

Luis Santana

Luis was born in the commonwealth of Puerto Rico in 1949. He began his military service in 1967 as an enlisted soldier and remained in the military until 1973. During that period, he traveled around the Southern States of the U.S. and Europe. After a motorcycle accident in 1975, Luis decided to attend a junior college and completed a full four years in college in 1980. While in college, Luis joined the ROTC program and was commissioned in 1983. Luis served a short tour with the Mississippi National Guard and transferred to the Army Reserves where he was sent to many countries in Central and South America. Later in his career, he served several tours to the Middle East.



During his military career, Luis received several awards including the Meritorious Service Medal. Luis held positions as the Equal Opportunity Officer for the 416th Engineer Command and was a member of the Ambassador Country Team for countries in Central and South America. Later in his career, Luis took part in Operation Enduring Freedom and returned to Iraq under Operation Iraqi Freedom to serve as Liaison to the Iraqi Ministry during the reconstruction period.