



## **Robert F. Comer, Captain US Navy (Ret.), Managing Partner**

Bob Comer retired after 24 years in the US Navy as a Captain, having been awarded 15 medals and ribbons including the Bronze Star Medal for combat action. He has worked in economic development since 1981, first as Town Manager of Dobson, NC, serving as Chair of the Surry County NC Economic Development Commission, subsequently leading the privatization of that group and serving as President, Surry County Economic Development Partnership, Inc.



Noted for regional cooperation, marketing and promotion, he was a charter member and first Chair of the Piedmont Triad (NC) Partnership Economic Developers Advisory Council and served in several leadership roles with the Partnership. He helped found Sanford Holshouser Economic Development Consulting in 1999 and has been a managing partner in the firm from its beginning. He has been Team Leader for developing economic development strategic plans for 20 municipalities and counties and has participated in over 60 other Sanford Holshouser projects.

### *Educational Background:*

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Bachelor Degree  
Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk VA, Graduate  
Naval War College, Newport RI, Master Degree Equivalent  
Economic Development Courses, University of North Carolina and University of Oklahoma

### *Professional Registrations and Memberships:*

Virginia Economic Developers Association, Member  
North Carolina Economic Developers Association, Member  
Southern Economic Development Council  
Executive Board, NC Association of Community College Trustees  
North Carolina Real Estate Broker  
North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Member

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