



Mitchell B. Chandran

Mitch Chandran is owner of ENTRUSTPR Public Relations / Public Affairs partnering with Non-Profit Organizations & Services Industry.

Mr. Chandran retired from Federal service Dec. 31, 2014 after serving as director of the Command (Public) Affairs office at the U.S. Army's Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. He served in all capacities within the office during his ten years with the command.

He entered the U.S. Air Force in 1976 and served for eight years on active duty prior to transitioning into federal service in 1985. He also served and retired from the Air Force Reserve after 26 years of service.

In 1994, Mr. Chandran started as a communications practitioner while assigned with the Air Force at Tinker AFB, Okla. During this assignment, he was one of the first public affairs specialists to report to downtown Oklahoma City following the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing in 1995 and set up the Joint Information Bureau in tandem with the Oklahoma Army National Guard which he remained onsite for the next seven weeks.

In 2002, he took another Air Force civilian assignment at Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, N.M., where he served as chief of community relations at the base-level Public Affairs office. During this assignment, he served as the community liaison between the Federal Government, state and city leaders. He instituted several high-visibility programs to include establishing the theme "Bringing Communities into Our World," which was also adopted by 13 other federal agencies on the installation. He formed and chaired the Greater Albuquerque Community Relations Council, and among other accomplishments, also formed the Honorary Commanders Program.

In 2004, he made a service move from the Air Force to the Army and reported to Headquarters, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command in Alexandria, Va. In 2007, he was one of 15 command members responsible for relocating the command's headquarters from Virginia to Illinois under the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission's recommendation.

Mr. Chandran graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1994 with a Bachelor's degree in business. He and his wife, Kim, have two adult children, Adam and Asia.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal (2); Air Force Good Conduct Medal; Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal among others.

Federal awards include the U.S. Air Force Exemplary Civilian Service Award; U.S. Army Superior Civilian Service Award; Federal Employee of the Year (Oklahoma Federal Executive Board); Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs Director's Best Community Relations Award; and numerous Superior Performance Awards.

Civilian recognitions include the Angstrom Technology Scholarship Achievement Award; Achievement and Outstanding Service to the College of Business Award; and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior College Award.

Mr. Chandran is also a recipient of the Ancient Order of Saint Christopher (highest Transportation Corps honor) and inducted into the Military Order of Saint Christopher in 2014 for his communications efforts supporting the Defense Transportation System.

