

Lieutenant Colonel Maria L Quintanilla, U.S Army (Ret.), joined Spectrum Integrated Solutions in 2015, after serving over 25 years with the US Army. Since that time, she has been responsible for managing Spectrum's Federal Contracts Division and business development in Iraq and the US. She brings over twenty years of strategic planning experience to Spectrum's clients

She leaves a distinguished military career behind her. After being commissioned in 1986 through the ROTC program at the University of Oregon, LTC (Ret.) Quintanilla continued to expand her education. Her military schooling includes the Signal Officer Basic Course, Airborne School, the Signal Officer Advance Course, U.S. Army Combined Arms & Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, the Combat Development Course, Army Force Management School and the FA50 Force Management Qualification Course. Her ability to combine multiple disciplines has made her a valuable asset to Spectrum and its clients.

LTC (Ret.) Quintanilla has displayed a strong knack for leadership, having served as the Commander of Bravo Company, 369th Signal Battalion, Ft Gordon, Georgia. She held a Command Staff position for the 59th Signal Battalion in Ft. Richardson, Alaska, where she was responsible for Battalion Operations and Training. During her time there, she rose to the position of Executive Officer. Her experiences in these positions have allowed her to gain a keen perspective in strategic planning.

LTC (Ret.) Quintanilla completed tours in Germany, Korea and Alaska. She was also deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her exposure to the different cultural aspects involved in maintaining conducive relationships between those under her command and local entities gives her a competitive edge in facilitating Spectrum's clients as they extend their reach into international markets.

She has shown her dedication to service throughout her military career, leading to her being awarded the Legion of Merit Medal, a Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, a Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters. She also earned a Parachute Badge. This commitment to excellence has followed her into the private sector, making her a strong ally to clients as they develop the long term strategies required to effectively integrate their business development in foreign territory.

*LTC (Ret.) Quintanilla has Bachelor of Science Degrees in Physical Education and Biology. She also has a Master of Business Administration Degree in Military Studies.*