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Corps announces June 30 change of command ceremony

WALLA WALLA, Wash. -- The public is invited to attend the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, change of command ceremony set for 10 a.m. on June 30 at the Marcus Whitman Hotel and Conference Center here.

Lt. Col. Anthony J. Hofmann will assume command of the District from departing Commander Lt. Col. Randy Glaeser.

Hofmann most recently served as executive officer and senior engineer observer controller/trainer with the 3rd Battalion, 383rd Regiment (Training Support), in St. Louis, Mo., ensuring the combat readiness of deploying Army Reserve and Army National Guard soldiers in a five-state region.

Glaeser plans to retire in conjunction with the change of command ceremony, having served the nation for more than 20 years.

Brig. Gen. Gregg F. Martin, commanding general of the Corps' Northwestern Division, will preside over the ceremony. He is responsible for five districts and their work across an area that includes all or parts of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota.

The June 30 ceremony will include the 104th Division U.S. Army Band and a ceremonial color guard from the cadet unit of the Junior ROTC at Walla Walla High School.

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NOTE – Lt. Col. Hofmann's biography is provided on a separate page distributed with this news release. A printable photo of Lt. Col. Hofmann is available online at

www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/pa/NR/NR06_files/LTC_HofmannPhoto.jpg

MEDIA ADVISORY: News outlets planning to attend the ceremony need to **RSVP the Public Affairs Office, (509) 527-7020, not later than 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, to arrange for one of a limited number of media-access reserved parking spaces close to the event. Requests for brief interviews with members of the ceremonial party need to be coordinated in advance with PAO to ensure access opportunities. Media equipment set-up will be allowed until 10 minutes prior to the start of this event.**

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANTHONY J. HOFMANN

Lieutenant Colonel Anthony J. Hofmann will assume command of the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on June 30, 2006. Prior to his assignment as the district commander, he served as the executive officer and senior engineer observer controller/trainer with the 3rd Battalion, 383rd Regiment (Training Support) in St. Louis, Missouri, ensuring the combat readiness of deploying Army Reserve and Army National Guard soldiers.

A native of Brooten, Minn., Hofmann enlisted in the Army in 1984 and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School in 1986. He was commissioned an Army second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1990.

Hofmann has held a variety of troop assignments in the United States and overseas, primarily in divisional mechanized combat engineer battalions. These assignments include line platoon leader, 10th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, in Kitzingen, Germany; line platoon leader, assault and obstacle platoon leader and company executive officer, 40th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division, in Baumholder, Germany; battalion logistics officer, assistant brigade engineer, Alpha Company commander and Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, 4th Engineer Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, at Fort Carson, Colo.; and group operations officer, 937th Engineer Group (Combat), as well as battalion operations officer, 70th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division, at Fort Riley, Kan. During his tour with the 937th Engineer Group (Combat), the unit was among the first U.S. forces to arrive in Iraq in 2003 while supporting the 3rd Infantry Division. Hofmann transferred to the 70th Engineer Battalion while in Iraq, where the "Kodiaks" performed a myriad of engineer functions, to include operating as a maneuver battalion in Baghdad and Taji. Additional staff assignments include serving in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' New Orleans District as a project officer and chief of Safety, Security and Occupational Health.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy and a Master of Science degree in Construction Management from Colorado State University. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced courses and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Hofmann's military awards and decorations include: two Bronze Stars, three Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals including "V" device for valor, four Army Achievement Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with service star, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Medal for the Liberation of Kuwait. He has also earned the wearing of the Ranger Tab, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge and Bronze de Fleury Medal.

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