



**EBC Leadership Program with Colonel Atilano II, Commander,  
New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**



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## AGENDA

4:00 p.m.     **Registration and Networking**

4:45 p.m.     **Welcome:** Ann Gisinger, President & Executive Director, EBC

**Welcome from our Host:** Valerie Moore, EBC Board of Directors  
Partner, Nutter McClennen & Fish, LLP

**Introduction:** Curtis L. Thalken, EBC Board of Directors  
CEO, Normandeau Associates, Inc.

5:00 p.m.     **Army Corps of Engineers' Challenges and Opportunities for 2022 and Beyond**



**Colonel John A. Atilano II**, Commander and District Engineer  
New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

5:30 p.m.     **Moderated Discussion with the Colonel and the Audience**

**Moderator:** Curtis L. Thalken, CEO, Normandeau Associates, Inc.

6:00 p.m.     **Adjourn**

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Colonel John A. Atilano II**, Commander and District Engineer  
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Colonel John A. Atilano II assumed command of the New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on July 8, 2020. Prior to this assignment, Colonel Atilano served as the Deputy Division Commander for the North Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A native of Sacramento, California, Colonel Atilano enlisted in the Army in 1994 and served for two years as an Infantryman. In 1996, he graduated from Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

Previous assignments include serving as Division Engineer for the 3rd Infantry Division; Battalion Commander, 4-306 BEB, 1st Army; Chief of Plans (G5), 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia; Engineer Planner, U.S. Forces - Afghanistan (USFOR-A) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; Deputy Executive Officer to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Assistant

Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC; Team Leader, Battalion Military Transition Team, Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Strategic Planner, U.S. Army War Plans Division at the Pentagon, Washington, DC; Board Recorder, DA Secretariat for Officer Selection Boards; Commander, 50th Multi-Role Bridge Company in Uijongbu, South Korea; Executive Officer, HHC/91 EN BN while deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of NATO Stabilization Force 5; Battalion Maintenance Officer, 91 EN BN; and A&O Platoon Leader, B/91 EN BN, and Sapper Platoon Leader, A/91 EN BN where he deployed to Kuwait for Operation Intrinsic Action.

Colonel Atilano holds a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco; a Master of Science in Public Policy Administration from the University of Missouri - St. Louis; a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government; a Master of Military Art and Science from the School of Advanced Military Studies and Master of Science in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy from the Joint Advanced Warfighting School.

Colonel Atilano's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (1 Oak Leaf Cluster); Meritorious Service Medal (5 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Good Conduct Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Army Parachutist Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold).

## **MODERATOR**

### **Curtis L. Thalken, CEO**

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Normandeau's Chief Executive Officer Colonel (retired) Curt Thalken, PE has over 39 years of management, environmental consulting, engineering and permitting expertise. In his 13 years with Normandeau, COL Thalken has served in positions of increasing responsibility, including serving for the past several years as Chief Operating Officer.

Since joining Normandeau, Thalken has been responsible for overseeing company operations, including expansion of Normandeau's Federal and State Government portfolio, an increased presence in renewable energy markets, and has championed innovative technologies to address emerging environmental issues for our clients.

His experience with Normandeau includes extensive oversight of: energy transmission (Gas and electric) and power (including: nuclear, fossil fuel, hydro and other renewables) projects nationwide; Federal, State and Municipal environmental service contracts; and environmental compliance assistance for many private sector entities nationwide.

Prior to joining Normandeau, COL Thalken served on active duty in the U.S. Army as an engineer officer for over 25 years. His experience included working in both austere and developed environments, teaching in the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering at the United

States Military Academy, West Point NY, and command of an Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) in Afghanistan. His military career culminated as Commander of the New England District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) responsible for all aspects of the Federal Government's engineering efforts and regulatory programs within New England.

His education includes a BS, in Chemistry from the United States Military Academy and MS, in Engineering Sciences, from Dartmouth College's Thayer School of Engineering. He is a licensed professional engineer in the states of: NH, CT, and FL.