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Tony Teravainen, MSEL, USN (Ret.).



A vocal advocate for the public support of our military community, Mr. Teravainen assumed his position as President and CEO in February 2014 after serving as a board member and volunteer since 2009. In this role, Tony oversees the positioning of STEP as a successful, trusted and viable partner to San Diego's military population. Under his guidance, STEP has assisted more than 3,800 military and veteran families in financial crisis move to self-sufficiency through financial counseling and \$1.4 million in issued grants.

Being the son of a career Air Force father, Tony knows firsthand the hardships young military families endure. After a medical condition abruptly ended his career as a U.S. Navy submariner, he experienced the difficulties of a rushed transition to civilian life. This is why Tony sees himself, his mother, his father, and his veteran brother, each time a young child, a military spouse, a fellow veteran or service member visits the STEP office.

Mr. Teravainen moved from STEP's Board Chairmanship to become its full-time CEO in January 2014, leaving his consulting position at Booz Allen Hamilton, where for five years he consulted on strategy and process improvement. Prior to that, he spent seven years running his own small businesses, 12 years in manufacturing leadership at Sony Electronics, Inc., and eight years in the operations, repair and project management areas of the U.S. Navy's Submarine Nuclear Power Program. Tony holds undergraduate degrees in business management and nuclear engineering, as well as a master's degree in executive leadership from The University of San Diego. He holds licenses in Six Sigma, Project and Change Management, holds one U.S. patent, and earned the Submarine Service insignia during his military service. Married to Jaelyn with two daughters and a son, Tony resides in the Highland Valley area of San Diego County where he enjoys farming and raising his many animals.

Coming Soon

January 11—California Innocence Project

January 18—Project PAINT