



A native of Punta Gorda Florida, Washington served as an active-duty U.S. Marine from 1987 to 1998. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Staff Sergeant/E6, Infantry Platoon Sergeant. Upon returning to civilian life, Washington worked as a personal bodyguard and in mortgage banking for 10 years.

In 2009, following a desire to assist other veterans, Washington became a Veteran Services Counselor for Manatee County Veteran Services and was selected to lead Veterans Services in May of 2013, the same year being named the Employee of the Year. While in this role he oversaw the advocacy and benefit support efforts for Manatee county's nearly 50,000 Veterans and their families. During his tenure at Manatee County government, he was later promoted to the Director of Neighborhood Services, which he later changed to Community and Veterans Services. In February of 2023 he was selected to lead the county as Interim County Administrator, the chief executive of the county's workforce operations. A position he held until his retirement in August of this year.

He is the outgoing President for the County Veterans Services Officer Association of Florida, Inc.; the organization representing all of Florida's 67 county Veterans Services offices.

He is a graduate of Leadership Manatee, a Bradenton Kiwanian, and the owner of Pee Wee's Canteen and Catering LLC. Lee, calling Manatee County home is a Bradenton resident and has 2 adult children and 3 grandchildren.