

JOSEPH A. DELEON
CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES NAVY



Captain Joseph (Joe) de Leon is currently a student at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF). Captain DeLeon is the son of a Navy Chief and a native of San Diego, California. He attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) in Newport, Rhode Island and entered the Naval Academy in June 1983. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Science from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned an Ensign in May of 1987.

His first assignment was to USS STEIN (FF-1065) where he served as the Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer and Electrical Officer. He then served a second Division Officer tour as the Training Officer, Assistant Material and Assistant Operations Officer on the staff of Commander, Destroyer Squadron FIVE completing his initial sea tours in May 1992.

Rotating to shore duty he was assigned to Fleet Training Group and later Afloat Training Group Pacific as the Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Officer. Returning to sea as a Department Head he served as Chief Engineer on USS WADSWORTH (FFG-9) from September 1994 to June 1996. Upon completion of this tour he was assigned to the CINCPACFLT Propulsion Examining Board (PEB) as a propulsion examiner, through July 1998. He then served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Material (ACOS N-4) on the staff of Commander, Carrier Strike Group THREE from July 1998 to February 2000.

Captain DeLeon returned to school to attend the Naval War College, Naval Command and Staff College earning a Master of Arts degree. Following completion of the War College he reported to the Forward Deployed Naval Forces in Yokosuka, Japan, serving as Executive Officer in USS VANDEGRIFT (FFG-48) from July 2001 to December 2002. Post-XO from Feb 2003 to March 2005, CAPT DeLeon served on the Joint Staff in the Operational Plans and Joint Force Development Directorate (J-7) as the PACOM war planner and then as the Executive Assistant to the Vice Director, J-7. Captain DeLeon then returned to Yokosuka, Japan as the Commanding Officer, USS GARY (FFG-51). He served as the 15th Commanding Officer from September 2005 through March 2007.

Captain Deleon's most recent tours have been as the 5th Battalion Officer and the Deputy Athletic Director at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland from June 2007 through October 2009 and most recently at the Office of the Naval Inspector General. He has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, various unit awards and is a designated Joint Specialty Officer.