

Speaker Profile: Colonel (Retired) Paul B. Olsen, P.E.

Recently:

Commanded the Norfolk District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, specializing in Port Modernization and Sea Level Rise Planning

Now:

President and Founder, Honor Builders, LLC, a Strategic Engineering Consulting Firm

Directing Programs and Partnerships for ODU's Office of Research

Topics:

Sea Level Rise Planning

Port Modernization in the Post Panamex Era

Disaster Response, from

Andrew to Sandy and into the future

"Engineering Leadership"

Media:

Appeared on MSNBC's The Ed Show and National Public Radio on the topic of sea level rise and is cited in several trade media outlets on the topic of port modernization



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Paul Olsen is a nationally recognized strategic leader with planning experience in Port Modernization, Natural Disaster Response and Sea Level Rise Planning (pictured with Asst. Secretary of the Army, Jo-Ellen Darcy)

Colonel (Retired) Paul Olsen was commissioned in the U.S. Army upon graduation from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in geography. He held leadership positions in combat units in Europe, the Middle East, and the United States, with decorated service in Somalia, Bosnia and the Iraq. Additionally, he held a number of strategic planning assignments with Headquarters, U.S. Army, and the Department of Defense.

Olsen is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia and holds a Master of Science in civil and infrastructure engineering from George Mason University, a Master of Arts Degree in business management from Webster University, and a Master in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

What you may find interesting

Won the Army's Frank Pace Award for Innovation and is the 2015 ASCE Engineer of the Year for Hampton Roads

Served as the speechwriter for General David Petraeus for two years and published a book on his works

Published several professional articles on Leadership and Strategic Engineering

Presented Sea Level Rise planning to high-level audiences that included the Governor of Virginia, the Commonwealth's General Assembly and several Members of Congress

Briefed the Vice President of the United States on a plan for Port Modernization and was named "Port Champion" by the Virginia Maritime Association

Enjoys reading the classics, travelling the world, and playing the violin tolerably well

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