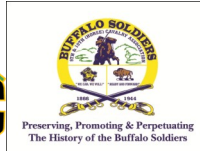




## Robert V. “Bobby” McDonald



Bobby McDonald is president and executive director of the Black Chamber of Commerce of Orange County, a founder of the Orange County President’s Council and a founding member of the Orange County Sports Hall of Fame.

Under his leadership, the Black Chamber of Commerce of Orange County has partnered consistently with minority business associations, local chambers and legislators to provide support for the county’s many small-business owners. McDonald is an effective, personable, business and community leader, accomplished sales, marketing and promotional forerunner and a notable speaker, writer, author and historian.

McDonald developed the chamber’s educational outreach programs, including the Bricks and Bridges program and the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Program with Christ Our Redeemer AME Church in Irvine, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the Volunteer Center of Orange County. McDonald is now a member of the PBS So Cal Board of Trustees.

His many honors include the Human Relations Leadership Award from the Orange County Human Relations Commission, being named the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Millennial Man of the Year and Distinguished Alumnus Award from Cal State Fullerton, where he has been president of the CSUF Alumni Association. He later served as president of the CSU Statewide Alumni Council. He has also been recognized as one of CSU’s Statewide Outstanding African American Alumni and one of Cal State Fullerton’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary prominent alumni. Last year, LA Harbor College, for their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, bestowed their prestigious Outstanding Community Leader, their Alumnus of the Year award and recently inducted McDonald into their Athletic Hall of Fame.

McDonald is also a U.S. Navy Vietnam Veteran, a member of the 9th and 10th (Horse Calvary Association-Buffalo Soldiers), a former Student Body President at Los Angeles Harbor College and he served as a governor’s appointee to the California Cultural Historical Endowment Board and the 17 member State Board of Governor’s of the California Community College System where he created and chaired the Board’s Veteran’s Affairs Committee.