



**Lieutenant Commander Cesar A Plaza**  
**Hispanic Community Outreach Lead Officer**  
**for Chief of Naval Personnel**



A native of Puerto Rico, Lieutenant Commander Plaza enlisted in the US Navy as a Gas Turbine Mechanic in May 1986 and completed Recruit Basic Training, A and C school at NTC Great Lakes Ill. His enlisted assignments included USS *Thach* (FFG-43) in San Diego CA, USS *Ford* (FFG-54) in Long Beach CA where he deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and USS *Lewis B Puller* (FFG-23) in Long Beach CA. After his promotion to Chief Petty Officer in 1995 he served as an engineering instructor and evaluator at Afloat Training Group Pacific (ATGPAC) in San Diego CA.

LCDR Plaza was commissioned as an Ensign under the Limited Duty Officer Program in June 1998 and was assigned to duty aboard USS *John A Moore* (FFG-19) in San Diego CA. Ashore, LCDR Plaza has served as Maintenance Officer at Supply Support Battalion Two (SSB2) in Newport RI; Foreign Liaison Officer at Naval Control and Guidance of Shipping (NCAGS) in Quincy MA; CENTCOM and AFRICOM Action Officer for Global Force Management at US Fleet Forces in Norfolk VA; and he is currently the Hispanic Outreach Lead Officer for the Diversity Directorate, Chief Of Naval Personnel in Washington DC.

LCDR Plaza holds an Associate's degree in Humanities from Pasadena City College, a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Anthropology from the University of Southern California and a Juris Doctor degree from Northeastern University. He is a Distinguished Graduate of the International Naval Control and Guidance of Shipping School in Valparaiso, Chile. He is also a member of the Massachusetts Bar.

LCDR Plaza is married to the former Grace C. Wu of Wilmington Delaware.