



Veteran-led Disaster Response Organization Team Rubicon Appoints Art delaCruz as Chief Operations Officer

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Mar. 9, 2016 - Los Angeles, Calif. – Art delaCruz, the former Director of Strategic Planning at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems and a retired U.S. Naval Officer, has been appointed the Chief Operations Officer of Team Rubicon.

“We are extremely excited to welcome Art to Team Rubicon. His experience as a career service member, as well as his background after his retirement in private industry, make him the ideal person to lead the organization at this critical time in our growth,” said Jake Wood, CEO of Team Rubicon. “This position required a niche candidate, possessing both a strong military heritage as well as a solid foundation in strategic and operational leadership.”

Art served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years and retired in October of 2013. Notable tours included serving as an instructor at the Navy Fighter Weapons School (Topgun) and as the Commanding Officer of Strike Fighter Squadron TWO TWO (VFA-22). During his career, he made six deployments as an F-14 and F/A-18 Naval Flight Officer. In 2010, he was one of 12 senior Department of Defense (DoD) officers selected as a Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow, a program that places officers in leading companies to glean best practices that may be applicable in DoD. In this capacity, he was trained by and served with McKinsey & Co. In his final military assignment, Art served as the Deputy of Strategic Policy, and as Systems Innovation Lead at the U.S. Special Operations Command.

After retiring, Art joined Northrop Grumman where his roles included assignments as Mission Campaign Lead where he was responsible for business development and mission solutions in the areas of special operations, directed energy, electronic warfare, and maritime systems integration. As Director of Strategic Planning he was responsible



for coordinating sector strategy development; developing and analyzing strategic growth initiatives; and overseeing the long-range strategic planning process.

Art earned his Bachelor's degree in physics from the US Naval Academy and a Master's degree in operations management from the University of Arkansas.

"I am thrilled to join Team Rubicon. The mission of providing efficient and timely aid to those affected by disasters, all while providing our veterans with a new purpose, community, and identity, is a mission worth carrying forward," said delaCruz. "To find an organization made up of 35,000 individuals who place helping their fellow man above their own well-being is a rare thing, and I couldn't be more happy for this opportunity to support all those who work towards it. "

About Team Rubicon USA: *Team Rubicon unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. The disaster response organization offers veterans the opportunity to continue their service by helping those affected by disasters while regaining a sense of purpose, community and identity. For more about Team Rubicon USA, visit teamrubiconusa.org. Also see us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).*

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