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Founder and CEO
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Joe is an accomplished senior executive, systems engineer, and innovator with more than 30 years of strategic, operational, and fiscal leadership in a diverse range of multi-national military organizations and commercial sector businesses. He applies his leadership and engineering skills to the task of solving critical national security and warfighting challenges and has led the development of industry leading solutions in 3D data integration and visualization, artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML), and augmented reality to support training and operations. These efforts include deployment of a serious game training simulation system to help revolutionize training for the US Air National Guard warfighters that protect the Homeland's air space 24/7/365.

Vectrona was recognized on the Inc 5000 in 2022 and 2023, as well as the 2022 VET100 list of the 100 fastest growing Veteran Owned US Business.

"Jumpin'" Joe previously served more than 20 years as an active-duty Naval Aviator completing more 3,000 flight hours, 700 carrier arrested landings, and 5 combat deployments to the Middle East, Mediterranean Sea, and the Western Pacific while attaining virtually every training and combat qualification in the F-14B Tomcat and the F/A-18C Hornet.

Joe holds a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering from Virginia Tech, and a Master of Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. He has been recognized with more than 50 awards and honors including the Strike Flight Air Medal (two awards), NATO Meritorious Service Medal, and Ten "Top 10 Tailhooker" Awards for carrier landing excellence, as well as the Epsilon Mu Eta Engineering Management National Honor Society Medal.