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Mr. DeLeon works in the Secretary of the Navy's Office of the DON Chief Information Officer (CIO). He is responsible for establishing DON spectrum policy consistent with U.S. Government policy and DoD spectrum governance to enable worldwide EMS access for the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps forces. Mr. DeLeon oversees Navy and Marine Corps efforts in response to electromagnetic spectrum (EMS) frequency band auction sharing or reallocation efforts.

Mr. DeLeon volunteered for a year-long deployment to Afghanistan as a Ministry of Defense (MoD) Advisor, serving as the Senior Spectrum Advisor to the MoD General Staff, Communications (GSG6), Ministry of Interior Affairs Information and Communication Technology Department, and the National Directorate of Security. His duties in that position were to train-advise-assist or mentor Afghan counterparts in the areas of spectrum management programs development, strategic/tactical radio sustainment, Cybersecurity, and Network Operation Center programs.

Prior to his deployment, Mr. DeLeon served as the Federal Spectrum Policy Lead in the Office of the DON CIO. Mr. DeLeon primarily focused on U.S. national Strategic Spectrum policy needs, including cyber-related EMS issues. In this capacity, he provided technical expertise and a wide range of mission support to the DON CIO Strategic Spectrum Policy Director in the development and implementation of DON EMS policy, including the execution of EMS management responsibilities as defined by the U.S. Code of Law (USC), U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars, Department of Defense (DoD) policy, and Secretary of the Navy Instructions.

Mr. DeLeon has been an active participant in all EMS forums, including bilateral and multilateral preparatory activities (national and regional). He served as the DON's representative to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee, which advises the Assistant Secretary of Commerce in executing frequency management responsibilities assigned by the President of the United States. He also served as principal expert for the DON's cyberspace EMS policy, analyzing and resolving difficult policy and planning problems or issues, managing special studies, and recommending new cyber-related EMS approaches.

Mr. DeLeon's military experience includes Senior Spectrum Management Officer with the Marine Corps. He also served in several communications billets as a System Planner Chief, Information Systems Chief, and Radio Communication Supervisor.

Mr. DeLeon earned a B.S. degree in Cybersecurity from the University of Maryland University College, and an A.S. degree in Computer Electronic Engineering from ITT Technical Institute.