



Colonel Leonard J. DeFrancisci (Ret)

Colonel Leonard J. DeFrancisci retired from the Marine Corps Reserves in February 2018 with 32 years. His last assignment was the Deputy Commander of the Force Headquarters Group, a subordinate command of the Marine Forces Reserve. Previously, Colonel DeFrancisci served as the Commanding Officer of 2d Civil Affairs Group and 4th Civil Affairs Group. He also served as detachment commander, operations officer and team leader at 4th CAG. In 2008-09, Colonel DeFrancisci served as the J9 for United States Forces Korea Det 102. He also served in Direct Support Motor Transport Company A, 6th Motor Transport Battalion. Prior to that, he served as the anti-armor platoon commander, heavy machine gun platoon commander and the fire support coordinator for Weapons Company, 2d Battalion, 25th Marines. He also served as the operations officer and platoon commander for 4th Force Reconnaissance Company. His first assignment was weapons platoon commander and rifle platoon commander with 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. He is a graduate of Army Ranger school.

Colonel DeFrancisci is a partner at DEMACO, a designer and manufacturer of high-capacity industrial food equipment, with a specialty in the pasta industry. DEMACO makes machines for companies such as Campbell's, Nestle (Stouffers), General Mills, ConAgra (Chef Boyardee), Amy's, Frito-Lay, PepsiCo and Kraft Heinz. He holds several patents. He is also the History Chair of the National Pasta Association and a regular contributor to *Professional Pasta* magazine. He volunteers as the President for the Space Coast Machinist Apprenticeship Program, a non-profit that coordinates and supervises the training of machinist apprentices throughout the Space Coast region of Florida.