

ALEXANDER "SANDY" SPAULDING

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Sandy Spaulding is the Senior Vice President of Blue Ops, Inc. Blue Ops builds uncrewed surface vessels (USV's) in the United States for the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard, and allied maritime forces. Using originally designed hulls, an open MOSA architecture, and modular payloads, Blue Ops' USV's give the operator capabilities that adapt to the mission. Sandy brings 30 years of marine and defense industry boat building experience to Blue Ops. He has led two of America's premier boat building companies, including The Hinckley Yacht Company and Hodgdon Shipbuilding, both based in Maine with offices and locations around the United States. Although Hinckley and Hodgdon are known as premier builders of yachts, they have also contributed over their histories to the defense industry during WW I and WW II and more recently projects for the Army and SOCOM. Sandy, and his brother-in-law, Barry Hinckley, were tapped by the CEO of Red Cat Holdings, a public company (RCAT) to establish Blue Ops in 2025 and since then have set up Blue Ops' headquarters and showroom in West Palm Beach and a 155,000 sq ft factory in Valdosta Georgia producing over 500 USV's a year. And just recently, they announced an affiliation with Florida Atlantic University to set up Blue Ops' testing, training and technology divisions at FAU's Harbor Branch Research Center in Fort Pierce.