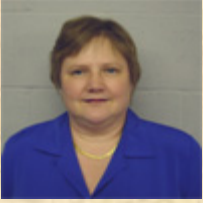


Patricia Karen Sansom

Patricia Karen Sansom was born in Bottineau, North Dakota on May 20, 1954. Her youth was spent in Bottineau and attended Bottineau's public schools.



Pat enlisted in U.S. Navy on October 10, 1974 in Fargo, North Dakota. After completing basic training in Orlando, Florida, she was among the first 100 U.S. Navy women assigned to the Naval Submarine Support Facility, in New London, Connecticut. Her next duty station was the Submarine School Supply Department at SUBASE in New London, Connecticut. Upon completion of active duty, she joined the Navy Reserves and was the first female attached to a supply and administrative reserve unit stationed at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, Massachusetts.

In May of 1980, Chief Sansom moved to Austin, Texas where she drilled with the Naval Reserve Telecommunications Station Unit. In October of 1980, she was affiliated with the Personnel Mobilization Team at the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Dallas, Texas. Three years later, Pat was recruited by the Naval Reserve Security Group unit to be their independent duty storekeeper. During the ten year tour, NR SECGRU 111 won the Captain James D. Delaney Memorial Award as the outstanding Naval Reserve Security Group unit of the year for FY 87.

Due to the overall downsizing of the Naval Security Group units, Chief Sansom's billet was eliminated and in November of 1994, she obtained the only Navy enlisted billet in DCST – CCAS, which was available and recently opened in Dallas. During her tour with the CCAS unit, she was re-called to nine months of active duty to serve in Operation Joint Guard. Chief Storekeeper (SKC) Sansom also worked at the Defense Logistics Agency – Europe headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany, where she provided support to the DLA troops in Bosnia, Hungary and Croatia. Chief Sansom was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for her efforts while in Germany.

During her last few years in the Navy Reserves, Pat became active in the American Legion and was recruited by the Texas National Cemetery, where she served as Treasurer for 10 years. Pat retired from the U. S. Naval Reserves on April 1, 1999.

Pat graduated from University of Connecticut in May of 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Accounting with a minor in computer science and law. She is a Certified Public Accountant in Texas and current works as a Systems Accountant for the Department of Homeland Security. She has held many offices and is currently active in the American Society of Woman Accountants.

Pat currently holds the Finance Officer position at American Legion Post 111. Over the last 15 years, she has held several positions to include Commander, Second Vice-Commander, Judge Advocate, Finance Officer and Board of Trustees. Most recently, she was appointed as the 5th District Finance Officer for the years 2011-2013. During her term as Commander, Post 111 acquired the land and building that currently houses Post 111.

Pat Sansom currently resides in Grand Prairie, Texas. She has one grown son, Joey.