

Art delaCruz: Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Team Rubicon

Art delaCruz serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Team Rubicon (TR). In this capacity, he is responsible for all facets of the veteran-led humanitarian organization that helps global communities before, during, and after crises and disasters. Prior to becoming CEO, he was the Chief Operating Officer (COO) responsible for programs and operations, volunteers, technology, marketing and communications, and developing and executing the organization's strategy.

A retired Naval Officer, delaCruz served as Director of Strategic Planning at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems prior to TR. He was responsible for coordinating sector strategy development, developing and analyzing strategic growth initiatives, and overseeing the long-range strategic planning process.

delaCruz served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years with notable tours including serving as an instructor at the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) and as the Commanding Officer of Strike Fighter Squadron 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, delaCruz served as the Deputy of Strategic Policy, and as Systems Innovation Lead at the U.S. Special Operations Command.

delaCruz 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.