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## USACE NEW YORK AND NORFOLK DISTRICT COMMANDERS TO OFFER PRESENTATION ON USACE RESILIENCY PROGRAM AT FEBRUARY 27, 2019 EVENING MEETING

*Presentation: Reducing Coastal Flood Risk in densely populated and highly urbanized areas along the Atlantic Coast*



**COL Thomas D. Asbery, USA**  
District Engineer  
USACE New York District

**C**olonel Thomas D. Asbery assumed command of the New York District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on June 8, 2017. He is responsible for the Corps' water resource development, navigation, and regulatory activities in northeastern New Jersey, eastern and south-central New York State, including the New York and New Jersey Harbor and Long Island, as well as areas of Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. Colonel Asbery oversees the design and construction at U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force installations in New Jersey, New York, and Greenland. Colonel Asbery holds the title of Supervisor of the New York and New Jersey Harbor.

Most recently, Colonel Asbery served as the Transatlantic Division's Operational Command Post Officer in Charge at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Colonel Asbery began his military career as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer and Battalion Adjutant, in the 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky. He later served as the Battalion S-4 and Company Commander of Bravo Company, 317th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Benning, Ga. After two operational assignments, Colonel Asbery served in Europe District, North Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as a Project Engineer, Resident Engineer and Area Engineer at Incirlik Air Force Base, Turkey; then moved to Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany and served as a Program Manager for the U.S. Air Force Europe. He deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Forward Engineer Support Team Operations Officer and Team Leader. He deployed a third time to the Mississippi Coast in support of Hurricane Katrina disaster relief efforts. After graduating from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Ks. Colonel Asbery returned to Europe as the Battalion S-3 of the 54th Engineer Battalion, 18th Engineer Brigade, Bamberg, Germany.

As a Battalion S-3, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 08-10 and was attached to the 20th Engineer Brigade "Airborne," Camp Stryker, Iraq. Upon redeployment from Iraq, he was assigned to the Engineer Branch, Operations Division, Human Resources Command as the Engineer Majors and Lieutenant Colonels Assignment Officer. He later served as the Executive Officer to the Commanding General, Human Resources Command, Fort Knox, Ky. Colonel Asbery then served as the Commander of the Honolulu District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Deputy Division Commander, Pacific Ocean Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Shafter, Hi.

Colonel Asbery is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Sapper Leader Course, and the U.S. Army Ranger School. His military awards and decorations include the Airborne and Air-Assault Badges; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Army Achievement and Commendation Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Combat Action Badge, and the Engineer Regiment's Bronze Order of the DeFlury Medal. Unit awards include the Army Superior Unit Award and Meritorious Unit Citation.

Colonel Asbery hails from Woodbridge, Va. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in May 1994 after graduating from West Virginia University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Landscape Architecture. He also holds a Master of Science in Architecture - Construction Management degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Colonel Asbery is married with two adult children.



**COL Patrick V. Kinsman, USA**  
District Engineer,  
USACE Norfolk District

**C**olonel Patrick V. Kinsman assumed duty as the 59th commander of the Norfolk District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on June 13, 2018. As the commander, he oversees the district's civil works, military construction, regulatory, and emergency operations missions, and is responsible for more than 350 employees in Norfolk and in resident offices throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Prior to this assignment, Colonel Kinsman served as Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of the Transatlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. With more than 600 people, the Transatlantic Division executes projects in the majority of the countries within area spanning from Egypt through the Middle East and Central Asia

Colonel Kinsman's other command and staff assignments include an assignment as a Secretary of Defense and Army War College Corporate Fellow with the Intel Corporation in Hillsboro, Ore.; Deputy Commander for the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany; Battalion Commander, 326th Engineer Battalion, Fort Campbell, Ky., with deployment to Balad, Iraq; Engineer Operations Planner, NATO Forces Command, Madrid, Spain; Brigade Engineer and Operations Officer, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Bamberg, Germany; Assistant Director, Civil Works, Headquarters U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.; Resident Engineer at Gardez, Afghanistan Engineer District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Executive Officer and Operations Officer, Headquarters U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Company Commander and Logistics Officer, 37th Engineer Battalion (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.; and Assistant Division Engineer Liaison Officer, Executive Officer, and Operations Officer, 65th Engineer Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Colonel Kinsman is a native of Bellevue, Wash., and a 1993 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., where he received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers and a bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering. He also attended the University of Missouri-Rolla earning a master's degree in engineering management and the Georgia Institute of Technology earning a master's in civil engineering and a master's in business administration.

Among his awards and military decorations are the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal (three awards), the Army Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Army Commendation Medal (two awards), the Army Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Army Superior Unit Award, the National Defense Service Medal with Service Star, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Service Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**DATE:** (Wed) February 27, 2019

**TIME:** 5:30 PM <<< Cash Bar, Dinner Meeting to follow

**LOCATION:** Harvard Club—27 West 44th St (between 5th & 6th Aves) - take elevators to 3rd Floor North Biddle Room

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3. EARLY BIRD MEETING RESERVATION DEADLINE: Thursday, February 21, 2019
4. LATE RESERVATIONS (\$180) in effect Friday, February 22, 2019—Noon Saturday, February 23, 2019
5. No Reservations Taken after 12 Noon Saturday, February 23, 2019—**PLEASE AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT—RESERVE EARLY**
6. AT THE DOOR (\$200 on a Space Available Basis) CHECK THE WEBSITE at <http://www.same-nyc.org> WE WILL POST IF SOLD OUT. If not sold out, e-mail [scaranom@same-nyc.org](mailto:scaranom@same-nyc.org) before arriving at the door.
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(INCLUDING BUFFET DINNER AND DESSERT)

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NO	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	COST
1	Regular Non-Member Reservation	\$165
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4	Full time Military or Government Member/ Fully Retired Member Reservation	\$70
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6	Late Reservation	\$180
7	At Door without Reservation (Space Available Basis) Check <a href="http://www.same-nyc.org">www.same-nyc.org</a> first for space availability.	\$200
8	Staff or Guest Speaker	N/A

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- ALL Early Bird Reservations MUST BE E-MAILED, FAXED, or received by close of business **6 Days before Meeting Date—Late Reservations in effect thereafter on space available basis—\$180. NO RESERVATIONS AFTER 12 NOON 4 Days before Meeting. At door rates—\$200.** Don't worry, you can send your payment separately later (please be as prompt as possible).
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