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## Lieutenant Commander Joel D. Pagan

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Lieutenant Commander Joel D. Pagán is the commander of the Oklahoma City Military Entrance Processing Station and supports the USMEPCOM mission of evaluating applicants by applying Department of Defense standards in processing and determining eligibility for military service. He earned his commission through Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island in October 2011.

Lieutenant Commander Pagán served as the 1st lieutenant aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Gridley, homeported in San Diego, California; damage control assistant aboard the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima, homeported in Jacksonville, Florida; officer recruiter and division officer, Navy Recruiting District Miami, Florida; company naval gunfire liaison officer, 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Camp Hansen, Okinawa; and operations officer, El Paso MEPS, Fort Bliss, Texas.

His professional military training, qualifications, and education include Advanced Seamanship and Tactics, Damage Control and Senior Enlisted, Navy Officer Recruiting Orientation, Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer Course, Fire Support Coordination Course, ANGLICO Basic Course, Brown Belt in Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, Helicopter Rope Suspension Techniques Master Course, Human Resources Officer Introductory Course, Intermediate Leadership Course and Joint Professional Military Education (Phase 1). He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso. He is board certified as a Professional in Human Resources from the Human Resources Certificate Institute and he is a qualified Surface Warfare Officer and Fleet Marine Force Warfare Officer.

His awards and decorations include two Joint Service Commendation Medal, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various service, unit, and personal medals and ribbons.