



Jeanne Chandler

Jeanne Chandler was born in Chicago, one of seven children in a traditional, Irish/Catholic family. She attended parochial schools through high school and the University of Illinois, Chicago Campus, where she received a bachelor's degree in Science.

Over the past 27 years, Mrs. Chandler has developed a successful career in marketing, with special emphasis on professional services firms. Over the course of her career, she has won many awards for collateral design and is frequently published in magazines and trade journals. The most recent, was a two part article published in the Professional Housing and Management Association Journal on historic renovation as it applies to the Department of the Army's Residential Communities Initiative. She is currently employed by a CPA firm in Shreveport, La. as a marketing consultant. She is a member of the American Marketing Association and enjoys participating in groups, both formal and informal, that provide mentorship and guidance to young professional women.

Mrs. Chandler is an active community volunteer and has sat on many boards of directors, including Habitat for Humanity and the YWCA. During her tenure as the President of the YWCA of Northwest Louisiana, she spearheaded a reorganization that garnered the YW an additional 1 million in funding per year from the national YWCA to benefit the Northwest Louisiana Family Violence Shelter. In 2003, she co-led the 1/7 Cavalry FRG steering committee during the units' one year deployment in Iraq and in 2007 and was instrumental in improving the Family Readiness approach to singly deployed soldiers and their families at Fort Knox, Kentucky. During her time at the United States Sergeants Major Academy (USASMA), from 2008 – 2011, she mentored the USASMA Spouse Leadership Development Course and shared her thoughts about the challenges and rewards of being a senior spouse in today's' Army.

Mrs. Chandler has volunteered hundreds of hours as a mentor/resource to the Pre-Command Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. and sat on the steering committee of United States Army Sergeants Major Academy's Family Readiness Groups at Fort Bliss, Texas. As an Army volunteer, Mrs. Chandler has received recognition and awards including, the Commanders Award for Public Service, Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, the Armor Association's Order of St. Joan D'Arc Medallion and the Training and Doctrine Command's Margaret Corbin Award.

In 2002 she married Ray Chandler. Her children told her that she was too old to be an Army brat but she has enjoyed the adventure and challenge. Over the past nine years, she has lived in ten houses as her husband has advanced his career and responsibilities. SMA Chandler currently serves as the Sergeant Major of the Army. Between them, the Chandlers have six successfully grown children, eight grandchildren and one darlin' cat, Garryowen.