

Lt. Col. Jim Lechner Speaks at Dennis Corporation's Second Annual Meeting

Columbia, SC- Lieutenant Colonel Jim Lechner, United States Army, gave the keynote address at Dennis Corporation's Second Annual meeting on August 30, 2007 at the new Hilton Hotel's Palmetto State Ballroom at 6 p.m.

Lt. Col. Lechner is a decorated Army Ranger having received the Bronze Star (3rd Award), the Purple Heart, the Joint Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal, the Ranger Tab and the Combat Infantryman's Badge (2nd Award).

He has served in Iraq, Korea, Bosnia, Egypt and Somalia. In 1993, during the Battle of Mogadishu in Somalia, a battle made famous in the movie, "Black Hawk Down," Lt. Col. Lechner was wounded and almost lost his right leg. He received the Purple Heart for his actions in that battle.

He has deployed in support of five operational missions to include combat and peacekeeping. Lechner has served two combat tours in Iraq and is currently deployed in September to Baghdad, Iraq to serve as an advisor to the Iraqi Counter Terrorist Force.

As a 1989 Graduate of the Citadel, Lechner has spent a great deal of time in South Carolina where he also has worked on research and archeological programs with the City of Cheraw, SC.

During his keynote address Lechner spoke to the guests about leadership and gave a short video presentation detailing the various missions he has been deployed on. Guests at the Annual Meeting included Dennis corporation employees, spouses and special guests. In addition, special guest Congressman Gresham Barrett presented Lt. Col. Lechner with a flag in honor of his service to our country.

Dennis Corporation is a South Carolina licensed civil engineering, survey and construction management firm. Dennis Corporation employs forty-eight professionals whose specific fields of expertise include civil infrastructure design, construction services, construction management, expert witness services, traffic engineering, transportation design, special projects and surveying.



**Lt. Col. Lechner presents
his keynote address.**



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