



## *Captain Jeffrey Kendall Sapp*

A 1973 graduate of Colorado Springs' Mitchell High School, Jeffrey Kendall Sapp excelled in football, baseball, track and wrestling during his prep career. Among his many accomplishments, Sapp won a state championship in wrestling in the 167-pound weight class in 1972. But it was football that held Sapp's interest and, after receiving more than 60 scholarship offers, he chose the United States Naval Academy.

Playing nose guard for the Midshipmen, Sapp was named team captain and earned All-America honors as a senior in 1976. Despite weighing just 196 pounds, he registered a team-leading 143 tackles and was described by his coaches as the best defensive middle guard in the nation. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in American political science and has since earned three master's degrees.

Today, Sapp holds the rank of Captain in the U.S. Navy, where he has been an aide to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and has commanded six vessels - including a 9,000-ton destroyer. Sapp is also an accomplished motivational speaker and spends a great deal of time speaking to young people about leadership, determination and personal character.