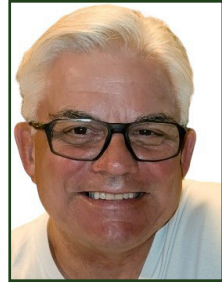


Drew Sande

Navy SEAL

FSHS CLASS OF 1980



Drew Sande, Navy SEAL... enough said?

No, there's a lot to being a Navy SEAL and to Drew!

Drew graduated from FSHS in 1980. He realized college was not a good investment for him, so decided to join the Navy. At seventeen, his parents signed the enlistment papers, and he left for Boot Camp in October of 1980. After Boot Camp, he attended Engineman "A" School and Gas Turbine "C" School at Great Lakes, IL. He was then assigned to the USS Fox CG-33 (Guided Missile Cruiser) at Naval Station San Diego, CA.

A few years later, six months remaining on his first tour, he was planning to return home. But he connected with another SEAL that encouraged him to train and try out for Basic Underwater Demolitions/SEAL (BUD/S). Drew trained and passed the initial screening and graduated with BUD/S Class 133. 1985 was the beginning of his U.S. Navy SEAL career lasting another 22 years. He was assigned to SEAL Team FOUR in Little Creek, VA, which specialized in jungle warfare and maritime operations.

Drew completed three deployments to the Caribbean and the Mediterranean. He participated in sensitive operations including Operation Just Cause in Panama in 1989. The joint operation was successful but, unfortunately, SEAL Team FOUR lost four brave Teammates during the assault on Patilla Airfield. Drew was nominated as SEAL Team FOUR's Sailor of the year in 1989.

Drew also served at Naval Special Warfare Development Group, in Va. Beach, SEAL Team ONE and Naval Special Warfare Command-Admiral's Staff in Coronado, CA, then SEAL Team TEN and Naval Special Warfare Center-Advanced Training Command in Va. Beach. Drew completed Deployments during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq.

Drew's other honors include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (4), Navy Achievement Medal (5) and multiple Campaign Awards. He recently served as the President of the UDT-SEAL Association and on the Board of the SEAL Veterans Foundation in support of Naval Special Warfare Veterans and Active Duty.