

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS REGIMENT



**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
TONY A. SANDOVAL**
U.S. Army, Retired

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Command Sergeant Major Tony A. Sandoval, a native of Nevada, graduated from Pahrump Valley High School in 1988 and entered active duty on November 15, 1989 at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he completed Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training as an Infantryman. He served in various Infantry positions and assignments between 1990–2003. In 2003, he graduated from the Civil Affairs Course and began his Civil Affairs career.

From 2006–2010, while serving as an Operational Civil Affairs First Sergeant, he directed simultaneous Civil Affairs operations in five countries in West and North Africa, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Trans Sahara. As a Generating Force Civil Affairs First Sergeant, he managed, supervised, and conducted individual training requirements of over a thousand Civil Affairs Soldiers, attached or assigned annually and 17 instructors.

From 2010–2012, as the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade Operations Sergeant, he supervised the first two iterations of the brigade's Special Operations Civil Affairs Assessment and Selection Program. He created the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade Company Command and First Sergeant Pre-Command courses, which increased administrative effectiveness of the organization's newly assigned company command teams.

From 2012–2017, Command Sgt. Maj. Sandoval served as senior advisor to the commander in support of U.S. Central Command and U.S. Southern Command, provided leadership, guidance, and input to all operational deployments in support of Special Operations and Conventional Forces and groomed and developed more than seven future Command Sergeant Major under his mentorship. He retired in 2018.

Since his military retirement, he has continued to serve the Civil Affairs Corps promoting camaraderie, responsibility, team-building and professional development. He led the efforts of the benevolent organization "Friends of Civil Affairs" with: donations of over \$48,000 to unit Family Readiness Groups; awarding over \$47,000 in scholarships to Family Members; donations of over \$52,000 in support of Soldier recognition; providing over \$10,000 of assistance to military family members, after traumatic events; raising over \$4,000 to design and produce the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade Memorial Stone, which celebrates over 75 years of service to our nation, and is placed at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum and the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Memorial Plaza.

Command Sgt. Maj. Sandoval resides in Fayetteville, North Carolina with his wife Cheryl and two sons, Ashton and Brandon.