



U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Major Cornelius A. Batts
Deputy Commander
Pittsburgh District



Major Cornelius Batts joined U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Pittsburgh District as the Deputy Commander October 1, 2015. As Deputy Commander, he leads governance of district functions supporting the district's overall mission. Pittsburgh District's mission within the Ohio River Basin includes 328 miles of navigable waterways, 23 navigation locks and dams, 16 multipurpose flood-damage reduction reservoirs, and 80 local flood reduction projects. The district is also responsible for environmental restoration, hydropower, storm damage reduction, regulatory and emergency response operations. The district's 26,000 square miles include portions of western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, eastern Ohio, western Maryland, and southwestern New York.

Major Batts, a native of North Carolina, enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1991. He served under Engineer branch in various troop-leading positions during his enlisted service. Major Batts served in the following engineer units: 79th and 94th Engineer Battalions, Germany; 62nd Engineer Battalion, Ft Sill, OK; 84th Engineer Battalion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and the United States Disciplinary Barracks, Ft Leavenworth, KS. In 2002, Major Batts commissioned into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA.

Prior to relocating to Pittsburgh, Major Batts served as a Plans & Strategy Officer with the 1st Theater Sustainment Command at Fort Bragg, NC. Also while assigned to Fort Bragg, Major Batts served under the 20th Engineer Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps as Commander, Security Forces Advisor and Assistance Team, Afghanistan, Chief of Plans, Chief of Operations, and Headquarters Company Commander. Major Batts previous assignments include; Engineer Combat Advisor, Military Transition Team, Iraq; Assistant Brigade Engineer, 3d Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT), 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO; and Platoon Leader, 1-68 Combined Arms Battalion, 3d HBCT, Fort Carson, CO.

Major Batts holds a Bachelor of Applied Science and Technology in Engineering from Thomas Edison State College, Trenton NJ and a Masters of Science in Building Construction from Georgia Institute of Technology. He is also a graduate of U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Joint Engineer Operations Course, Topographic Operations Course, Engineer Captains Career Course and Engineer Officer Basic Course.

Major Batts awards and decorations include: three Bronze Star Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, three Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, NATO Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two Humanitarian Service Medals, Overseas Service Ribbon (2 device), and the Combat Action Badge. Major Batts is parachutist and air assault qualified.