

# Secretary Samuel K. Skinner

Year of Commission: 1960

BS in Accounting



Secretary Samuel K. Skinner served in the Illinois Army National Guard from 1956 to 1958 and the United States Army Reserve from 1958 to 1960. After commissioning in 1960, he was a tank platoon leader until 1961. He then returned to the Reserves and served until 1968. After graduating from Law School in 1966, he served in the office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois and was later appointed the United States Attorney under President Gerald Ford. He served as the 10<sup>th</sup> United States Secretary of Transportation where he was instrumental in the development of President Bush's National Transportation Policy and responsible for the U.S. Coast Guard operations during Operation DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM. Secretary Skinner was appointed as the White House Chief of Staff under President George H.W. Bush from 1991 to 1992. In 2005, Secretary Skinner was appointed by President George W. Bush to be a member of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

Year Inducted: 2014