



WADE R. SANDERS

Mr. Sanders was appointed by President William Jefferson Clinton as the seventh Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Reserve Affairs on October 5, 1993. In this capacity, he is responsible for developing and implementing policy for the nation's more than 400,000 Navy and Marine Corps reservists, including manpower requirements and force structure, personnel management, facilities and construction, training and mobilization.

A native of Honolulu, Hawaii, Mr. Sanders received his BA degree in English Literature from California State University at Long Beach, and his Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law. He was commissioned in the U.S. Naval Reserve and served three years on active duty, both at sea and ashore. Significant active duty tours included an assignment in Vietnam as Officer in Charge of PCF-98 (Patrol Craft Fast, called a "Swift Boat"), operating his craft in the rivers and canals of the Mekong Delta and engaged in frequent combat.



Following his honorable discharge from the active Navy in 1969, Mr. Sanders affiliated with the Selected Surface Reserve Program and performed in a wide range of operational and administrative billets over the next 23 years, including four commands, National Naval Reserve Policy Board, the first Selected Reservist to serve as Chief of Staff of a major deployed component commander (Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Japan), graduated from the Naval War College and attended the Armed Forces Command and Staff College. He recently retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve with the rank of Captain. Among his military decorations are: Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal (Valor), Purple Heart Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 Awards), Navy Commendation Medal (2 Awards, one for Valor), Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential, Navy and Meritorious Unit Citations, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

From 1973 to 1993, Mr. Sanders held partnership positions with various law firms, specializing in civil litigation, with an emphasis on environmental law.

Mr. Sanders is a life member of the Reserve Officers Association, the Naval Reserve Association, the Navy Enlisted Reserve Association, the Surface Navy Association, and Vietnam Veterans of San Diego. His contributions to public service, education and Veterans welfare issues have been recognized by citations from both City and County governments.