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Mr. Hanley currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Safety) in the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment. He is responsible for policy, oversight, advocacy and strategic planning for the Department of the Navy's safety and occupational health program, acquisition safety, fire protection and emergency services.

He joined the Senior Executive Service in March 2002 and has thirteen years of Federal service as a civilian.

From December 2010 until January 2012 he was the senior strategic communication expert at the National Defense University, where he led a project to use education as a catalyst for improved integration of communication efforts among the interagency community, the public and private sectors, and our allied and partner nations.

He served as the Senior Advisor to the Commander, Pacific Command for Communication Integration from October 2007 until November 2010, coordinating all defense strategic communication in the Pacific theater.

From March 2002 until September 2007 Hanley was Director of Strategic Communication for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, serving as the senior communication advisor to the Chairman and coordinating all public, legislative, and interagency communication for the Joint Staff.

In April 1993, Hanley founded and served as Chairman and CEO of DC Inc., a private sector communication consulting firm specializing in planning and communication strategy for non-profits and small government agencies. DC Inc. has been inactive since March 2002 when he returned to federal service.

From May of 1992 until April 1993 Hanley was director of communication for the Defense Conversion Commission, chartered to examine the impact of reduced defense spending on US communities, companies, and individuals. He was responsible for all the Commission's communication with the public and the Congress, including the arrangement and conduct of numerous public hearings throughout the US.

Hanley was commissioned in the US Navy in June 1968 through Officer Candidate School. He served four years as a Surface Warfare Officer and twenty years as a Public Affairs Officer, retiring in August 1992 as a Captain.

Hanley holds bachelor's of arts (Honors) and master's of arts degrees in English language and literature from Oxford University in England, and a master's degree in international relations from Claremont Graduate University in California. He is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, DC.

He is a founding Director of the Veterans Small Business Association, where he successfully lobbied Congress for millions of dollars to assist Veteran entrepreneurs; he is a member of the Public Relations Society of America, the National Press Club, and the US Navy Public Affairs Alumni Association, which he helped found; and he is an adjunct professor at American University, where he has taught in the Graduate School of Communication. In February 2014, Hanley was recognized by the National Safety Council as a "CEO Who Gets It," as a result of his demonstrated commitment to safety within the Navy and Marine Corps.