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## COL PETER A. "DUKE" DELUCA, OUR POST PRESIDENT AND DIVISION ENGINEER, USACE NORTH ATLANTIC DIVISION TO SPEAK ON USACE'S UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT POST'S 2009-2010 KICKOFF ON SEPT 23, 2009

**C**olonel Peter A. "Duke" DeLuca was elected as our new Post President in June, 2009. He is also the new Commander and Division Engineer of the US Army Corps of Engineers, North Atlantic Division.



NAD is one of eight permanent Corps of Engineers regions providing engineering and construction services to the nation. It is the Corps' regional business center in the Northeast from Virginia through Maine and more than 90 other countries in Europe and Africa, with district offices in Concord, Mass., New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk and Wiesbaden, Germany.

As Division Commander, COL DeLuca oversees the planning, design and construction of projects to support the military, protect America's water resources, and restore and enhance the environment within a 180,000 square mile area along the Atlantic Coast. This includes more than \$7 billion in work to support Base Realignment and Closure 2005. He is also responsible for a variety of Division engineering and construction activities for international, Federal, state and local governments and agencies in the US and overseas, including in Europe and Africa. The total program in North Atlantic Division today is over \$16.6 Billion in work.

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COL DeLuca's last assignment was Commander of the 20th Engineer Brigade (Combat) (Airborne) at Fort Bragg and in Iraq from June 2006 through December 2008. During this very active period in its history, the brigade activated three new engineer battalions, deployed two airborne combat engineer battalions to Afghanistan and deployed one construction battalion and one Air Assault combat engineer battalion to Iraq. He deployed with the brigade in June 2007 and they served as the Multi-national Corps-Iraq Engineer Brigade until October 2008, commanding a multi-service force of over 3200 Army, Navy and Air Force engineers. In two previous deployments to Iraq, he served as Assistant Chief of Staff, Engineer (CJ-7) at Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq from June 2004 to June 2005, where he led a \$2 billion construction program to support the creation and employment of the emerging Iraqi Security Forces. He also commanded the 326th Engineer Battalion (Air Assault) during its participation in Kosovo

peacekeeping operations in the U.S., the Afghanistan (OEF I) campaign, and the Iraq (OIF I) campaign.

COL DeLuca has served at every level from platoon through combatant command. He is a Eurasian foreign area officer, a graduate of the Defense Language Institute's Russian linguist course, Columbia University's Master of International Affairs program, and was a Senior Fellow at the George C. Marshall Center for European Security in Germany and a National Security Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He was commissioned from the ROTC program at the University of Pennsylvania in 1983 after earning Bachelor of Science degrees in Economics and Mechanical Engineering. His decorations include the Bronze Star with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Combat Action Badge.

### **1 PDH will be offered for this meeting.\***

*\*PDH Certificates valid for New York State and most other states' engineering continuing education requirements will be issued to all attendees who remain for the entire presentation and who turn in an evaluation.*

**Don't wait until the last minute—make your reservations early to assure yourself and your guests of a seat!**

**SEE PAGE 2 FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ON REGISTERING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

**NOTE TO HARVARD CLUB ATTENDEES:**  
**The Harvard Club has graciously requested that we observe their policy that NO CELL PHONES BE USED INSIDE OF ANY OCCUPIED AREAS OF THE CLUB.**

*We appreciate your cooperation.*

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# REGISTRATION PAGE

Fill out the registration form below or try our new Online *Fill-Out-and-Email* Option  
At <http://www.same-nyc.org>

(Wed) September 23, 2009 **Post Regular Evening Meeting Reservation Form**  
**6:00 PM—Harvard Club—27 West 44th St (between 5th & 6th Aves)**

May we suggest that you make a copy of this notice before cutting out your reservation so that you will have it handy for future reference?

- *Detach and FAX RESERVATION TO MICHAEL SCARANO (718) 504-4281 or E-MAIL TO [mscarano@att.net](mailto:mscarano@att.net) or [michael.scarano@us.army.mil](mailto:michael.scarano@us.army.mil). MAIL PAYMENT TO MICHAEL SCARANO, POST SECRETARY, 26 RAY ST, STATEN ISLAND NY 10312 or BRING TO MEETING. YOU MAY ALSO MAIL RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT TO MICHAEL SCARANO.*
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WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR MEETING RESERVATION BY Fri, September 18, 2009\*

MEETING COST (INCLUDES BUFFET DINNER AND DESSERT)		
NO	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	COST
1	Regular Non-Member Reservation	\$115
2	Regular Member Reservation	\$105
3	Young Member (Not yet 36 Years Old) Reservation	\$80
4	Military/ Government Member Reservation	\$50
5	Student Member Reservation	\$30
6	Late Reservation	\$120
7	At Door without Reservation (Space Available Basis)	\$130
8	Staff or Guest Speaker	N/A

## RESERVATION POLICY

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- Make Checks or Money Orders payable to NYC Post SAME
- ALL Reservations must be received by close of business Friday before Meeting Date—*Late Reservations in effect thereafter on space available basis—\$120. At door—\$130.*
- Refunds given for cancellations e-mailed or FAXed by 10 am, 3 days before meeting.
- Harvard Club policy prohibits use of cell phones in public

### Please Provide All Requested Information

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PLEASE USE ONE RESERVATION FORM PER GROUP

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### Room for You!

Our new, expanded electronic format has plenty of room for Committee News, Sustaining Member features, membership highlights etc. If you would like to contribute, contact Michael Scarano, Post Secretary or Greg Kelly, Chairman, Publicity and Development Committee.

#### COMMITTEE NOTES...

POST COMMITTEE AFFAIRS, ACTIVITIES UPDATES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF NOTE TO KEEP YOU UP TO DATE.

Meetings and Programs—The Meetings and Programs Committee met earlier this year to plan the remainder of the year's evening meetings. A slate of programs appealing to all of our members is planned, with prominent speakers from the public sector planned for each meeting. Watch for more information as we firm up our speakers.

Watch for more information as we expand our Meeting Announcement and Post Update flyer in the near future.

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