



## **MIGUEL A. SAPP**

Prior to joining the Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs as a Veterans Benefits Specialist, Mr. Sapp lived the service to community ethos. He has served locally, nationally, and in the global arena. Mr. Sapp is a product of the Camelot Generation, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." He took that to heart when he joined Army Reserve Officer Training Corp and became a commissioned officer in the Field Artillery.

Mr. Sapp earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Speech Communication, a Master of Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, and a Juris Doctor from the College of Law all at Syracuse University. These degrees prepared him well for careers in the military and government.

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Miguel A. Sapp served 28 years of active and reserve duty in the U.S. Army. He commanded at the platoon, battery, company, and battalion level. His military obligations included back to back tours in support of Operation Sea Signal and Operation Uphold Democracy in Guantanamo, Cuba and Haiti respectively. LTC (Ret.) Sapp also served two tours in Iraq and received the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Iraqi Campaign Medal with three campaign stars, the Combat Action Badge, the Valorous Unit Award and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters for his service in Iraq.



Mr. Sapp also served over 22 years in the Federal Government. In that time he served in several departments and agencies. Most notably he served in the Department of State and held positions at the U.S. embassies in Cairo, Egypt and Kabul, Afghanistan. His last assignment with the Department of State was at Embassy Kabul where he was a Senior Civilian Representative. He coordinated civilian reconstruction efforts in two provinces of Afghanistan, a task that was challenging and dangerous. Despite the tough conditions Mr. Sapp was successful in his mission and received the Meritorious Honor Award and the Superior Honor Award for his service in Afghanistan.

He served in Afghanistan again as part of the Department of Defense Ministry of Defense Advisor Program. He was the Director of the Rule of Law effort in the Ministry of Interior. Among his many successes he was instrumental in reducing the number of Gross Violations of Human Rights claims by 25%. He received the Department of the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the Non-Article 5 NATO Medal.