

## Samuel Mitchell Dunkle Biography

Sam Dunkle is a retired Lieutenant Colonel having served 23 years in the US Army. He is a combat and disabled Veteran, serving in Infantry, Special Operations and Intelligence assignments. Upon his retirement in 2003, he served as a GS-15 Intelligence Officer with assignments at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), and the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) until 2011. He is currently serving as the Deputy Commandant at the Hollidaysburg Veteran's Home. Sam is a native of Hollidaysburg, PA.

At the CIA, he served in the Directorate of Operations as a Special Skills - Operations Officer conducting intelligence operations and interagency coordination in support of the Global War on Terrorism. At the ODNI, he served as a Policy and Plans Officer. At NCTC, he served as the Chief of the Office of Liaison responsible for coordinating intelligence operations with intelligence and law enforcement organizations at the Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Private-Sector and with Foreign Intelligence Services.

He spent 23 years serving in command and staff positions from tactical to national levels. He is a veteran of Desert Storm, Bosnia Conflict and the Global War on Terrorism. His assignments included: the CIA, the US Special Operations Command Special Mission Unit, the National Security Agency, the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command, the Special Operations Command-Central, the US Army Berlin Brigade, and the 3rd Infantry Division.

Significant Awards include: Legion of Merit, Soldier's Medal (Heroic actions in Bosnia), Bronze Star Medal (Desert Storm), CIA's Seal Medallion and five Exceptional Performance Awards from the NCTC and the CIA supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

His education includes graduating from Hollidaysburg Area High School, a Bachelor of Science from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Science from Old Dominion University. He is a graduate of US Air Force Special Operations School and the US Army Command and General Staff College. He obtained his Certificate/Licensure as a Nursing Home Administrator from the Pennsylvania State University.

Sam is the Post Commander of the American Legion Post 516 in Hollidaysburg and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8724 in Duncansville. He is a past President of the Hollidaysburg Rotary Club. He is a member of the Restore the Roar Committee for HASD. His hobbies include military history, collecting antiques, and out-door sports. He is married to his wife, Cindy who is also a veteran. They have a 19-year-old son named Josh who attends Millersville University. The Dunkles reside in the Hollidaysburg area.