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Col. Michael F. Pfenning

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Col. Michael F. Pfenning assumed command of the St. Paul District on July 30, 2004, becoming the district's 61st commander and district engineer. Prior to assuming this command, he served as chief of the Well-Being Division in the Human Resources Policy Directorate of the Army G-1, or personnel.

Born in Vermont, Col. Pfenning was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1980. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from the USMA, as well as a Masters of Science and Doctorate in Operations Research from the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo. His military education includes the U.S. Army Airborne and Ranger schools, the Engineer Officer basic and advanced courses and the Command and General Staff College. Col. Pfenning also served as the Military Fellow at the Joint Center for Political and Economic studies in Washington, D.C.

His significant military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with six oakleaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with oakleaf cluster and the Bronze de Fleury Medal.

Col. Pfenning's previous assignments include platoon leader, company executive officer and Battalion S-4, 82nd Engineer Battalion, (Germany); Battalion S-4, company commander and assistant division engineer, 1st Engineer Battalion (Fort Riley, Kan); aide-de-camp to the 1st Infantry Division commanding general (Fort Riley); battalion operations officer, 82nd Engineer Battalion; brigade operations officer, 3rd Infantry Division Engineer Brigade (Germany); special assistant and aide-de-camp to the commander-in-chief, U.S. Army Europe (Germany); and commander, 554th Engineer Battalion (Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.). He also served as chief of the Command Planning Group, Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; distributions plans officer, Officer Personnel Management Directorate, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, in Alexandria, Va.; and as an assistant profession in the Department of Systems Engineering, USMA.