



DAVE SANFORD, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dave Sanford serves as SeaPort Manatee's Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer.

Sanford's distinguished 40-year plus career of service in senior-level positions in the public and private sectors include eight years as a presidentially appointed member of the Federal Senior Executive Service assigned to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as executive assignments to the U.S. Senate and Office of the Assistant Secretary of Army for Civil Works.

Sanford previously served as director of legislation and navigation policy at the American Association of Port Authorities and was the principal port industry advisor and lobbyist for water-side port issues.

He is a U.S. Army veteran with overseas active-duty service in the Military Police Corps from 1966 to 1969 and a graduate of Concord University in Athens, WV with a B.A. in Physical Geography.