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Vice Admiral Michael "Mike" Franken, U.S. Navy (Ret.) Joins The SPECTRUM Group

Alexandria, Va. – January 13, 2025 – [The SPECTRUM Group \(TSG\)](#) is pleased to announce that [Vice Admiral Michael "Mike" Franken, U.S. Navy \(Ret.\)](#) has joined its firm. Admiral Franken supports clients in defense and government relations domains, leveraging his more than four decades of work in defense, energy, development, maritime, legislative, and foreign affairs. He delivers expertise in energy grid sustainability, infrastructure development, and climate mitigation domains, including in market expansion, large-scale military projects, and technical applications. As a recent U.S. Senate candidate who served in several Congressional liaison roles during his military career, Admiral Franken is well-connected with key decision-makers and leaders on both sides of the aisle.

"Mike brings exceptional experience, expertise, and integrity to TSG," said [Andrew J. Campbell, TSG Executive Chairman](#). "He will expertly support our clients in government relations, energy, Navy, and security domains in the U.S. and globally. I'm grateful to Mike for his years of service to our country and look forward to working together closely."

Prior to joining TSG, Admiral Franken served a 36-year U.S. Navy career, culminating in his serving as Deputy Commander, U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM). Previously, he served as Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, representing the Navy on Capitol Hill. Earlier, Admiral Franken served as Chief of Staff, Joint Staff J5 (Plans, Policy, and Strategy). He also previously served as Commander, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, USAFRICOM, where he served as the on-the-ground leader of U.S. operations in Djibouti and 14 East African nations, and as Vice Commander for Plans, Policy, and Strategy for U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM).

"TSG is fortunate to have Mike join our team," said [TSG's President, Major General George Close, U.S. Army \(Ret.\)](#). "His deep defense strategic advisory and leadership background, as well as expertise in government relations and energy domains, will enhance many of TSG's practice areas, including [Defense & Aerospace](#), [Energy, Installations & Environment](#), [Government Relations](#), [Naval & Missile Defense](#), [International](#), and [Security](#)."

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