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**NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**ARMY ENGINEERS ANNOUNCE CHANGE OF COMMAND**

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**NEW YORK** – Brig. Gen. William Grisoli will assume command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-North Atlantic Division from Brig. Gen. Merdith W. B. (Bo) Temple during a formal change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. August 1 in the historic Fort Hamilton Community Club in Brooklyn, N.Y. Lt. Gen. Carl Strock, the Army's Chief of Engineers, will officiate.

**WHO?** General Grisoli is the current Commander and Division Engineer of the USACE's Northwestern Division headquartered in Portland, Ore. General Temple will become the Director of Military Construction at the Corps' headquarters in Wash., D.C.

**WHAT?** General Grisoli will take command of the North Atlantic Division which has six districts in Concord, MA (Boston area); New York; Philadelphia; Baltimore; Norfolk, Va.; and Germany. It is one of eight permanent USACE regional business centers.

**WHEN?** 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 1, 2005 (News media representatives should call the Division's PAO at (718) 765-7018, if they plan to cover the event and arrive no later than 9:30 a.m.)

**WHERE?** Jackson Room of the Fort Hamilton Community Club (Use Fort Hamilton Parkway entrance at 101st St. in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.)

**WHY?** A formal change of command is a military tradition dating back to Roman times. The ceremony emphasizes the continuity of leadership and unit identity, despite changes in individual leadership. It also symbolizes the transfer of command responsibility from one officer to another.

The USACE-North Atlantic Division builds and maintains facilities for the Army and Air Force in Europe, Greenland, parts of Africa and the Northeastern United States. It can move on short notice to support an Army operation anywhere in the world. It has a civil works mission that involves water resources work -- improving navigation channels on inland waterways, reducing flood and coastal storm damage and protecting or restoring the environment.

The five stateside districts maintain and improve navigation channels in the ports of Boston and New York, as well as harbors in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Norfolk. The civil works mission includes working with states and local communities to meet flood control and coastal needs. More information is available online at the Division's website: <http://www.nad.usace.army.mil>

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