



**US Army Corps
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Galveston District

BIOGRAPHY

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Michael Braden is currently serving as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Galveston District's Mega Projects Division chief. He has held this position since the fall of 2021. In this capacity, Braden executes a portfolio of coastal storm resiliency management mega projects protecting the people, infrastructure, and environment of coastal Texas.

Prior to this role, he served as the Olmsted Division chief from 2013 to 2018. In this role, Braden served as the program manager responsible for all facets of customer interface and execution for an estimated program of more than \$3 billion. He led the functionally integrated Olmsted Division and was responsible for expedited delivery of the nation's most critical navigation project four years ahead of schedule and \$300M under budget.

In 2008, he served in a developmental assignment as a military program manager in the Cincinnati District's Lakes and Rivers Division and completed a one-year overseas tour in 2010 as the Gulf Region District's engineering chief, stationed in Baghdad, Iraq.

In the summer of 2011, he became the Design Branch chief where he led a diverse staff of approximately 100 engineers, architects, master planners, and technicians primarily responsible for the design of Army and Air Force facilities within Louisville's geographic area of responsibility and throughout the continental United States for the Reserve component.

Braden's honors include being recognized as the Louisville District's Cost Engineer of the Year in 2007, Leadership Excellence in 2008, and one of Engineering News-Record's Top 25 Newsmakers in 2018. Other honorary recognition includes receiving the Department of Army's Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, and the Superior Civilian Service Award. He is also a recipient of the Secretary of Defense medal for his service supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

Braden holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in Military History, both from the University of Louisville. He is a registered professional engineer (PE) in Kentucky and holds Certified Cost Engineer and Project Management Professional credentials. He is also Facilities Engineer – Level 2 certified and an alumnus of the Kentucky Engineering Center's Leadership PE program.

