



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

MILTON "SANDY" MANDELL

Enlisting in the U.S. Army upon graduation from high school, Sandy was selected for Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. He attended numerous specialized schools, including airborne school, and served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a Long-Range Reconnaissance Patrol Leader, Troop Executive Officer, and Advisor. Sandy was Honorably Discharged from active duty

in 1975 at the rank of Captain and then joined the Army Reserve.

While enrolled at the University of Tampa, Sandy served as a Deputy Sheriff with Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. He earned a bachelor's degree in business management and began working with the United States Border Patrol. He was selected to be on the first Border Patrol Tactical Response Team and served there until 1983. Throughout his career, he has worked as a Special Agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) in Mississippi, the Assistant Agent in Charge of NCIS operations in Desert Storm, and was promoted to Special Agent in charge in the Middle East. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserve in 2005 after serving more than 30 years in the military.

After a 20-year career in federal law enforcement, Sandy retired and joined the Florida Highway Patrol as part of the 100th Basic Recruit Class in 2001. He was appointed by former Governor Rick Scott in 2018 to serve as a Commissioner of the State Emergency Response Commission. In 2018, he volunteered to lead a team of 50 troopers who deployed to Puerto Rico to assist with recovery efforts after Hurricane Maria. Sandy has served in multiple positions within the patrol, taking him from the Panhandle to Miami at the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. He now serves as the Major and the Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Intelligence Commander. He has selflessly served his country and the State of Florida with distinction for 55 years.