

Brandon Kutner is the President & CEO of Blue Line Coffee, Inc. and Blue Line Coffee Too, Inc. where he owns and operates three (3) Elliano's Coffee shops in the North-Central Florida area. In addition, he is the owner of Blue Line Travel, LLC, a franchisee of Cruise Planners, the nation's largest remote-based travel agency in the country.

Prior to his career as a small-business owner, Brandon served 23 years as a Law Enforcement Officer with his last assignment as the Chief Inspector for the Alachua County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) in Gainesville, FL where he commanded and directed all aspects of the Office of Professional Standards to include the Internal Affairs function as well as Staff Inspections for law enforcement, corrections, and civilian personnel. He also previously served as a law enforcement officer with the Monroe County (FL) Sheriff's Office and the Key West (FL) Police Department. He retired from law enforcement as a Captain in 2022.

During his time Brandon served in various capacities at the agency to include the Criminal Investigations Division, Public Information Office, Patrol Operations Division, Special Operations Bureau, Joint Aviation Unit, and the Community Oriented Policing Services Unit. In addition, Brandon was a Florida Department of Health certified 911 Public Safety Telecommunicator and also served as an Accreditation Assessor for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation, traveling around the state to inspect and assess agencies for compliance with accreditation standards at the local, county and state levels. He also served as the Criminal Investigations Division Major Crimes Bureau Chief where he directed and oversaw the Robbery/Homicide Unit, Special Victims Unit and the Forensics Unit while being selected as a member of the State of Florida Child Abductions Response Team and Hostage Negotiator.

Brandon is also a military veteran, having served 9 ½ years with the United States Navy as a propulsion engineer and cryogenic technician engaged in both humanitarian and combat-support related operations in the Mediterranean theater of operation before earning his honorable discharge in 2004 as an E6.

He is the former President of the North-Central Chapter of the Florida Police Benevolent Association and served as a member of the Board of Directors for both the Florida Police Benevolent Association, Inc. and the United Way of North-Central Florida, lobbying local and state governmental bodies for over 7 years.

Brandon has earned his Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and is currently a candidate for a Master of Public Administration. He is also an alumnus of the University of Louisville Southern Police Institute's Command Officer Development Course (CODC) where he also serves as an adjunct instructor for their Internal Affairs course and several portions of their CODC.

Brandon has been a member of the MCU Cooperative since its inception and is asking for your vote to appoint him as a member of the initial Board of Directors. Outside of his military, law enforcement and business experience, he has been involved in the political process as a candidate for county office where his concentration was developing a sustainable and replicable affordable housing program which tended to the needs of our veteran and first responder communities. It is with this experience that he hopes to make a meaningful impact as a member of the board for the MCU Cooperative.