

## **Colonel Francis B. Pera**

### **70th Commander and District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District**

Colonel Francis B. Pera is the 70th Commander and District Engineer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District. Commissioned as an engineer officer in June 2001, Colonel Pera has served in a wide range of command and staff positions throughout his distinguished career.

### **Education and Qualifications**

Colonel Pera is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management, a program that included a semester at the United States Naval Academy. He also holds a Master of Science in Engineering Management from the Missouri University of Science and Technology and an Engineer in Training (EIT) Certification from the state of New York. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army War College, Ranger School, Sapper School, the Stryker Leader Course, and Airborne School.

### **Career Highlights**

Prior to his current command, Colonel Pera was the Deputy Director of Operations for the Tradecraft and Technology Group at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency.

From 2002-2004: Served in various roles with the Stryker fielding team, including as a Stryker Engineer Platoon leader with the 18th Engineer Company, deploying to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

From 2007 to 2010: Commander of Charlie Company while assigned to the 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. In this role, he deployed platoons to support Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and numerous disaster relief efforts.

From 2019-2021: Commandant of the U.S. Army Prime Power School and Commander of the 249th Engineer Battalion.

Key staff positions: Regimental engineer for the 75th Ranger Regiment, NATO Staff Engineer, Executive Officer for the Director of Program Analysis and Evaluation on the Army Staff and Executive Officer to the U.S. Army Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

### **Awards and Decorations**

Colonel Pera's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Action Badge, Ranger Tab, Sapper Tab, the Parachutist Badge, and the Army Staff Badge.