheon on June 10, 2020.

We cordially invite you and encourage your attendance to join us in this event and celebrate a very successful year in furthering your professional development.

Greg Breerwood, PE Chairman, Nominating Committee

## HOST SUSTAINING MEMBER INFORMATION

We still have some luncheon meetings available for Sustaining Members to host. Hosting our monthly meetings is a great opportunity to put your firm in the limelight and showcase your firm's experience and abilities. If your firm is interested in hosting one of these meetings, please contact Charlie Settoon at (504) 889-0182.

We would like to thank all the Sustaining Member Firms who have hosted a monthly meeting in the past. If it has been a while since your firm hosted a meeting, you are welcome to host another meeting. Let's continue to show our support for the Louisiana Post through this great professional opportunity.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND NEWS

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#### **LOUISIANA POST MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020

**SOCIAL - 11:30 A.M.** 

**POST LUNCHEON - 12:00 P.M.** 

LOCATION: JEFFERSON ORLEANS SOUTH

2536 EDENBORN AVE. METAIRIE, LA 70002

GUEST SPEAKER: MAJOR GENERAL R. MARK TOY, COMMANDER, MISSISSIPPI

VALLEY DIVISION, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

TOPIC: UPDATE ON USACE ACTIVITIES

MENU: SALAD, CATFISH ALMONDINE, RICE, GREEN BEANS

**DESSERT, ICED TEA & COFFEE** 

COST: \$30.00 MEMBERS; \$35.00 NON-MEMBERS; \$5.00 STUDENTS

**RESERVATIONS:** FOR RESERVATIONS VIA E-MAIL:

RICHARD.C.ENTWISLE@USACE.ARMY.MIL

YOU MAY ALSO CALL RICHARD AT (504) 862-1377

OR MAIL PAYMENT TO: SAME, LOUISIANA POST

**5321 TOBY LANE** 

KENNER, LA 70065-2345

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 3:00 P.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 9th

THIS WILL QUALIFY AS 1.0 PDH

DON'T FORGET THAT EVERY MONTH YOU CAN EARN 1.0 PDH (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOUR) FOR ATTENDING S.A.M.E. LUNCHEON MEETINGS.



# Major General R. Mark Toy



Maj. Gen. R. Mark Toy assumed command of the Mississippi Valley Division (MVD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), July 23, 2019. Toy serves as the senior military officer in the division, headquartered in Vicksburg, Mississippi, responsible for water resources engineering solutions in a 370,000-square-mile area, extending from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and encompassing portions of 12 states. The mission of the division is to serve the Mississippi Valley region by providing vital public engineering services and stewardship of water resource infrastructure, partnering in peace and war, to strengthen our nation's security, energize the economy and reduce risks from disasters. The division's work is carried out by district offices located in St. Paul, Minnesota; Rock Island, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Memphis, Tennessee; Vicksburg, Mississippi; and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Prior to coming to MVD, Toy served as commander of the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (LRD), USACE. While assigned to LRD, Toy deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Resolute Support. He served as the director for the Enhanced Security Zone (ESZ) leading a task force composed of personnel from USACE and the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIDO). Task Force ESZ's mission was to improve the protective posture of Kabul's "Green Zone" resulting in improved security for the international community and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Previous assignments include: commander, South Pacific Division, USACE, San Francisco, California, June 2014 to Aug. 2016; chief of staff, Headquarters USACE, Washington, D.C., Aug. 2013 to June 2014; commander and district engineer, Los Angeles District, USACE, July 2010 to July 2013; and commander, 84th Engineer Battalion "Never Daunted", Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, July 2005 to June 2007.

Other key staff assignments include: chief, Engineer Branch, Officer Personnel Management Directorate, Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia; aide-de-camp to Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, the 50th Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, USACE, Washington D.C.; and assistant professor of Environmental Engineering, Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Toy's awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal (2 Awards), Legion of Merit (2 Awards), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (6 Awards), Army Commendation Medal (2 Awards), Army Achievement Medal (2 Awards), Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, and Parachutist Badge.

Toy is from Huntington Beach, California. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in operations research. He holds a Master of Business Administration from Boston University (1991), a Master of Science in environmental engineering from the University of California at Los Angeles (1996), and a Master of Science in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (2010). He is a registered professional engineer in the states of Arizona and Virginia.