

## Michael Waldrop's Biography

Michael Waldrop is the CEO and president of Blue Cord Design and Construction, an Orlando-based design build company. He has previously served as a Captain in the U.S. Army and an embedded trainer of an infantry company of the Afghanistan National Army.

Michael was called back to active duty out of the Inactive Ready Reserves in 2005 to serve in Operation Enduring Freedom. Along with three other non-commissioned officers, Waldrop commanded an Afghanistan National Army Rifle Company comprising of 60 foreign soldiers. He commanded his men in all major combat operations during the summer and fall of 2006 and into the spring of 2007. The major operations they fought in were Operations Mountain Thrust, Medusa, Archer and Achilles. He was wounded in July of 2006 during the Battle of Panjwai and awarded the Purple Heart. For actions the day before he was wounded in this battle, Waldrop was awarded a Bronze Star for Valor which is the fourth highest combat award given by the Army for valor. He has subsequently been submitted for an Army Commendation Medal for Valor during another battle which is the fifth highest military decoration of Valor.

### Community Organizations

- Advisory Board Member of the Central Florida Salvation Army
- Orange County Industrial Development Authority Board of Director and Vice Chairman
- West Orange Chamber of Commerce Board of Director
- Member of the City of Orlando Veterans Council
- Life Member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars
- Life Member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart
- A LEED Accredited and Licensed General Contractor for the State of Florida