



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Buffalo District

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen H. Bales District Commander



LTC Stephen H. Bales was born in London, Kentucky, and entered active service in June 1991. He is currently the District Commander for the Buffalo District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Throughout his military career, LTC Bales has held numerous leadership and staff positions. His first duty station was Camp Mercer, Korea where he was a platoon leader for Charlie Company, 44th Engineer Battalion. LTC Bales was also a platoon leader for Bravo Company stationed at Camp Howze, Korea and returned to Fort Hood, TX in 1993. He served as platoon leader and Company Operations Officer for Bravo Company and transitioned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Engineer Battalion as the Battalion Tactics Officer. From 1996 to 2000, LTC Bales was stationed at Fort Bragg, NC where he served in the 20th Engineer Brigade as Brigade Construction Officer. He commanded Alpha Company, 37th Engineer Battalion. He served for two years as an Exchange Officer in Townsville,

Australia while assigned to HQs 25th Infantry Division. From 2002 to 2004, he was assigned to the United States Army Engineer School where he served as a Small Group Instructor and Concepts Officer in the Directorate of Combat Developments. After the Command and General Staff College, LTC Bales relocated to Fort Bliss, where he deployed to OIF 06-08 and served as the Executive Officer for the Special Troops Battalion, for two years and one year as the BCT Engineer, 4th BCT, 1st Cavalry Division. His most recent assignment was with the United States Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District where he served as the Deputy Commander.

LTC Bales' military education includes Airborne School, the Engineer Officer Basic Course, the Scout Platoon Leaders Course, the Strategic Deployment School, the Engineer Officer Advanced Course, Battalion Motor Officer Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School (CAS3), Jumpmaster School, Command and General Staff College, and the Joint Planning Course.

LTC Bales' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (fifth award); the Army Commendation Medal (fourth award); the Army Achievement Medal (third award), the Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, the National Defense Service Medal (with bronze star device), the Iraqi Campaign Medal (with two Campaign stars), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon; the Overseas Service Ribbon (with numeral 3), the Parachutist Badge, and the Bronze Order of the deFleury Medal.

LTC Bales is a 1991 graduate of the United States Military at West Point, New York, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. He is married to the former Hope Smith of London, Kentucky. They currently reside in West Seneca, New York and have a son, Kaleb.