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## **Colonel Rhett A. Blackmon**

District Commander

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District

COL Rhett A. Blackmon is the Commander and District Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Galveston District where he leads a water resource district with more than 600 civilian and military professionals and project authorizations totaling more than \$7.4 billion.

The Galveston District provides construction, navigation, environmental restoration, flood risk management, shoreline protection, regulatory, and emergency management services for mission partners in an area of responsibility that spans the Texas coast from Louisiana to Mexico, encompassing 50,000 square miles. Blackmon is charged with executing the District's mission of providing public engineering services to strengthen security along the Texas coast, energizing the local economy, and reducing risks from disasters.

Blackmon took command of the Galveston District on July 15, 2022. Before his current assignment, he completed a U.S. Army War College Fellowship at the University of Washington, in Seattle. While in Seattle, Blackmon conducted independent research on ways the Department of Defense and Army could leverage infrastructure investment to increase access and influence in the Indo-Pacific.



Blackmon previously served in tactical assignments, to include: platoon leader in 65th Engineer Battalion and 73rd Engineer Company at Fort Lewis, Washington; personnel officer and Bravo Company Commander with the 44th Engineer Battalion in Korea, Iraq, and Fort Carson, CO; division facilities and construction officer (Afghanistan) and battalion S3 with the 82nd Airborne Division and battalion and brigade executive officer with the 20th Engineer Brigade at Fort Bragg, NC. He commanded the 3rd US Cavalry Regiment's Engineer Squadron at Fort Hood, TX, and in northern Iraq. He later commanded the Engineer Battalion in the recently formed 5th Security Force Assistance Brigade (SFAB) at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

Between tactical assignments, Blackmon served on the civil engineering faculty at West Point and later as the USACE Memphis District Deputy Commander.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the Citadel and a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic Course, the Infantry Captains' Career Course, and Intermediate Level Education qualification from the Command and General Staff College. His tactical schools include Ranger School, the Sapper Leader Course, Airborne School, Air Assault School, and Jumpmaster School.

His military decorations include: the Meritorious Unit Commendation; Navy Unit Commendation; an Army Superior Unit Award; a National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan, Iraq, and Inherent Resolve Campaign Medals; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals; a Bronze Star Medal; a Meritorious Service Medal; an Army Commendation Medal; an Army Achievement Medal; the Bronze Order of the DeFlaur Medal; and a General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.



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## **Kay Riplinger-Baltz**

Small Business Program Deputy  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District



Ms. Riplinger-Baltz serves as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Galveston District's Deputy for the Small Business Program, a position she has held since September 26, 2021. A member of the District's Acquisition Strategy Planning Board assists in determining acquisition strategies for the SWG Programs. Assists the district in developing working relationships with Small Businesses, coordinating with the Small Business Administration (SBA), ensuring access to resources to assist small and large businesses interested in doing business with SWG, USACE, and the federal government. Active in developing, implementing, and maintaining a regional and national outreach program, including participation in high level conferences and interagency small business councils designed to locate sources.

Previous assignments in USACE include Deputy for Small Business Program in the Northwest Division at the Walla Walla District (NWW) in 2013. At NWW she completed the district Leadership Development Program (LDP). In 2016 she moved to the Small Business Programs Office at USACE HQ in DC. At HQ Ms. Baltz managed workforce development and in 2018 became Deputy Associate Director for the Office of Small Business Programs. In 2020 she was competitively selected for a rotation at the Pentagon with the Department of Army Office of Small Business Programs and joined the team at the Pentagon in the spring of 2021. During the rotation, an opportunity as the Small Business Deputy Galveston District came available and the opportunity to be near of sandy beaches and palm trees was accepted.

Prior to USACE, Ms. Riplinger-Baltz graduated from the distinguished acquisition career field program with the Naval Acquisition Intern Program (NAIP). Working through the intern program as a Contract Specialist with NAVSEA Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC), Division Keyport and Supervisor of Shipbuilding Conversion and Repair (SUPSHIP) in Bremerton, Washington. The primary focus was Cradle to Grave contracting experience focused on non-commercial acquisition as well as services, and supplies for Undersea Warfare, Aircraft Carriers and Submarines. She traded in the requirements for torpedoes to requirements for fish when leaving NAVSEA and joining USACE.

Ms. Riplinger-Baltz holds a dual Bachelor of Science Degree, graduating Magna Cum Laude, from Idaho State University. She is DAWIA Level 3 certified in Contracting, has completed the distance learning portion of the Civilian Education System (CES) Advanced course, has been awarded the Civilian Service Commendation Medal and is the Chairperson for the DoD Pacific Northwest Regional Council. Other experience includes Education and Real Estate.



## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

### **Elizabeth (Liz) C. Fiocchi** **Chief** **Mega Projects Division**

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Liz Fiocchi is the Chief of Programs & Project Controls for the Galveston District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), a position she has held since January 2023. She has over 20 years of successful leadership, planning, policy, project, and program management delivery of Civil Works programs for the US Army Corps of Engineers in the American Southeast, Gulf Coast and Southwest in 4 USACE Districts and 2 Major Subordinate Commands (MSC). Liz has a broad range of experience, including Military and International and Interagency Services (IIS), and all other appropriations and business lines within USACE. She has a Master's Degree in Public Policy & Administration with a focus in Coastal Management and Environmental Studies from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, class of 2002.

Formerly to this position, Liz was the Chief of the Mega Projects Division for the Los District. Mega projects for USACE can be defined as construction endeavors characterized by large financial commitment, vast complexity, and/or long-lasting impact on public safety, the economy, the environment, and society. Liz led a team and program that is responsible for Mega Projects within the Los Angeles District for the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA); the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Public/Private Partnership (P3) Project; and a partnered enterprise delivery with Southwest Tulsa District (SWT) of the several Dam Safety Modification projects in southern California including the Whitter Narrows Dam; the Santa Ana River Mainstem and Prado Dam; and the Carbon Canyon Dam Safety Modification Study.

Previously Liz was Chief of Programs & Project Controls from 2020 to 2021 for the Los Angeles District, USACE. She has demonstrated expertise in policy interpretation, implementation and budget formulation in various roles in the Jacksonville District, South Atlantic Division between 2010 and 2020 and was appointed as the Jacksonville District Environmental Restoration and Navigation Business Line Managers, the Financial Manager for one of the most publicly visible and complex Civil Works Construction and Mega Programs, the South Florida Everglades Restoration Program, and the Herbert Hoover Dike Dam Safety Modification Mega Project. Finally, during her time in SAJ Liz was Project Manager for 3 deep draft harbors in Florida, Port of Tampa, Port Manatee, and the Port of Canaveral as well as several Coastal Storm Risk Management projects within the geographic areas of those Ports for Brevard County, Manatee County and Pinellas County.

Prior to that between 2002 and 2010 Liz served first as Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) Manager, Investigations Manager and then Operations and Maintenance and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Program Manager for the Wilmington District, South Atlantic Division.



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## **Belynda Kinman**

Chief, Navigation Branch / Deputy Chief, Operations Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District

Belynda Kinman serves as U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Galveston District's Operations Division Deputy Chief / Chief of the Navigation Branch, a position she has held since DEC 19, 2021. She currently manages the Navigation Operations and Maintenance program of the District, which includes 1,000 miles of deep- and shallow-draft Federal navigation channels within Coastal Texas, including: maintenance dredging of 25-30 million cubic yards of dredged material and various associated marine construction activities.

From 2016-2021, she worked as an Operations Manager with the Navigation Branch. During this time, Mrs. Kinman managed several Deep-Draft and Shallow Draft Federal Navigation Projects that entailed producing maintenance dredging contracts, placement/disposal levee improvement contracts and managing each project's budget.

Prior to coming to the Corps, she worked in the private industry for a large dredging contractor for almost 6 years. Her dredging background had a primary focus on production and estimation for Hoppers and Pipeline dredges, but also includes land and hydrographic surveys. During her time in the private industry, Belynda traveled full time, working on and around dredges on all U.S. coasts. She has worked on the contractor side of projects for most USACE districts that administer large dredging contracts.

Mrs. Kinman received her Bachelor of Science degree in Ocean Engineering from Texas A&M University in 2010.





**Dennis McIntosh**  
**Procurement Advisor**  
**University of Houston APEX Accelerator**

Dennis' government procurement experience includes founder and President of a technology consulting company where he successfully bid and managed programs with the federal government, as well as multiple state projects. Dennis later worked as an independent business Advisor where he was engaged as a senior consultant by several Fortune 100 companies to provide business process improvement and project management services. Dennis has been retained by multiple small businesses to provide consulting on sales, financial management, and capitalization. Dennis has also successfully worked with companies on federal and state procurement opportunities, as well as 8(a), M/WBE, and other supplier diversity certifications. Dennis has previously worked as a business advisor with the Dallas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and for the past six years with the University of Houston APEX Accelerator (formerly Procurement Technical Assistance Center) where he provides advisory assistance to business owners in varied areas related to government contracting.

Academically, Dennis holds dual advanced degrees - an MBA and Master of Management in Personal Finance from the University of Dallas. His undergraduate degree is in Economics from Southern Methodist University.



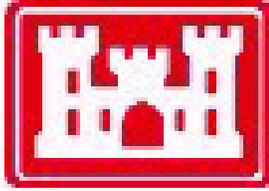
U.S. Small Business  
Administration

**Ida Benson**  
**Business Opportunity Specialist**  
**US Small Business Administration**

Ida Benson has been with the US Small Business Administration (SBA) for over twenty (20) years. She has extensive experience working with the small business community, and understands in great detail the different federal certifications and contracting programs.

Currently, she is assigned to SBA's Houston District Office as a Business Opportunity Specialist (BOS). Ms. Benson responsibilities include: promoting SBA programs and services through outreach and marketing; the recruitment, training, education and development of small businesses interested in doing business with federal, state, and local government entities. She also consults small businesses and works with SBA's Procurement Center, and Commercial Market, Representatives (PCRs/CMRs) to identify the needs of government organizations and their primes/sub-contractors to assist them with meeting their small business goals, and engages in linking and matching the needs of those organizations to the capabilities of small businesses through business matchmaking and other outreach and marketing initiatives.





# U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Southwestern Division

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## Ms. Amanda Zawieruszynski

Procurement Analyst, Southwestern Division  
Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Ms. Amanda Zawieruszynski is a Contracting Professional with over seven years of Government Contracting Experience. In her current role, she serves as a Procurement Analyst for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Southwestern Division providing developmental and acquisition support to the Fort Worth, Interagency and International Services, Galveston, Little Rock, and the Tulsa District Offices. In her capacity as the Division's Small Business Program Manager, she provides sound procurement and acquisition guidance to industry and government professionals alike. Ms. Zawieruszynski also is responsible for serving as a liaison between Headquarter Offices, District Contracting Chiefs, Small Business, and the Dallas Senior Contracting Official to support critical defense acquisitions and special interest programs in the Southwestern Division region.



Previously, Ms. Zawieruszynski has supported various government agencies to include the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Army, USACE POH, and NASA. Ms. Zawieruszynski has held numerous roles within the Acquisition field which include, Contract Specialist, Associate Deputy Director of Small Business, Warranted Contracting Officer, Lead Civilian for Warrant Boards, and Supervisory Team Lead, where she provided guidance and acquisition support. Ms. Zawieruszynski was also part of the Emergency Response Power Team for USACE POH and deployed to assist in Louisiana when Hurricane Ida hit in 2021. While there, Ms. Zawieruszynski was recognized for her cost saving measures and fast response to extreme situations.

Ms. Zawieruszynski holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University and a Bachelor of Science in Workforce Education and Development from Southern Illinois University.

Ms. Zawieruszynski resides in the Houston, TX area with her three children.



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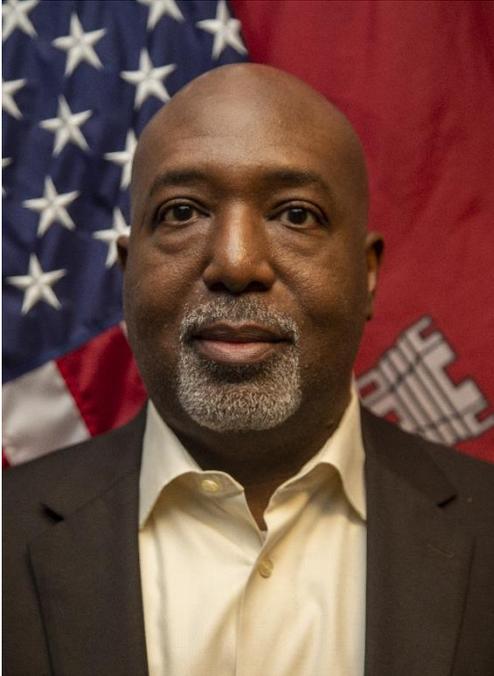
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**Carlos Tate, P.E.**

Project Manager

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District



Carlos D. Tate is Project Manager for the Galveston District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston, Texas.

Prior to becoming Project Manager, Carlos held the position of Project Engineer for 19 years. In this role Carlos demonstrated abilities in leading engineering design for construction, operation, and maintenance contracts, as well as providing project management for projects of high dollar value.

Assuring timely accomplishment and coordination of the planning, design, and construction phases. Tate worked closely with contract administration for a large number of assigned contracts for which P&S development and engineering management is required in a dispersed functional organization.

Mr. Tate is a resourceful and responsible leader that takes pride in the successful completion of projects.

Carlos received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Southern University A & M College, and has earned his Texas P.E. Licensure



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**Franchelle Nealy**

Project Manager  
Projects Management Branch  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District

Franchelle Nealy began her career with the U.S Army Corps of Engineers-Galveston District in 2006, as a Department of the Army Intern with the Engineering & Construction Division.

Mrs. Nealy has spent over 15 years working in the Galveston District as an Office Engineer, Supervisory Project Engineer and now a Project Manager. Her responsibilities include managing the overall management and execution of navigation construction projects.

Franchelle graduated from Prairie View A&M University, in 2006, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. She completed the CP-18 certificate program in December 2011 with a graduate certificate in Project Engineering and Construction Management from the University of Missouri Science and Technology. She also earned her master's degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri Science and Technology in December of 2012.





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## **Toniette “Toni” Addison**

Division Chief, Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay, Mega Projects Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District

Toniette “Toni” Addison currently serves as the Division Chief of the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay (S2G) division, projects that span the Texas Coast from Orange County to Freeport, Texas. This is a new division in the district’s new Mega Projects Division. She helps direct the three projects that are part of the S2G program, projects in Freeport, Port Arthur, and Orange. Prior to being selected for this position, she managed the efficiency and coordination of the planning, scope development, design, and construction of the Sabine to Galveston Freeport/Port Arthur and Vicinity Project, a \$1.563 billion civil works program focused on increasing the storm resiliency at Freeport and Port Arthur areas.



Before her current position, Addison worked as the architect-engineering/value engineer (A-E/VE) management chief for the Galveston District. In that role, she was responsible for managing all the district’s A-E/VE studies. Under her direction, the team was managing one of the largest A-E/VE efforts in Galveston District’s history. Addison enhanced the section’s dynamics in terms of tracking, proficiency, and efficiency. Before that role, she worked in private industry for about 15 months serving as the program construction manager for a large construction project where she had oversight of approximately 30 people, 11 projects, and 200 sub-projects; totaling more than \$35 million.

Before her tenure in the private sector, Addison was the Galveston District Construction Division’s resident engineer, having direct responsibility for establishing resident office mission goals within district guidelines and providing overall management of the Galveston Resident Office. She provided direction and guidance to engineering functions, delegating responsibilities for resident office management, contract administration, quality assurance, and budget monitoring to subordinates.

Before that, she was a project engineer at the USACE Chicago District from November 2014 through November 2017. Her work was critical to resolving an array of construction, engineering, and contracting issues which impacted the feasibility, design, schedule, and cost of projects. Her deployments to South Korea and to Louisiana provided essential support to USACE.

Before joining USACE, Toni worked for the United States Forest Service from May 2007 through November 2014. Starting out as student career employment program (SCEP) student, she worked her way up to journeyman level. During her time at this agency, she oversaw many outdoor recreation projects from conceptual design through construction. These projects included water system renovations, boardwalks for trails, asphalt parking lots (trailheads), roads, camping site areas, bathroom installations, bathhouse installations, boat ramps, pump house renovations, pump house construction, electrifying of campground loop, ADA improvements, decommissions, restorations, and timber sales.

Addison holds two degrees: a Master of Building Construction (Summa Cum Laude) from Auburn University; and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Florida A&M University (Cum Laude). Toni has received five awards: two achievement medals for civilian service; two commander’s medals for civilian service; and one award for diversity and inclusion. Toni enjoys spending time her family, traveling, investing, and

morning walks.



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## Vernon W. Griffin

Safety and Occupational Health Specialist  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District

Vernon Griffin has served as a Safety and Occupational Health Specialist with the Galveston District since November 2018. Vernon has been with the USACE family since April 1996. Prior to accepting the position with the Galveston District, he served as an Industrial Hygiene Technician and Environmental Health Specialist with the Baltimore District. During his tour of duty with the USACE, Vernon has had several unique opportunities to serve the nation and other agencies, which includes the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of the Interior (DOI), the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and numerous City and State Agencies. He has completed several training courses with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is currently scheduled to attend the Dive Safety Administration course, after which, he will serve as the District's Alternate Dive Coordinator for the Galveston District. He is also working on completing the Army CP-12 Professional Certificate as well the Army Explosives Safety Certificate – Level One. He has received several awards and accolades during his tour with the USACE.



Mr. Vernon Griffin is a native of Dallas, Texas. Upon graduation from high school, he attended North Texas State University in Denton, Texas. After 2 years there, he enlisted in the U. S. Army where he served as a Preventive Medicine Specialist and Preventive Medicine Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC) for 8 and a half years (1988-1996). Vernon served tours at 30th Field Hospital, Baumholder, Germany, U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), Ft. McPherson, Ga and 2nd General Hospital, Augusta, Ga where he honed his skills in occupational and public safety.

Upon completion of military service, Mr. Griffin completed his degree in Occupational Safety and Health at Columbia Southern University, where he graduated with a 4.0 GPA. Vernon has utilized his vast knowledge and skills in Occupational Safety and Health to assist the USACE and it's partners in achieving the mission for over 26 years, where he has been a teacher and mentor to peers and contractor's alike.

Mr. Griffin is currently a resident of League City, TX with his wife and daughter, Danielle, who is a senior at Prairie View A&M University. Vernon has also served as Safety subject matter expert (SME) for three hurricane responses including the Hurricane Katrina response in Louisiana in 2005, Hurricane Irma and Maria response in the U.S. Virgin Islands in 2017 where he was awarded with an Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service.



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**Enrique Villagomez, P.E., MBA**  
Program Manager, Mega Project Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District

Enrique Villagomez is currently serving as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Galveston District, Mega Projects Division's Program Manager for the \$2.39 billion Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay, Orange County Texas, Coastal Storm Risk Management Project. He has held this position since the fall of 2021. In this capacity, Villagomez is responsible for the overall management, control, coordination, and execution of this mega project which will protect the people, infrastructure, and environment of the Texas coast in south Orange County.

Prior to this position, he served as a Senior Project Manager on multiple regionally and nationally significant projects for the USACE Galveston District, Programs and Project Management Division. Villagomez has over 20 years of experience managing, and executing complex civil works flood risk management, navigation, environmental restoration, national security, and coastal storm risk management projects from their initial planning phase through construction completion. He has extensive experience and a proven track record for managing and implementing high profile projects.

Notable projects he has managed include the \$404M Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Border Infrastructure Program for the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Sector Border Wall (BW) and Phase 2 Automated Barrier Gates along the US/Mexico International Border, the \$129M Addicks and Barker Dams, Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries, Houston, Texas, Mega Project, the \$137M DHS-CBP Primary Fence 225, Secure the Border Initiative Program for the RGV and Del Rio Sectors BW and the RGV Sector Phase 1 Automated Barrier Gates along the US/Mexico International Border, the \$506M Brays Bayou, Houston, Texas, Flood Risk Management (FRM) project, and the \$389M Sims Bayou, Houston, Texas, FRM Project. Villagomez also served as the Project Manager for the USACE Galveston District's development and deployment teams for the USACE Project Management Automated Information System (P2) and the USACE Corps of Engineers Financial Management System.

Previously, Villagomez served as a Project Engineer for the USACE Galveston District, Engineering and Construction Division, responsible for managing all engineering and design activities for major civil works projects and their various features from design inception through construction completion. He served as Project Engineer on such notable projects as the Sims Bayou, Brays Bayou, and Taylors Bayou, FRM projects, the Neches River Saltwater Barrier project, and the Channel to Victoria, Navigation project.

Villagomez's honors include being recognized as the Galveston District's Engineer of the Year in 1996 and Employee of the Year in 2008. Other honorary recognition includes receiving the Department of Army's Civilian Service Commendation Medal, the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, and the Superior Civilian Service Award.

Villagomez holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Houston and a Master of Business Administration from Houston Baptist University. He is a registered professional engineer (PE) in Texas. He is also Facilities Engineering – Level 3 certified.





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## **Reuben Trevino, CCP**

Project Manager

Continuing Authorities Program & Planning  
Assistance to States Programs Manager  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District

Reuben is a Project Manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Galveston District Civil Works Division. He also serves as the Districts Program Manager for the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) and Planning Assistant to the States (PAS). As Program Manager he is focused on the management and growth of the CAP and PAS programs for SWG. This is accomplished through two distinct efforts; the first being outreach and stakeholder engagement to communities in SWG's area of responsibility and second is constant communication with Division on funding needs and project status. These efforts require familiarity with Engineering Regulations and clearly communicating program status and needs. As a Project Manager he work closely with my team members to reach complete tasks and overcome challenges to meet our mission of completing the project.



Reuben relocated to Galveston as the Park Board's Chief Operations Officer in 2016 from the City of South Padre Island where he served as the Shoreline Director since 2008. Previous experiences include USACE partnerships, state/federal grant writing, dune/beach restoration projects, overseeing all coastal zone operations and the oversight of 5 coastal parks on Galveston Island. In previous roles he's led the communities he's worked for through the state and federal process to fund and construct nine beach renourishment project, over \$1.5 million in coastal infrastructure projects, and innovative coastal research projects with USACE and ERDC.

He earned a BS in Biology from the University Texas Pan American, and a MS in Biology from the University Texas Brownsville. While in college he served as a student researcher and later project manager for the Bahia Grande Restoration Project located in the Rio Grande Valley. In 2018 he earned his Certified Coastal Professional (CCP) certification through the Coastal Zone Foundation.

Reuben was recognized as the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) member of the year in 2019 while serving on the executive board.



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## Charles Wheeler

Project Manager

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District

Charles Wheeler serves as a Project Manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Galveston District.

He currently oversees the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay, Port Arthur and Vicinity Project. He leads an \$863 million dollar program to improve the City of Port Arthur's Hurricane Flood Protection System.

His 13-year USACE career began in the New Orleans District following Hurricane Ike in 2008. In New Orleans, Charles developed an understanding of the Corps' values and a love for crawfish. He has since worked on multiple high priority projects throughout the Corps.

Charles has worked as a design engineer developing plans and specifications for the Atchafalaya River Horseshoe Bend Dredging project in Louisiana, which was featured in an article in an Engineering With Nature Publication. This was a good example of the Corps engineering solutions to meet the needs of the industry with limited resources while simultaneously benefiting the ecosystem.

In January 2012, Charles traveled to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom where he worked as Project Engineer managing construction of multiple military projects.

Following his work in Afghanistan, Charles transitioned to the Jacksonville District where he worked on the Herbert Hoover Dike rehabilitation project. As a Project Engineer, he provided contractor oversight and quality assurance. This project reduces impacts from flooding via high lake levels and is critical in protecting South Florida residents from flooding.

In 2006, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Architecture. In 2008, he earned a Master's in Engineering from Prairie View A&M University. He is a Certified Acquisition Professional Level 2 and a certified Project Management Professional.

Charles enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, watching the Cowboys win, and listening to college marching bands. In his spare time, he enjoys lawncare and watching old Westerns.





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## Garrett J. Sullivan

Project Manager, Mega Project Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District



Garrett Sullivan currently serves as Project Manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Galveston District and is assigned to the Mega Project Division. He provides project management services for the Sabine to Galveston (S2G) Coastal Storm Risk Management Program in support of the Port Arthur area. Total civil works funding for this program equals \$863 Million, focused on increasing/enhancing the storm resiliency of the existing 32-mile levee system using a combination of earthen levees, concrete floodwalls, pump station fronting protection, and stone armoring erosion control. The program has a planned 10-year build-out schedule.

Before joining USACE, Sullivan worked as the Executive Director for the Construction Management and Engineering Department at North East Independent School District in San Antonio, TX. He provided executive level leadership and overall management for the engineering & construction programs at the 12<sup>th</sup> largest school district in the state, managing a multi-disciplinary team of 35 personnel. As the senior construction contracting officer for the District, spanning a 20 year tenure, he provided direct responsibility for planning, development, and implementation of the District's bond-funded construction programs with total funding of \$1.85 billion. Throughout his District career, he oversaw program execution through master planning, design development, bid solicitation, construction, and warranty phases for over 250 separate projects built across 68 campuses.

Before that, Sullivan served as Senior Project Manager for the Construction Management and Engineering Department at North East Independent School District. In this role, Sullivan supervised 4 project management teams, consisting of a project manager and mechanical-electrical-plumbing inspector, with direct responsibility for managing the day-to-day field construction operations for the District's bond-funded program.

Before that, Sullivan served as the Command Engineer for the U.S. Army Medical Command at Fort Sam Houston, TX with responsibility and oversight for the operations and maintenance of 2,150 individual facilities, 267 miles of paved roads, 719 miles of utilities infrastructure (electric, water, gas, and sewer), and plant operations at Fort Sam Houston, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and the Fort Detrick, MD Lab complex.

Before that, Sullivan served as the Chief, Director of Public Works at Fort Sam Houston supervising a multi-disciplined staff of 350 personnel with responsibility for installation-level design and construction requirements, real property management, master planning functions, environmental and natural resource management, engineering services, and garrison facility maintenance management activities.

Before that, Sullivan served as Deputy Commander / Deputy District Engineer for the USACE, Japan Engineer District. He directly supervised a multi-disciplinary staff of 70 personnel, including contracting, public affairs, resource management, logistics, safety, information management, and emergency management services in support of the District's \$1 Billion annual Host Nation funded design and construction program.

Before that, Sullivan served as Brigade Executive Officer for the 24<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade and Battalion Executive Officer for the 11<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion with both units located at Fort Stewart, GA. Prior to that, Sullivan served as Assistant Professor and Course Director for the ABET accredited Water Resources Hydrology & Hydraulics capstone Program in the Civil & Mechanical Engineering Department at the U.S. Military Academy.

Sullivan holds two degrees: a Master of Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University and Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Garrett is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College. Military awards and decorations, include: the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (6), Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal (3), Air Force Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Medal, and Armed Forces Retired Commemorative Medal. Sullivan was also the 1st engineer regiment recipient of the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award (1987).



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## **Eduardo Irigoyen**

Project Manager

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District

Eduardo Irigoyen serves as a project manager in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Galveston District. He has held this position since May 2015. His background consists of extensive experience within USACE, ranging from programs, construction management, operations, and maintenance.

His current duties include coordinating the planning, scope, development, design, construction, and direction of several projects in the Galveston District. These key projects include the Coastal Texas Study and the Texas City Construction General. Irigoyen is also the primary point of contact and coordinator for all projects under the Continue Authority Program (CAP) and Planning Assistance to States (PAS) program.



A native of Brownsville, Texas, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas at Brownsville in 2004.

Irigoyen is a big supporter of the Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) program and has worked with several schools in the Houston and Galveston areas encouraging young kids to participate in the STEM field.



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**Bryan Williams**  
Program Analyst  
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Bryan Williams is currently serving as a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Galveston District Program Analyst.

In this capacity, Williams maintains cost share integrity for multiple USACE projects valued at \$2.1 billion, providing analytic and programmatic support to project personnel. He also monitors and evaluates the execution of funding compared with the Project Schedule. Another responsibility is making recommendations to Project Managers on appropriate execution strategies.

As the Cost Share Subject Matter Expert (SME), Williams is also responsible for the training and mentorship of junior Program Analysts and new employees within the District. His role also provides training on various multi-year appropriations and establishes policy and procedures where funding is cost shared between the Government and the Non-Federal Sponsor (NFS).

Williams and his team work to streamline and modify training per employee to foster success and productivity within the District.

Before his current role, Williams worked as a Budget Analyst in the Galveston District. In that role, he coordinated and oversaw budgeting activities for multiple appropriations related to the USACE and NFS budgets, including forecasting, projections, and internal financial audits. He also prepared ongoing and ad hoc analysis and explanation of actual operating budgets against established benchmarks and provided context for monthly and year end execution.

Williams is a 9-year Army veteran with a background in computer and information science networking and security management.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Finance) from Devry University in Houston, Texas in 2014.

