

## **Ernest P. Petzrick**

Ernest Petzrick is Director of Business Development at Sparton Corporation in De Leon Springs, FL. He brings a diverse history of small business entrepreneurial pursuits and large defense company experience following a very successful 25-year career as an officer in the U.S. Navy.

After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering. He served for 10 years as a surface warfare officer before transferring to meteorology and oceanography where he earned a Master of Science degree in physical oceanography and meteorology from the Naval Postgraduate School. His tours of duty include multiple sea duty assignments aboard various combatants, senior and command equivalent tours ashore including the CNO's staff (N6) and Naval Personnel Command.

Retiring from the Navy in 2007, Petzrick began his business experiences as a Sales Engineer at Hydroid Inc. Seeking greater responsibility, he became a Product Line Manager at Teledyne Webb Research, was promoted to Senior Product Line Manager and graduated with honors from Suffolk University's Executive MBA program. Petzrick was an owner and part owner of small businesses before returning to the defense industry with Sparton Corporation where he was quickly promoted to Director of Business Development.