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Mr. Orso enlisted in the Navy in December 1984. Prior to his retirement in 2007, Mr. Orso served as the Executive Assistant/Deputy to the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) and represented the active duty and reserve Enlisted force. He served on service-level boards and committees and had a significant influence on DoD and Navy policies governing personnel utilization, assignments, training, education, and workforce development programs.

Mr. Orso's Command Senior Enlisted Leader (CSEL) tours included the Naval Academy Preparatory School, Fighter Squadron THIRTY-TWO, and the Center for Naval Leadership prior to his selection as the MCPON EA. As Director of Enlisted Leadership Development and Instructor Training, he oversaw the U. S. Navy's enterprise-wide leadership development continuum and was responsible for 22 geographically dispersed units and the delivery of professional military education to 50,000 personnel annually.

Prior to his selection as a Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Mr. Orso led a wide-variety of intelligence analysis and production organizations, providing direct-support to tactical and operational forces and leading contingency and national-level target planning operations.

Following Mr. Orso's retirement from the U. S. Navy in 2007, he served as a Principal at Touchstone Consulting Group prior to joining the Department of Veterans Affairs in September 2008.

He has completed the Executive Business Course at Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA., and the Strategic Planning seminar at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. He is a graduate of the U.S Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy, the Command Master Chief Course, and National Defense University's Joint Command Senior Enlisted Leader Course. He has also completed a gubernatorial appointment as a Commonwealth of Virginia Veterans Services Foundation board member.

Mr. Orso has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration and a Master of Science degree in Management.

He is married to the former Deanna Marie Ellis and they have three children.