



Biography

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Pedro O. Negrini Acting Chief Technology Officer

Mr. Pedro O. Negrini serves as the Acting Chief Technology Officer (CTO) and Director of IT Operations and Field Services for the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), headquartered at Fort Lee, Virginia. In this dual leadership role, he is responsible for driving strategic innovation through the integration of emerging technologies into DeCA's operations while overseeing the agency's expansive technical infrastructure. This includes managing network operations, data centers, service desk functions, desktop support, and ensuring the reliability of mission-critical applications that support DeCA's global retail mission.

Prior to his current role, Mr. Negrini served as the Supervisor and Chief of the IT Strategy and Governance Division (ITSG) at DeCA. In this position, he led the oversight of 11 enterprise IT functions, including cybersecurity governance, IT acquisition, enterprise architecture, and workforce planning. As a senior advisor to the Chief Information Officer (CIO), he played a key role in advancing DeCA's modernization efforts by aligning IT investments with Department of Defense (DoD) mandates and federal compliance standards, while also driving enhancements to the agency's cybersecurity strategies.

Before joining DeCA, Mr. Negrini served as the Cybersecurity Assessments Branch Chief for the U.S. Army's 93rd Signal Brigade. In this capacity, he led the Army's Information Assurance Program, directing Cyber Operational Readiness Assessments (CORA) and providing expert guidance on strengthening cybersecurity defenses. His efforts resulted in improved readiness and enhanced protection against vulnerabilities across DoD IT systems.

In addition to his professional roles, Mr. Negrini is committed to advancing the field of cybersecurity through education and mentorship. From December 2022 to June 2025, he served as an Adjunct Instructor at The Ohio State University's College of Engineering, where he taught cybersecurity principles, network defense, and risk management. By designing experiential learning labs and facilitating Capture-the-Flag (CTF) competitions, he prepared students to excel in challenging cybersecurity roles, fostering both technical expertise and critical thinking. His mentorship and creative teaching methods significantly enhanced student engagement and readiness for future cybersecurity careers.

Mr. Negrini's IT career began in 1997 with 24 years of distinguished military service, during which he was deployed to Cuba, Afghanistan, and Iraq. As a Fiber Optic Cable Installer and Maintainer in the U.S. Army, he gained invaluable technical experience and exhibited exceptional leadership skills in global operational environments. Alongside his military service, his private sector experience further showcases his technical acumen. In 2002, he began as a Software Engineer with IT Group Technology Firm in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In 2007, Mr. Negrini joined Microsoft Operations Puerto Rico as a Quality and Process Engineer, where he drove process improvements, helped achieve ISO 9000 certification, and contributed to the launch of one of Microsoft's first global data centers. Later, as a Computer Systems Architect for CRGT Inc. in 2010, he ensured robust IT and cybersecurity support for 14 U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) sites, optimizing network performance and enhancing system security.

Throughout his career, Mr. Negrini has demonstrated a unique ability to bridge technical expertise with strategic leadership and innovation. His commitment to improving operational efficiency, advancing cybersecurity, and mentoring the next generation of IT professionals underscores his invaluable contributions to the public and private sectors.

EDUCATION

2021, Master of Science, Engineering Management, Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico
2009, Bachelor of Science, Industrial Engineering, Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

Civilian Career

2025 - Present, Acting Chief Technology Officer/Director, IT Operations & Field Services, Supervisory IT Specialist (Policy & Planning), DeCA Headquarters (HQ), Fort Lee, Virginia



2024 - 2025, Division Chief, IT Strategic Planning and Governance, Supervisory IT Specialist (Policy & Planning), DeCA HQ, Fort Lee, Virginia
2019 - 2024, Lead IT Specialist (Planning and Capital Planning), DeCA HQ, Fort Lee, Virginia
2019 - 2019, Cybersecurity Branch Chief, Supervisory IT Specialist (INFOSEC), 93rd Signal Brigade, U.S. Army, Fort Eustis, Virginia
2014 - 2019, Information Management Officer, Supervisory IT Specialist (Network), 94th Training Division (FS) Headquarters, Fort Lee, Virginia
2010 - 2014, Engineer and-Enterprise Systems Architect, CRGT Inc., U.S. Army TRADOC Training Sites, Fort Buchannan, Puerto Rico
2007 - 2009, Quality and Process Engineer, Microsoft Operations Puerto Rico (MOPR), Puerto Rico.

Army Career

2011 - 2024, Data Operations Warrant Officers (255A), Chief Warrant Officer (CW3), 80th Training Command (TASS), U.S. Army, Reserve
2009 - 2010, Information Technology Specialist (25B) OEF, U.S. Army, Active Duty
2004 - 2006, Senior Fiber Optics Team Chief (25L) OIF, US Army, Active Duty
1997 - 2004, Cable Systems Installer-Maintainer (25L), US Army, Reserve

CERTIFICATIONS

GIAC GSNA certification, Analyst number: 44002	2021
DRSI Command Cyber Operations Readiness Inspector (CCORI)	2019
GIAC GSEC certification, Analyst number: 44002	2018
(ISC)2's CISSP certification, ID number: 457973	2013
CompTIA Security +Certification, ID: COMP001020186575	2010
CompTIA Network +Certification, ID: COMP00102018657	2010
Network Manager Security Course and Certification	2010

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