



# United States Navy Biography

## **REAR ADMIRAL JOHN W. KORKA** **Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command** **Chief of Civil Engineers**

Rear Admiral Korka was born in Rota, Spain and is the son of a Master Chief Petty Officer. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Old Dominion University in 1986 and commissioned an Ensign through the Navy's Reserve Officers Training Corps program. He holds a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Pennsylvania State University, a Masters of Science in National Strategy Resources from the National Defense University Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and is a graduate of the Executive Advanced Management Program at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

Korka's operational tours include Electrical Officer, *USS Sylvania* (AFS-2); Company Commander/OIC Detail Souda Bay, U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133; Operations Officer, NMCB 1; and Commanding Officer, NMCB 4. He also served as Commodore of 31<sup>st</sup> Seabee Readiness Group, the Pacific Fleet Seabees.



His shore assignments include Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Norfolk Naval Shipyard; Facilities Engineering Department Head, Public Works Center, Guam; Military Construction and Energy Program Officer, Office of Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Readiness and Logistics); Executive Assistant to the Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and Chief of Civil Engineers; Executive Officer, NAVFAC Europe and Southwest Asia; and Director, Maritime Headquarters NECC/NECCPAC. He commanded Officer in Charge of Construction, Bethesda; Naval Facilities Logistics Center, Port Hueneme; and NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic.

Korka assumed duties as Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and the 45<sup>th</sup> Chief of Civil Engineers on October 19, 2018. His previous flag assignments include Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific and Fleet Civil Engineer/N46, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Korka is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Virginia, a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps and qualified as a Seabee Combat Warfare and Surface Warfare officer. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (5 awards), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), and other personal, service, unit and campaign awards. He also received the 1997 Society of American Military Engineers' Adm. Ben Moreell Medal for his leadership and engineering contributions in support of Operation Joint Endeavor while deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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