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Colonel Merdith “Bo” Temple to command Corps’ Brooklyn, NY (November 21, 2002)---Colonel (Promotable) Merdith W. B. “Bo” Temple will assume command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ North Atlantic Division during a Change of Command ceremony presided over by Lieutenant General Robert Flowers, the Chief of Engineers, on Monday, November 25, 11 a.m. at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York.

The Change of Command is a time honored military tradition, the passing of the Flag, which marks the transfer of command. Colonel (P) Temple will assume command from Brigadier General M. Stephen Rhoades, who is retiring.

Colonel (P) Temple, a Virginia native, comes to the Division after a tour as Commander of the Corps’ Transatlantic Programs Center in Winchester, Virginia. He holds a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the Virginia Military Institute, a masters degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University, and is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. Colonel (P) Temple is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

General Rhoades, who has commanded the Division since July 1999, will retire from the Army with more than 29 years of distinguished service. During his three plus years as Commander, he maintained one of the Corps’ largest and most challenging programs.

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Editors Note – Media coverage is invited, but in order to clear media through the Fort Hamilton gates please contact David Lipsky at (718) 765-7018 or Lou Fioto at (718) 765-7046 by 2 PM Nov. 22nd. A list will be at the gate allowing access to reporters. Biographies of Colonel (P) Temple and General Rhoades available upon request. The ceremony will take place in the Fort Hamilton Community Club, Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York. Information about the North Atlantic Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can be found at: <http://www.nad.usace.army.mil>

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