



MISSISSIPPI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



2025 ENGINEER BALL





Colonel Terry A. Saul, Sr. **Army National Guard G37** **Arlington, VA**

Colonel Saul enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard in 1989 and attended the Mississippi Military Department's Officer Candidate School receiving a commission as an Engineer Officer in 1998.

Colonel Saul served as a platoon leader, executive officer, and Battalion S1 in multiple units in the 223rd Engineer Battalion. While deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, he assumed command of Alpha Company 223rd EN BN. Following the deployment, Colonel Saul transitioned from a traditional national guardsman to Title-10 Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) in April 2005, where he served as Battalion Assistant S3 and S3 (1st Battalion, 395th Regiment, 120th Infantry Brigade). His AGR assignments included Division Chief for the Engineer Captains Career Course for the Reserve Component (U.S. Army Engineer School), Training Officer and Executive Officer for the Deputy Commanding General – Operations (U.S. First Army), Deputy Director for Civil Support Readiness Group – East (U.S. Army North), J-355 Chief, Operations Planning Branch and J35 Chief, Future Operations Division (National Guard Bureau Joint Staff), Commander Army National Guard Operations Group Wolf (ARNG), Senior Army National Guard Advisor (U.S. First Army) and Commander U.S. Army Area Support Group Balkans (Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo).

Colonel Saul's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1OLC), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4OLC), Humanitarian Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, and Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal amongst others.

He holds a BS in Business Management from the University of Southern Mississippi and master's degrees in public administration from Webster University and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Colonel Saul's military schools and training includes Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, Intermediate Level Education, U.S. Army War College (Superior Honors), Joint Qualification Level III, Joint Engineer Operations Course, Joint Firepower, Basic Instructor Course, Army Force Management Course, and Civil Support Skills Course.

He is married to the former Georessica Cannon of West Point, MS and has three sons: Terry II (deceased), Terry III and Tyler.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1700 - 1800	Social
1730	Receiving Line
1750	Bugler Mess Call
1800	Welcome, Anthem, Invocation
1805	POW/MIA Honors Ceremony
1810	Remarks from Distinguished Guest
1815	Grog Ceremony
1825	Toasts
1830	Dine
1940	De' Fluery Presentations
1955	Guest Speaker COL Terry Saul, Sr.
2030	Closing Remarks & Benediction
2035	Engineer Song & Army Song
2040	Dance Floor Opens

Brief History of the Engineers

George Washington appointed the first engineer officers of the Army on June 16, 1775, during the American Revolution, and engineers have served in combat in all subsequent American wars. The Army established the Corps of Engineers as a separate, permanent branch on March 16, 1802, and gave the engineers responsibility for founding and operating the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Since then the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has responded to changing defense requirements and played an integral part in the development of the country. Throughout the 19th century, the Corps built coastal fortifications, surveyed roads and canals, eliminated navigational hazards, explored and mapped the Western frontier, and constructed buildings and monuments in the Nation's capital.

From the beginning, many politicians wanted the Corps to contribute to both military construction and works "of a civil nature." Throughout the 19th century, the Corps supervised the construction of coastal fortifications and mapped much of the American West with the Corps of Topographical Engineers, which enjoyed a separate existence for 25 years (1838-1863). The Corps of Engineers also constructed lighthouses, helped develop jetties and piers for harbors, and carefully mapped the navigation channels.

In the 20th century, the Corps became the lead federal flood control agency and significantly expanded its civil works activities, becoming among other things a major provider of hydroelectric energy and the country's leading provider of recreation. Its role in responding to natural disasters also grew dramatically.

Assigned the military construction mission in 1941, the Corps built facilities at home and abroad to support the U.S. Army and Air Force. During the Cold War, Army engineers managed construction programs for America's allies, including a massive effort in Saudi Arabia. In addition, the Corps of Engineers also completed large construction programs for federal agencies such as NASA and the postal service. The Corps also maintains a rigorous research and development program in support of its water resources, construction, and military activities.

In the late 1960s, the Corps became a leading environmental preservation and restoration agency. It now carries out natural and cultural resource management programs at its water resources projects and regulates activities in the Nation's wetlands. In addition, the Corps assists the military services in environmental management and restoration at former and current military installations.

When the Cold War ended, the Corps was poised to support the Army and the Nation in the new era. Army engineers supported 9/11 recovery efforts and currently play an important international role in the rapidly evolving Global War on Terrorism, including reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stands ready to support the country's military and water resources needs in the 21st century as it has done during its more than two centuries of service.

Toasts

MG Ginn: I propose a toast to the commander-in-chief.

Response: To the president!

CSM Cook: I propose a toast to the United States Army.

Response: This we'll defend!

Brig. Gen. Tillman: I propose a toast to our friendship with our allied countries and our sister services.

Response: To our friendship!

COL Howell: I propose a toast to the engineer regiment. Here's to the health of the army, and here's to the health of our corps, here's to the flag, flying up on the hill, and the bird flying over our door. Stand by, with your glasses all brimming, here's to health, and here's to how, and here's to luck, and here's to the castles of silver we wear, and the eagle that looks like a duck.

Response: Essayons!

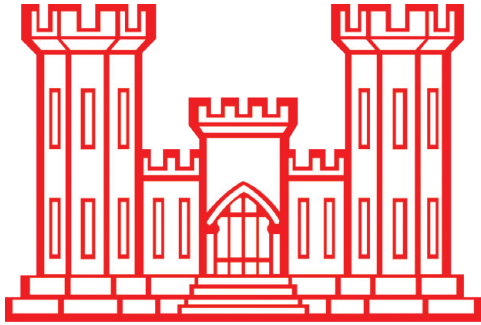
CSM Neuman: I propose a toast to all members of the engineer regiment and their guests this evening.

Response: To the engineer family!

(Charge your glass with water for the next toast)

Chaplain (MAJ) Edwards: To our fallen comrades.

Response: (none/silence)



The Engineer Song

PIN THE CASTLE ON MY COLLAR,
I'VE DONE MY TRAINING FOR THE TEAM.
YOU CAN CALL ME AN ENGINEER SOLDIER,
THE WARRIOR SPIRIT HAS BEEN MY DREAM.
ESSAYONS, WHETHER IN WAR OR PEACE,
WE WILL BEAR OUR RED AND OUR WHITE.
ESSAYONS, WE SERVE AMERICA,
AND THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS.
ESSAYONS! ESSAYONS!



The Army Song

MARCH ALONG, SING OUR SONG,
WITH THE ARMY OF THE FREE.
COUNT THE BRAVE, COUNT THE TRUE,
WHO HAVE FOUGHT TO VICTORY.
WE'RE THE ARMY AND PROUD OF OUR NAME!
WE'RE THE ARMY AND PROUDLY PROCLAIM:

FIRST TO FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT,
AND TO BUILD THE NATION'S MIGHT,
AND THE ARMY GOES ROLLING ALONG.
PROUD OF ALL WE HAVE DONE,
FIGHTING TIL THE BATTLE'S WON,
AND THE ARMY GOES ROLLING ALONG.

THEN IT'S HI! HI! HEY!
THE ARMY'S ON ITS WAY.
COUNT OFF THE CADENCE LOUD AND STRONG;
FOR WHERE'ER WE GO,
YOU WILL ALWAYS KNOW
THAT THE ARMY GOES ROLLING ALONG.

