

# GUEST SPEAKER'S SHORT BIO



## CAPTAIN JOSEPH A. DELEON UNITED STATES NAVY

Commanding Officer, Engineering Assessments Pacific

Captain Joseph de Leon is the Commanding Officer, Engineering Assessments Pacific in San Diego, CA, responsible for Surface Force Engineering Certification across the Pacific Fleet.

Previously he served in the Pentagon as Deputy Director, Strategic Mobility/Combat Logistics Division on the Navy Staff.

Captain Deleon is the son of a retired Navy Chief and a native of San Diego, California. He attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) in Newport, Rhode Island and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned in May of 1987.



His first ship was USS STEIN (FF-1065) where he served as the Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer and Electrical Officer. He then served as the Training Officer, Assistant Material and Assistant Operations Officer on the staff of Commander, Destroyer Squadron FIVE. Ashore he served at Fleet Training Group and later Afloat Training Group Pacific as the Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Officer.

He returned to sea from September 1994 to February 2000 as Chief Engineer, USS WADSWORTH (FFG-9) through June 1996; Gas Turbine Inspector, CINCPACFLT Propulsion Examining Board through July 1998; and Assistant Chief of Staff for Material for Commander, Carrier Strike Group THREE through February 2000.

Captain Deleon was awarded a Master of Arts degree in 2001 from the Naval War College, Naval Command and Staff College. On graduation he reported to the Forward Deployed Naval Forces in Yokosuka, Japan, serving as Executive Officer, USS VANDEGRIFT (FFG-48) from July 2001 to December 2002. Post-XO from Feb 2003 to March 2005, he served on the Joint Staff, Operational Plans and Joint Force Development Directorate as the PACOM war planner and as Executive Assistant to the Vice Director, J-7. In the summer of 2005 he returned to Yokosuka as the 15<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer, USS GARY (FFG-51) through March 2007.

His 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; Chief of Staff and Executive Assistant in the Office of the Naval Inspector General from 2009-2011; and 2012 graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, awarded a Master of Science degree.

He is most proud of the numerous unit awards earned by Sailors he has served with which include the Golden Anchor, Meritorious Unit Commendation and command ESWS and SWO qualification pennants. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.