



**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
TRANSATLANTIC DIVISION**
MIDDLE EAST DISTRICT ~ EXPEDITIONARY DISTRICT

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS, BUILDING CAPACITY, AND
ENHANCING SECURITY FOR OUR NATION, ALLIES, AND PARTNERS

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STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS



BUILDING CAPACITY



ENHANCING SECURITY



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**INNOVATIVE ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS IN ONE OF THE MOST
DYNAMIC CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTS IN THE WORLD**



Our Mission

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS BUILDING CAPACITY • ENHANCING SECURITY

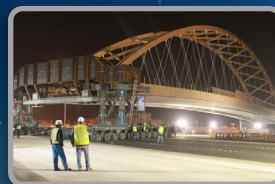
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has six focused mission areas: Civil Works, Military Missions, Environmental, Emergency Operations, Research and Development, and Sustainability. The Transatlantic Division primarily focuses on three aspects of these mission areas:



MILITARY MISSIONS: Support our Combatant Commands to achieve our DoD security objectives and advance our Nation's interests around the globe. Provide programmatic policy and management of the worldwide military construction programs as a designated DoD construction agent.



CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS: Support to military actions requiring rapid deployment of the full spectrum of military forces in support of national policy short of war. Delivering agile, responsive, and innovative, design, construction, engineering and contingency solutions maximizing the combat potential of the force, balanced against the many uncertainties of a rapidly developing operation undertaken when vital national interests are at stake.



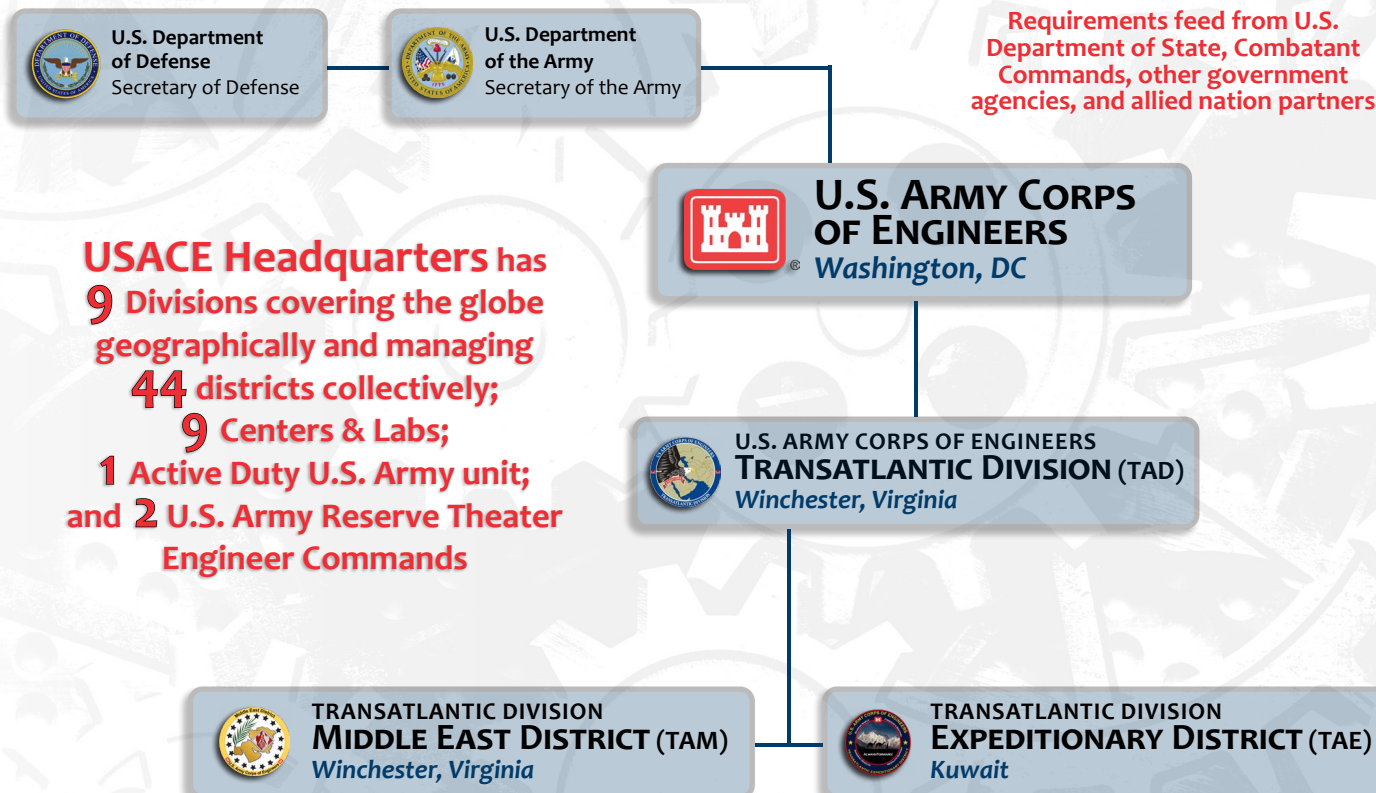
INTERNATIONAL & INTERAGENCY: Integrate capabilities and expertise across the organization to enable our international and interagency partners to focus on their primary mission goals and objectives. Leverage our global presence, unique authorities, enduring relationships, and enterprise processes to deliver scalable solutions at home and abroad.

**FOR U.S. AND ALLIED NATION PARTNERS ACROSS
THE MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA, AND THE LEVANT**

Our Organization

"What the Transatlantic Division brings to the CENTCOM AOR is a doorway to the full Army Corps of Engineers Enterprise and all the research and development, expertise, and experience that comes with it. This brings a lot of partnerships and innovation capability to the table."

~COL William C. Hannan, Jr.



ONE DOOR TO THE CORPS!

The Transatlantic Division and our Districts have reachback capabilities to the full USACE Enterprise, including Subject Matter Expertise, and Research and Development.

OUR VISION

Trusted team, proudly serving as USACE's 'Tip of the Spear'; providing innovative solutions for our nation, allies, and partners.

OUR MISSION

TAD delivers agile, responsive, and innovative design, construction, engineering, and contingency solutions in support of CENTCOM, SOCOM and other global partners to advance national security interests.

Building Strong!



Our Capabilities

“ESSAYONS!”



ENGINEERING, DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

*Our Division is unique. We are increasing **READINESS** and **MODERNIZATION** through military construction projects supporting the warfighter, enabling steady-state military operations, and sustaining our nation’s ability to fight and win wars ...*

DIVISION (MSC) FUNCTIONS: *Mission Command, Stakeholder Engagement, Program Management, Quality Assurance, Executive Management & Direction*

DISTRICT CAPABILITIES:

- Planning
- Engineering
- Design & Construction
- Operations & Maintenance
- Program & Project Management
- Safety
- Contracting & Procurement
- Research & Development
- Emergency Management & Resiliency
- Disaster Response & Recovery
- Training

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Air/Water Quality, Compliance Documentation, Floodplains/Wetland Protection, Habitat Mitigation, Hazardous Waste Response, Impact Assessments, Inventories, Remedial Design/Action, Surveys/Audits

WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Dredge, Excavation, Maintenance, Flood Control Structures, Waste and Water Treatment, Water Resource Master Planning, Bridges, Port Facilities, and Locks/Dams/Ports

REAL ESTATE

Acquisition/Disposal, Appraisal, Leasing Management

70+ Years

Engineering Excellence throughout the Middle East & Central Asia

~\$4.9B Portfolio

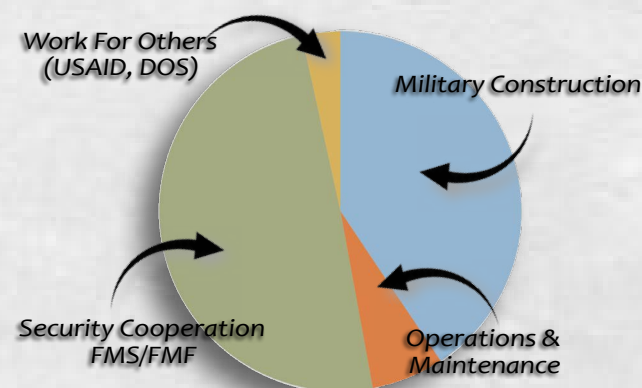
Supporting our Nation, CENTCOM Mission Partners, and Allied Nations

~ 177+ Projects

Supporting CENTCOM, SOCOM, & Component Commands

USACE BUILDING STRONG, TOGETHER

*... We are also providing engineering, design and construction for our allied nation partners through **SECURITY COOPERATION** and related facilities and infrastructure design and construction, increasing capacity and enhancing security throughout the entire region.*



- Expeditionary Support for the Warfighter
- Counterpart Engagements
- Energy and Environmental Solutions
- Integrated Water Resource Management
- Applied Science and Technology
- Disaster Preparedness and Response

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Increasing readiness and modernization through projects supporting the warfighter, enabling steady-state military operations, and sustaining our nation’s ability to fight and win wars.

SECURITY COOPERATION

Addressing the operational, training and maintenance needs of our allied nation partner’s military efforts, increasing interoperability and enabling sustainable security and continued stability within the region.

~ \$1.92B

Military Construction

~ \$3.06B

International and Interagency Services / Security Cooperation (IIS)



Our Districts

“A TEAM OF TEAMS”



TRANSATLANTIC MIDDLE EAST DISTRICT

HEADQUARTERED IN WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

ENDURING REGIONAL SUPPORT AND SECURITY:

Serving as the longest enduring element of the Transatlantic Division, the Middle East District provides critical design, construction, and related services to enhance regional security and stability in alignment with enduring U.S. interests. Their work significantly contributes to infrastructure development, establishment of military bases, and logistical support across the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS AND CRISIS RESPONSE:

On order, the Middle East District is fully equipped and always ready to provide crucial support for contingency operations in times of crisis or unforeseen circumstances, thus ensuring continuity and resilience in complex scenarios.

COLLABORATION ON INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS:

The Middle East District supports a broad range of U.S. and foreign mission partners, including the U.S. Air Force Materiel Command, Egyptian defense forces, and other Foreign Military Sales customers such as Jordan, Qatar, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This global collaboration demonstrates their commitment to fostering strong international partnerships and advancing mutual security objectives.



TRANSATLANTIC EXPEDITIONARY DISTRICT

HEADQUARTERED AT CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT

SPEED OF RELEVANCE AND FORWARD DEPLOYED:

The Expeditionary District, being the only forward-deployed District of the Army Corps of Engineers, is uniquely structured to provide responsive, effective project management, planning, engineering, design, environmental support, and real estate services within the U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility, enabling USACE's footprint in the AOR to expand, retract, and relocate to meet future established mission requirements.

ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS FOR PARTNER CAPACITY BUILDING: They offer theater-wide engineering solutions and expertise in support of U.S., Coalition, and Host Nation efforts. Their work is central to building partner capacity within the CENTCOM AOR and supporting overall CENTCOM mission objectives, thus promoting long-term security and stability.

CONTINGENCY SUPPORT AND SUSTAINABLE ENGINEERING: The Expeditionary District is uniquely enabled and equipped to provide cost-effective, sustainable engineering solutions and services safely and quickly in support of contingency operations. Their unwavering commitment to promoting the security and stability of allied mission partners exemplifies their motto - Always Forward!



SUPPORT TO U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND

U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

The U.S. Central Command's AOR is an expansive region spanning over 4 million square miles, encompassing 21 nations, and home to more than 560 million people from 25 ethnic groups. This region intersects three continents and includes globally vital commercial sea lanes, flight corridors, pipelines, and overland routes.

The Transatlantic Division provides a single point of entry for U.S. Special Operations Command and its component commands, enabling communication, coordination, and collaboration on behalf of the USACE Enterprise in support of the SOCOM military construction, facilities and operational engineering programs.

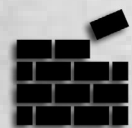


Strengthening Partnerships

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS: *Joint ventures inspire creative solutions and leverage cutting-edge technologies for infrastructure projects.*

TRUST AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING: *Decades of cooperation cultivate mutual trust, foster understanding, and build lasting relationships.*

REGIONAL STABILITY AND PROSPERITY: *By promoting infrastructure development, and enhanced security, partnerships contribute to the overall stability and prosperity of the region.*



Building Capacity

INCREASED INTEROPERABILITY: *Capacity-building initiatives promote shared understanding and coordination between the U.S. and regional allies, streamlining joint operations and enhancing collaborative efforts.*

BOOSTED SECURITY RESILIENCE: *The capacity building efforts enhance regional allies' ability to manage and respond to security challenges, thus leading to a more resilient and secure operational environment.*

SUSTAINED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: *Building capacity bolsters economic growth, supports job creation, and improves local industries related to infrastructure design and maintenance, fostering a sustainable path for regional development.*



Enhancing Security

FORTIFIED INFRASTRUCTURE AND IMPROVED FORCE PROTECTION: *Advanced engineering solutions and innovative technologies boost infrastructure resilience and optimize force protection, reducing vulnerabilities and threats for U.S. service members, civilians, and regional allies.*

BOOSTED SECURITY RESILIENCE: *Enhanced security measures result in increased operational and overall regional stability, minimizing conflicts and incidents, while creating a secure environment for cooperation and development.*

SUSTAINED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: *Security enhancements foster greater trust and cooperation between the U.S. and regional partners, ultimately contributing to long-term peace, prosperity, and progress in the region.*

WINNING = SAFELY FINISHING QUALITY PROJECTS, ON TIME AND WITHIN BUDGET!



Cost Savings:
Efficiency &
Innovation Driving
Down Costs



Mega Projects:
Transforming the
Security Landscape
Through Collaboration



Engineering:
Advanced Solutions
Fortifying Resilience
& Safety



Design:
Mission-tailored
Infrastructure
Fostering Readiness



People:
Empowering Alliances,
Boosting Collaboration,
Enhancing Impact



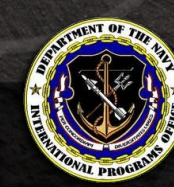
Partnerships:
Enhancing Regional
Stability Through
Enduring Partnerships



Readiness:
Infrastructure &
Initiatives Powering
Mission Capability



Innovations:
Leading-Edge Technologies
Underpinning
Regional Growth





A Brief History

BUILDING STRONG

ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA, AND THE LEVANT SINCE 1952



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has paved the way in complex construction environments for almost a century. Shortly before World War II, Congress and the War Department approved the transfer of military construction responsibilities from an overtaxed Quartermaster Corps to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



Today, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic Division continues its legacy through its two districts, the Transatlantic Middle East District, headquartered in Virginia, and the Transatlantic Expeditionary District, which combined the Division's contingency capabilities as one optimized command, headquartered in Kuwait.

THE HISTORY OF HOW WE EVOLVED IS AS DYNAMIC AND RICH WITH INNOVATION AS THE SUPPORT WE PROVIDE ...

The Mediterranean Division (1952-1976) - Established to manage military construction projects in Turkey on behalf of the U.S. Air Force in 1952, expanding to include air base work in Libya, Saudi Arabia, and Morocco and non-military projects such as civilian air terminals in Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Iran; a road system in Afghanistan; and port facilities in Somalia.

Middle East Division (1976-1986) - Activated April 20, 1976 to meet the demands of the growing Saudi Arabian-funded engineering and construction program. Its headquarters was located in Riyadh with three districts - Riyadh, Jeddah, and Al Batin, an Engineer Logistics Command, an Ordnance Program Division and a rear echelon near Winchester, Virginia. The division assisted the Saudi Arabian government with a design and construction program that included military cantonments, headquarters complexes, housing, air bases, navy bases, port facilities, hospitals, military training centers and schools, and all associated utilities and roads.

Middle East/Africa Projects Office (1986-1991) - As the program in Saudi Arabia drew to its expected closure, the Corps of Engineers reorganized to meet the changing workload. The rear echelon in Winchester, Virginia, evolved into a headquarters, serving customers throughout the Middle East and Africa. On September 30, 1986, the Middle East/Africa Projects Office became a district-level element of the South Atlantic Division. Within days of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on August 2, 1990, MEAPO began its deployment to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, to provide design, construction, and real estate services to support U.S. forces.

Transatlantic Division (1991-1995) - In February 1991, the Transatlantic Division was formed with its headquarters in Winchester, Virginia, multiple area and resident offices in the Middle East, and a single district - Europe - in Germany. This brought several new programs including assisting Kuwait's government with recovery operations and expanding engineering support to USCENTCOM.

Transatlantic Programs Center (1995-2009) - In 1995, the Transatlantic Division was renamed the Transatlantic Programs Center and in 1998 the Europe District was reassigned to the North Atlantic Division. The Center assisted USAID with construction projects in Kenya and Tanzania, and assisted the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the Russian Ministry of Atomic Energy with designing and building nuclear storage facilities.

Transatlantic Division (2009-Present) - As a result of the Global War on Terror, the Center expanded operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. On October 1, 2009, the Transatlantic Programs Center was renamed the Middle East District, following the activation of its new higher headquarters, the Transatlantic Division.

Transatlantic Division Expeditionary District (2021) - In May 2021, the Transatlantic Afghanistan District and Task Force Essayons combined to form the Transatlantic Expeditionary District. Located in Kuwait, the Expeditionary District supports Operation Spartan Shield, Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve; and provided facilities in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and the NATO Resolute Support mission (currently in mission close-out) to train, advise, and assist Afghan National Defense and Security Forces.

1952

1976

1986

1991

1995

2015

2024



Partner of Choice!

Setting Extraordinary Standards as 'Partner of Choice' in U.S. Central Command's Area of Responsibility

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic Division stands as a pivotal force in the U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility. Since the 1950s, the Division has actively shaped the landscape of engineering, design, and construction across the Middle East. Transforming from its initial focus on basic military construction, the Division now leads sophisticated, large-scale infrastructure projects, demonstrating a deep commitment to building capacity and enhancing security in the region. By setting and consistently upholding extraordinary operational standards, it has established itself as the 'partner of choice.'

Being labeled a 'partner of choice' is more than just receiving praise; it embodies steadfast reliability and a proven track record of success. For the Transatlantic Division, this title is a testament to its deep-rooted commitment to excellence and innovation in the CENTCOM AOR. It signifies not merely being an option but being the definitive choice for missions demanding the highest caliber of engineering and strategic foresight ...

In its operations, the Division goes beyond the norm of 'business as usual.' It is known for consistently setting an exceptional standard in what is undeniably one of the world's most complex and dynamic construction environments. Every program, project, and partnership embarked on is not just an undertaking; it's a crucial foundation that supports the overarching objectives of each mission partner in the AOR.

During a recent series of engagements with the Division's Transatlantic Middle East District leadership and professionals, and U.S. military and allied nation mission partners across the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, the 55th Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, emphasized the Division's long-standing presence and its impact.

"As we mark seven decades of the United States Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic Division's presence in the U.S. Central Command region, I am reminded of our enduring legacy of commitment and excellence," Spellmon said. "In my role as Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of USACE, I have witnessed first-hand how our work transcends mere construction. Our efforts in building missile defense systems, airfields, hangars, clinics, and housing are not just projects; they are pivotal contributions to the overall U.S. mission in the region. Each endeavor we undertake is a testament to our steadfast commitment to regional security and stability."

Brigadier General William C. Hannan, Jr., the Transatlantic Division commanding general, who, along with Middle East District engineers and program managers, accompanied Spellmon on the engagements, discussed the division's strategic impact and its broader role beyond engineering.

"Our achievements have bolstered not only our organization but have also significantly influenced our mission partners and the strategic interests of the United States," Hannan said. "Through close collaboration with commands such as U.S. Army Central, U.S. Air Forces Central, and U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, we bring the full spectrum of the Army Corps of Engineers' expertise to strategically support and complement the missions of these entities. Our proven track record in delivering not just infrastructure, but also security-enhancing innovations and agile solutions, cements our role as a trusted and capable partner."

Detailing the Division's focus on enhancing regional security and its role in important projects, Hannan went on to list significant accomplishments from the past fiscal year.

"In fiscal year 2023, we managed 679 contract actions valued over \$565 million, including key programs in Saudi Arabia and Jordan, as part of our \$6 billion program, Hannan stated. "This includes FY23 awards for two pivotal programs: the \$348.6M Multi Mission Surface Combatant Initial Operating Capability Construction in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and two Military Construction projects in Jordan, aggregating to \$48M," Hannan detailed.

"It also includes continued construction activities at our Mega Projects (F15 in Qatar and F18 in Kuwait), planning and design support for the new MOD HQ in Saudi Arabia, hundreds of other projects supporting U.S. and allied nation partners, leading integration of all USACE activities for U.S. Special Operations Command, and outstanding support to the warfighters in Iraq, Syria and across the CENTCOM AOR. These undertakings, fueled by the tenacity and expertise of our Districts, support the strategic posturing and operational readiness of our allies and U.S. forces in the region.

"Through these accomplishments, I have seen our team's unwavering commitment to the CENTCOM AOR," Hannan continued. "Our role extends far beyond traditional engineering; we are integral in forging lasting partnerships and aligning our efforts with the broader objectives of regional stability and security."

Improving living conditions and safety for military personnel is another significant aspect of the Division's work. Colonel Philip M. Secrist III, the Transatlantic Division's Middle East District commander, shared his insights on his District's contributions.



"I am consistently impressed by the adaptability and comprehensive expertise our team brings to the dynamic and challenging environment of the CENTCOM region," Secrist said. "Our commitment stretches far beyond the construction of resilient infrastructure; we are deeply involved in building the capabilities and operational effectiveness of those serving on the front lines.



"Our longstanding presence is a clear reflection of our dedication to our mission partners and regional allies," Secrist continued. "Through our efforts in building crucial infrastructure and vital engineering projects, we have solidified our role as the trusted 'partner of choice' in the region. It's not just about the infrastructure we create; it's about the enduring relationships we foster, the open dialogue we encourage, and the bridges of mutual respect and understanding we build."

The Division's commitment to efficiency and innovation is also evident in its expeditionary district. Headquartered in Kuwait and one of the only forward deployed districts, the Transatlantic Expeditionary District also directly supports the warfighters and ongoing named operations. Colonel Mohamad Z. Rahman, the Expeditionary District commander, commented on his district's approach to delivering results.

"In our role within the CENTCOM region, our comprehensive support has spanned the entire project lifecycle in support of the Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve and Combined Special Operations Joint Task Force-Levant. This includes everything from the initial request for services package development for requirement boards like the Joint Facilities Utilization Board to ongoing project management, engineering design, and construction oversight.

"Significantly, we've prepared and annually updated base camp master plans within the Operation Inherent Resolve AOR," Rahman continued. "These plans and our continuous maintenance of base camp Geographic Information System data have been vital in strategic planning and installation transitions across the combined joint operating area.

"In Kuwait, as the designated execution agent by the Area Support Group and Directorate of Public Works – Kuwait, our project management and support span the full spectrum of construction activities, from planning and scoping to execution and oversight. Our achievements include the completion of over 270 infrastructure projects and the successful management of prime power contracts in Kuwait and Al Asad Air Base, Iraq. Our innovative approaches have earned us the USACE Innovation Award, and we maintain a strong focus on environmental initiatives and safety," Rahman stated proudly.

"The numerous awards received by our personnel are a testament to their excellence and dedication. These are not just milestones but a reflection of the unwavering commitment of our entire district, a source of great pride for us all."

Collaboration with U.S. and allied nations has been the cornerstone of the Division's long-term success within the region. These partnerships have enhanced diplomatic relations and facilitated collective problem-solving for regional challenges.

Jim M. Sindle, Consul General for the U.S. Consulate General Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, along with André L. Cadieux, the U.S. Consulate General Dhahran Political and Economic Chief, recently joined Spellmon, Hannan, and Secrist for multiple engagements and project site visits in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Sindle shared his perspective on their contributions.

"As the Consul General, I have the unique privilege of witnessing the impactful work of the USACE Transatlantic Division in the CENTCOM AOR. The Division's exceptional contributions are not just a testament to engineering prowess but also a reflection of the United States' deep commitment to regional stability and prosperity. USACE's role as the 'partner of choice' in this region aligns seamlessly with the State Department's mission to foster strong international relationships, enhance security, and promote mutual understanding.

"The extraordinary standards set by USACE in their programs and projects significantly bolster our diplomatic efforts and enhance our collaborative endeavors with our partners in the Middle East," Sindle continued. "The enduring presence and achievements of USACE are pivotal in supporting the broader goals of the United States in the region, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to building a future that is secure, prosperous, and beneficial for all."

In a sector where meeting the status quo could be the norm, the Transatlantic Division and its district's consistently push boundaries, turning extraordinary feats and innovative achievements into everyday occurrences. This organizational culture of exceeding expectations is apparent in their enduring commitment to constructing the foundations of security and pioneering innovative solutions.

This is what cements USACE's reputation. Its endeavors are not just about fulfilling immediate needs; they are about shaping a future where security is integrated with progressive innovation. In this vision, the extraordinary is not an aspiration – it's the baseline.

As the Transatlantic Division looks towards the future in the CENTCOM AOR, its enduring legacy of innovation and excellence marches on, building strong across the Middle East, Central Asia, and the Levant. The Division and its districts uphold their commitment to strengthening partnerships, building capacity, and enhancing security in one of the world's most strategically significant regions. With adaptability, ongoing innovation, and robust partnerships, the Division continuously reinforces its vital role. Its steadfast dedication to extraordinary operational standards cements its status as the 'partner of choice' in the CENTCOM AOR.



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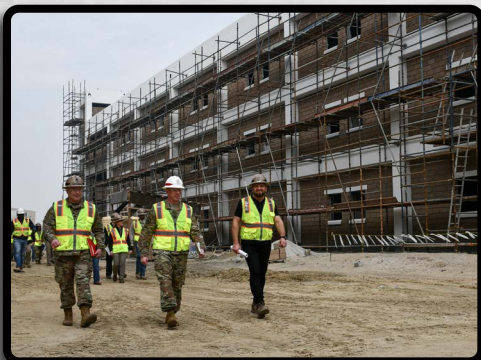


"The best part of this mission is the people. Whether it's our government employees, our local national work force that are forward in multiple nations, or builder and contractors throughout the region, the best part of this job is working with the outstanding people." -Col. William C. Hannan, Jr.

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