

Lt. Gen. (Ret) Elvin Heiberg, III



During his 35 years in uniform, Vald held remarkably diverse leadership roles, including Commander of the New Orleans District and of the Ohio River Division. He was subsequently promoted to Director of Civil Works in the Corps of Engineers and later Deputy Chief of Engineers.

Among his most impressive achievements, Vald became the U.S. Army's 46th Chief of Engineers, remaining the youngest "Chief of Engineers" since Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Totten in 1838.

To read the Corps' official notice about Vald's passing, click [here](#).

Our nation has lost a remarkable soldier, scholar, statesman, and builder and we will never forget a great friend, colleague and leader.

Education

United States Military Academy at West Point (graduated 5th in his class)

Graduate degree in civil engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Graduate degrees in Government and Administration from George Washington University

Memberships and citations

Two Distinguished Service Medals (the Army's highest for service)

Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross (Vietnam combat)

Belgium's Commander of the Order of the Crown

Brazil's Grand Commander, Order of Military Merit

Elected into the National Academy of Engineering (1995)

Elected into the National Academy of Construction (2002)