



COLONEL ERIC D. SWEENEY US Army, Retired

NDR Hall of Fame Induction: 23 April 2022

Colonel Sweeney graduated from Northwestern in December 1986 with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology. He was designated a Distinguished Military Graduate and commissioned in the US Army Engineer Corps.

His initial assignments were Electrical Engineer, 4013th Garrison Unit, before attending the Engineer Officer Basic Course and the Basic Airborne Course; Platoon Leader, A Company and 522nd Engineer Company, 19th Engineer Battalion, 194th Armored Brigade; Executive Officer, 522nd Engineer Company and 13th Engineer Company; Assistant Operations Officer, 19th Engineer Battalion prior to completing the Engineer Officer Advance Course. He then served as the Battalion Maintenance Officer, 2nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea, and commanded the 50th Engineer Company; and Assistant Brigade Engineer, 1st Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

COL Sweeney was a Project Engineer with the Fort Worth District, US Army Corps of Engineers. During this time, he earned a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University. He held a second company command with 1st Engineer Training Battalion, 120th Infantry Brigade, and served as the Battalion Executive Officer prior to completing the Command and General Staff College. In 2000, he completed the Naval War College with a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

COL Sweeney served with the 101st Airborne Division's initial entry forces during Operation Enduring Freedom I & II and the 82nd Airborne Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom I and II. In the 3rd Infantry Division, he served as the Chief Base Camp Engineer during Operation Joint Forge and Stabilization Force-8 (Bosnia). He was the Operations Officer and Executive Officer for the 92nd Engineer Battalion, then Director and Deputy Chief, Facility Engineer Division, Defense Intelligence Agency. He then assumed command of the 1st Brigade Special Troop Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. COL Sweeney was the Standing Joint Force Headquarters Engineer, Headquarters, US Southern Command, and culminated as the Command Engineer, US Army TRADOC.

After 26 years, COL Sweeney retired from active service in October 2013. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal w/1 OLC, and multiple Campaign, Commendation, and Achievement Medals.

COL Sweeney holds a Ph.D. from LaSalle University and is the Director of Army Instruction (DAI) for the JROTC units of ten Caddo Parish schools. Additionally, he is the Area DAI for all North Louisiana high schools. He and his wife, Maya, have a daughter, Amaya, and son, Eric II.