



U.S. Expeditionary Contracting Command

Colonel William Sanders

Commander, 410th Contracting Support Brigade

Colonel William Sanders is the commander of the 410th Contracting Support Brigade, headquartered at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The 410th CSB is part of the Expeditionary Contracting Command that provides effective and agile expeditionary contracting across the full spectrum of military operations for Army service component commands and the joint warfighter, and provides effective and responsive contracting support to the Army and other federal agencies at Army installations outside of the continental United States. The 410th provides direct support to U.S. Army South and general support to U.S. Southern Command elements.

In his previous assignment Col. Sanders served as the Acquisition Military Assistant to both the Under Secretary and the Secretary of the Army.

Following his 1987 graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, Col. Sanders was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps, where he served in multiple tactical units at Fort Bragg, N.C. and in the Republic of Korea.

Col. Sanders has over 15 years of acquisition experience as a certified acquisition manager. From 1998 to 2000 he was assigned to Project Manager Night Vision at Fort Belvoir, Va., as the Assistant Product Manager Forward Looking Infra-Red and as the APM for the Long Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System. After deploying as a Joint Contracting Chief in support of Operation Joint Forge (Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary) in 2001, Col. Sanders was assigned as a branch chief within Defense Contracting Command-Washington where he was responsible for completing major projects such as the E-Army University and the Army advertising contract.



On assignment to U.S. Special Operations Command in 2002, Col. Sanders served as the Field Assistance Division Chief where he was responsible for 17 contracting offices that procured over \$1.5 billion in supplies and services in direct support of the Global War on Terror. He also managed the USSOCOM contingency contracting program where he planned and lead deployments in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Prior to his departure from USSOCOM, Col. Sanders was assigned as the Deputy Program Executive Officer for Special Programs, where he managed a multi-billion-dollar portfolio of products and programs for SOF warriors. In his follow on assignment as Commander, Defense Contract Management Agency, St. Petersburg, Fla., from 2006 to 2008. Col. Sanders managed 250 major defense contractors in support of the Department of Defense. In this capacity he deployed to Southwest Asia and was later honored as the 2008 Secretary of the Army Acquisition Commander of the Year.

In addition to a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy, Col. Sanders holds a Masters of Science from Central Michigan University, a Masters of Business in Administration from the University of Maryland at College Park and a Masters of Science in National Resources Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is also a 1998 graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Col. Sanders' awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (w/ four oak leaf clusters), the Joint Commendation Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal. He is also authorized to wear the Master Parachutist, Army Rigger, and the Canadian and Korean Jumpmaster badges. Col. Sanders has served in Operation Just Cause, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Joint Forge, and most recently Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. He is certified in Contracting (Level III) and Product Management (Level III) and is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps.