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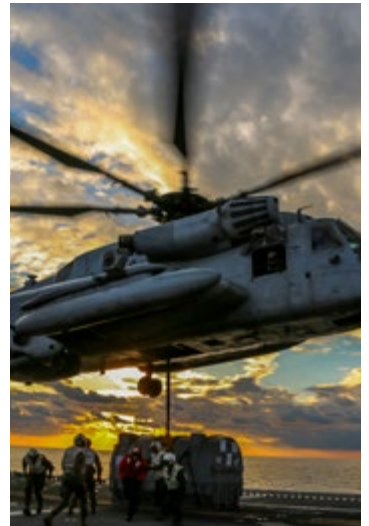
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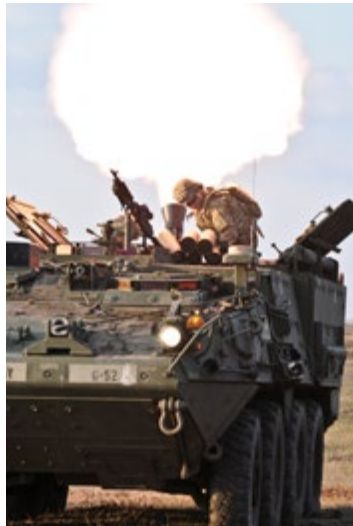
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SPEAKER BIOS/
REFERENCE

Tuesday, 16 June 2020 – Air Force/Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
0915 – 0930	Welcome Mr. Tony Krogh President, National Defense Industrial Association – Central Florida Chapter (NDIA-CFL) RADM James A. Robb, USN (Ret) President, National Training and Simulation Association (NTSA)
0930 – 0950	Agile Combat Support (ACS) Directorate Update Mr. Paul Waugh Program Executive Officer, Agile Combat Support, AFLCMC/WN
0950 – 1010	Simulators Division Update Colonel John Kurian Senior Materiel Leader, Chief - Simulators Division, Agile Combat Support, AFLCMC/WNS
1010 – 1030	Simulators Division Contracts Perspective Ms. Cecelia Benford Chief of Contracts, Simulators Division, Agile Combat Support, AFLCMC/WNS
1030 – 1040	Break
1040 – 1130	Simulators Division Branch Updates Air Combat Mr. Richard Hricko Materiel Leader - Air Combat, Simulators Division, Agile Combat Support, AFLCMC/WNS Air Mobility Mr. Greg McCan Materiel Leader - Air Mobility, Simulators Division, Agile Combat Support, AFLCMC/WNS Special Ops & AETC Lt Col Gary Roos Materiel Leader - Special Ops & AETC, Simulators Division, Agile Combat Support, AFLCMC/WNS

Operational Training Infrastructure

Lt Col Ricardo Jaime

Materiel Leader - Operational Training Infrastructure, Simulators Division, Agile Combat Support, AFLCMC/WNS

1130 – 1145 Small Business Office Update

Mr. Kevin Parks

Small Business Office, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center

1145 – 1205 Simulators Division Pitch Day and Innovation Cell

Ms. Margaret Merkle

PM Innovation Cell, Simulators Division, Agile Combat Support, AFLCMC/WNS

1205 – 1300 Lunch Break

1300 – 1330 Q&As

1330 – 1340 Break

1340 – 1350 Closing Remarks

Mr. Tony Krogh

President, NDIA-CFL

Wednesday, 17 June 2020 – Navy

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
0900 – 0915	Welcome Mr. Tony Krogh President, NDIA-CFL RADM James A. Robb, USN (Ret) President, NTSA
0915 – 0930	NAWCTSD Command Brief CAPT Tim Hill Commanding Officer NAWCTSD & NSA Orlando
0930 – 0935	RRL CAPT Robert Gallagher 2025 Ready Relevant Learning Training System Program Manager
0935 – 0955	PDA Brian Hicks Director, Aviation Programs
0955 – 1010	PDX Robin Wieckhorst Director, Cross-warfare Programs
1010 – 1030	Break
1030 – 1045	PDS Paul Honold Director, Surface and Undersea Warfare Programs
1045 – 1100	PDI Aida Matta Director International Training Products

1100 – 1200 **PANEL: Private Sector Funding Continuum**

CDR Samuel Gray
Deputy Director, NavalX
Moderator

Benjamin J. Patz
Managing Partner, DeepWork Capital

Dennis R. Pape
Cofounder & CEO, SeedFundrs

Matt Stavish
Vice President, Republic Capital Access

Barry Forbes
Senior Vice President & Market President, BB&T

1200 – 1230 **Lunch Break**

1230 – 1250 **PDR&T**
Bob Seltzer
Director, Research and Technology Programs

1250 – 1350 **PANEL: Florida's High Tech Corridor Fueling Innovation with Capital and Talent**

RADM Paul Sohl, USN (Ret)
CEO, Florida High Tech Corridor
Moderator

Mrs. Angela Alban
CEO, SIMETRI

Dr. Svetlana Shtrom
Director, Technology Transfer, University of Central Florida

Dr. Brent Winslow
Division Head Biosignature Analytics, Design Interactive

Dr. Michael Bloom
Assistant Vice President Corporate Partnerships & Innovation, University of South Florida

1350 – 1405 **Break**

1405 – 1450 **PANEL: Contract Vehicles for Innovation**
Wells Barlow
Executive Vice President, NDIA-CFL
Moderator

Tim Greeff
NSTXL

Tara Kilcullen
Director, NSTXL

Kim Blancuzzi
Director, Programs & Acquisition, Consortium Management Group, Inc.

Jim Frankovic
President and COO, Consortium Management Group, Inc.

Gary Kessler
CMG

1450 – 1500 **Break**

1500 – 1530 **Keynote Speech**
Mr. James F. Geurts
Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition (ASN RD&A)

1530 – 1545 **Break**

1545 – 1605 **Q&A with the Presenters**

1605 – 1615 **Break**

1615 – 1625 **Closing Remarks**
Mr. Tony Krogh
President, NDIA-CFL

Thursday, 18 June 2020 – Army/Marine Corps

- 0900 – 0915 Welcome
 Wells Barlow
 Executive Vice President, NDIA-CFL
- RADM James A. Robb, USN (Ret)
 President, NTSA
- 0915 – 0940 Opening Remarks PEO STRI & STE CFT
 MG Maria Gervais
 STE CFT
- Mr. Timothy Bishop, SES
 Acting PEO
- 0940 – 0945 ACC-Orlando Update
 Mr. Mike Harris
 Executive Director
- 0945 – 0955 PM Synthetic Environment
 COL Marcus Varnadore
 Project Manager
- 0955 – 1005 PM Soldier Training
 Mr. Scott Pulford
 Deputy Project Manager
- 1005 – 1020 Break
- 1020 – 1030 PM Cyber, Test and Training
 COL Corey Hemingway
 Project Manager
- 1030 – 1100 International Program Office
 Mr. Dale Whittaker
 Project Lead
- 1100 – 1130 PEO STRI Q&As
- 1130 – 1230 Lunch Break

1230 – 1310 PANEL: How Simulation will Pave the Path to AI and Machine Learning

Denise Nicholson, PhD, CMSP

VP Intelligent Systems and Director of X Soar Technology - Orlando

Moderator

Joanne Barnieu

Director of Learning Science at Engineering & Computer Simulations, ECS

Matthew Schumacher

Principal, Booz Allen Hamilton

Michael Macedonia

AVP Research and Innovation, University of Central Florida

Roger Smith, PhD, MBA

Chief Engineer, VT MAK

1310 – 1320 Break

1320 – 1400 PANEL: CMMC – How the New Policy is Impacting Industry

Angela Alban

President & CEO, SIMETRI

Moderator

C.W. Etzler

Senior Vice President of Strategic Enterprise Acquisition Support, ManTech International

Jonathan Coffey

Lead, Information Security Systems Engineering, L3 Harris

Joe Degnan

Operations & Program Integration Leader of Cyber Assessments, Boeing

Elizabeth Niedringhaus

President and CEO, SSE

Matt Robinson

EVP, Business Development & CSO, JHT

1400 – 1430 PM TRASYS Command Brief

Col Luis Lara

Program Manager, Training Systems

- 1430 – 1435 Collective Training Systems
 Koren Odermann
 Product Manager Collective Training Systems
- 1435 – 1440 Individual Training Systems
 LtCol Troy Peterson
 Product Manager Individual Training Systems
- 1440 – 1445 Range Training Systems
 LtCol John Mohler
 Product Manager Range Training Systems
- 1445 – 1500 Break
- 1500 – 1530 USMC Q&A
- 1530 – 1545 Break
- 1545 – 1555 Closing Remarks
 Mr. Tony Krogh
 President, NDIA-CFL

SIMULATORS PROGRAM OFFICE



AFLCMC

MISSION

To become the premier warfighting digital twin - real, ready and lethal; capability delivered at the speed of relevance.

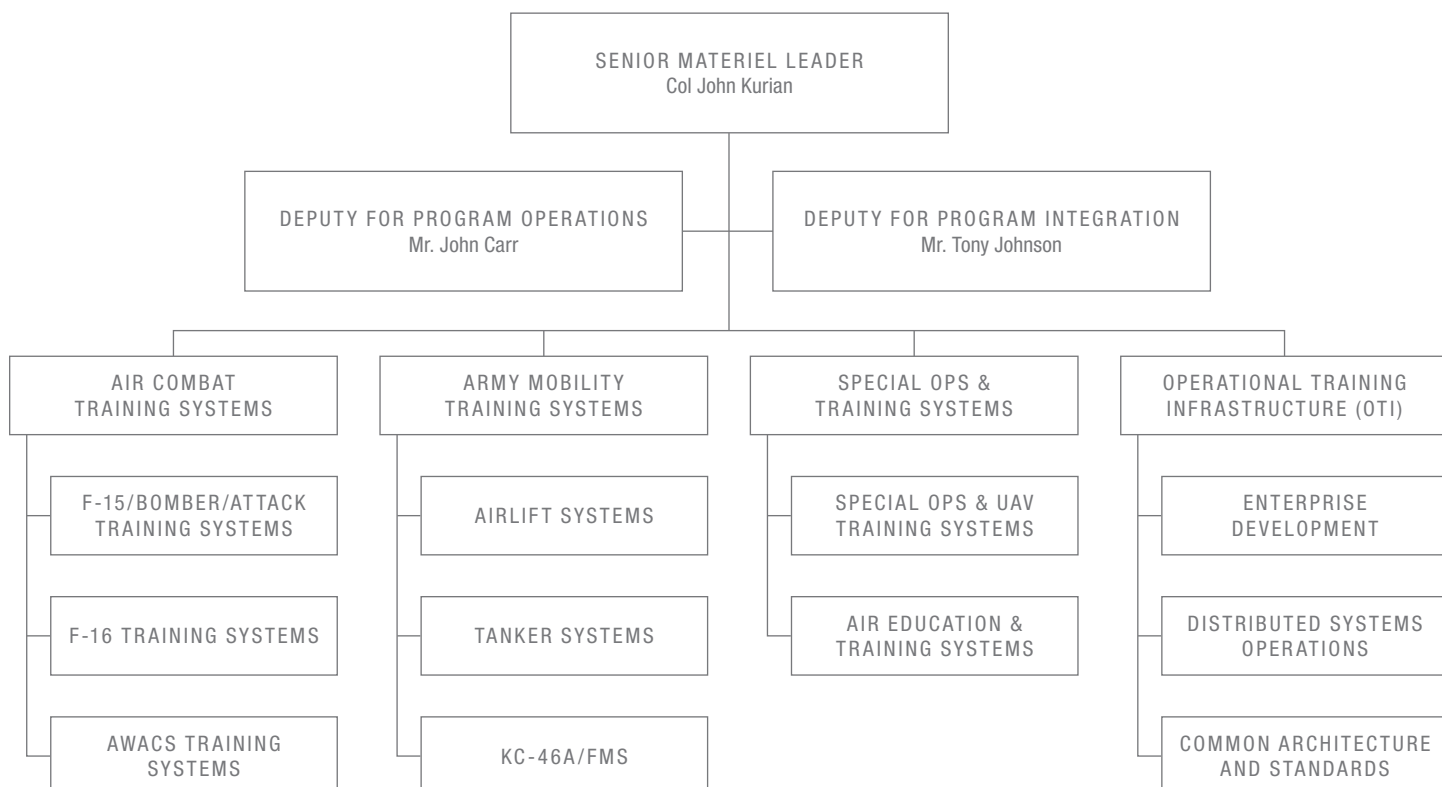
VISION

Acquire and modernize training systems to enhance lethality and readiness by growing a diverse workforce motivated to sharpen the Warfighter's bite.



COLONEL JOHN KURIAN

Senior Materiel Leader, Chief - Simulators Program Office, Agile Combat Support, AFLCMC/WNS





MR. PAUL WAUGH

Program Executive Officer for Agile Combat Support



MS. CECELIA BENFORD
Chief of Contracting, Simulators Division



MR. RICK HRICKO

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL GARY ROOS

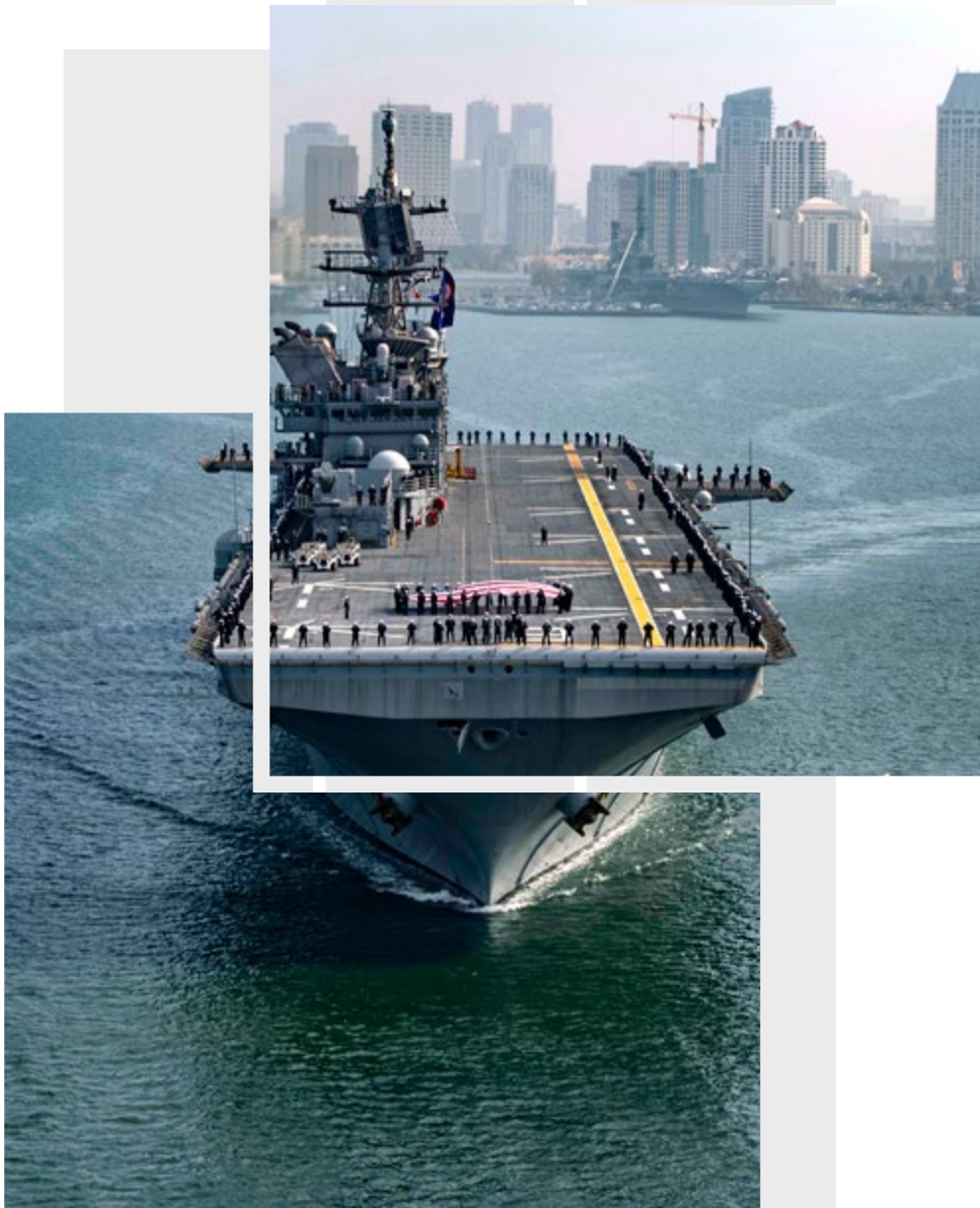
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LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICK JAIME

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NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER TRAINING SYSTEMS DIVISION



NAWCTSD

MISSION

To be the principal Navy center for research, development, test and evaluation, acquisition and product support of training systems, to provide Interservice coordination and training systems support for the Army and Air Force, and to perform such other functions and tasks as directed by higher authority.

VISION

To be the provider of choice for training and human performance solutions that enable and enhance the capabilities of our Nation's Warfighter.

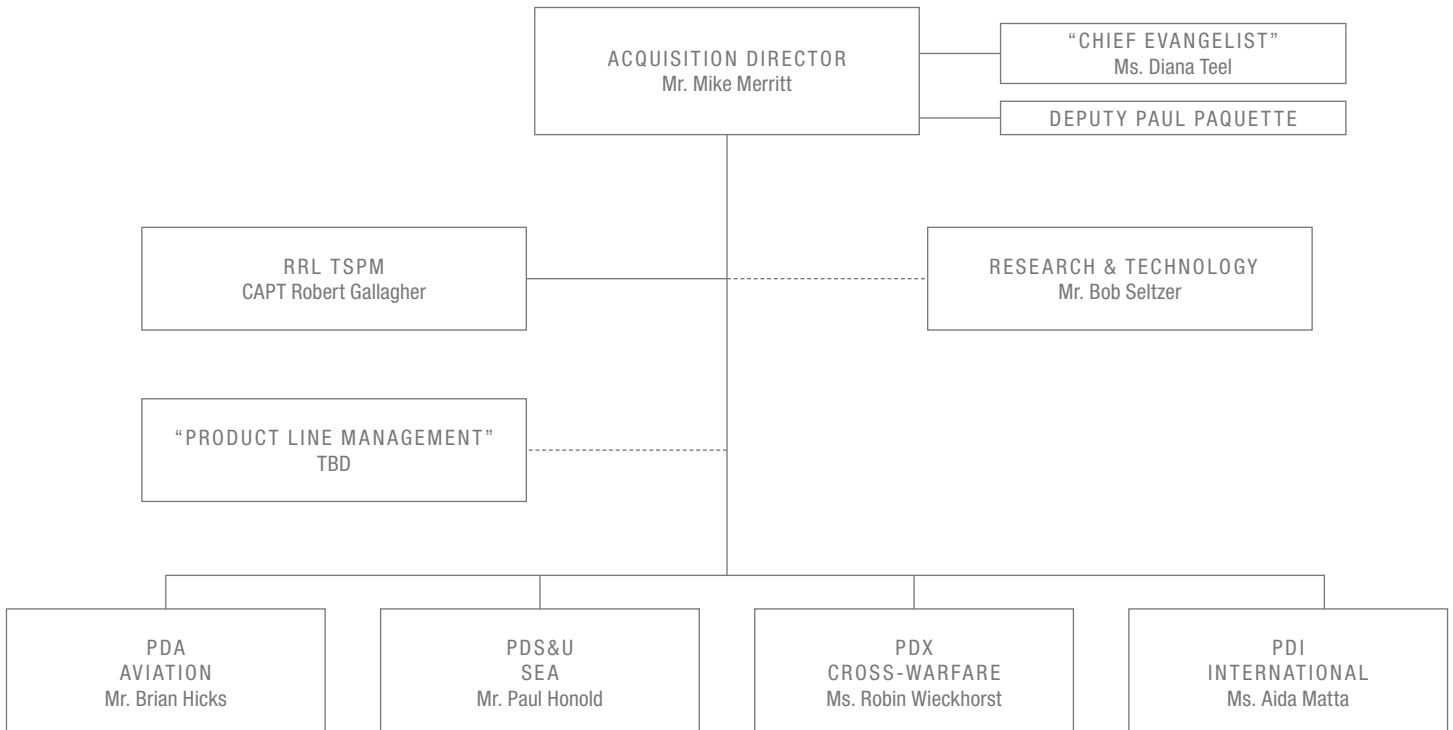


CAPTAIN TIMOTHY HILL, USN
Commanding Officer



MR. MIKE MERRITT

Acquisition Director





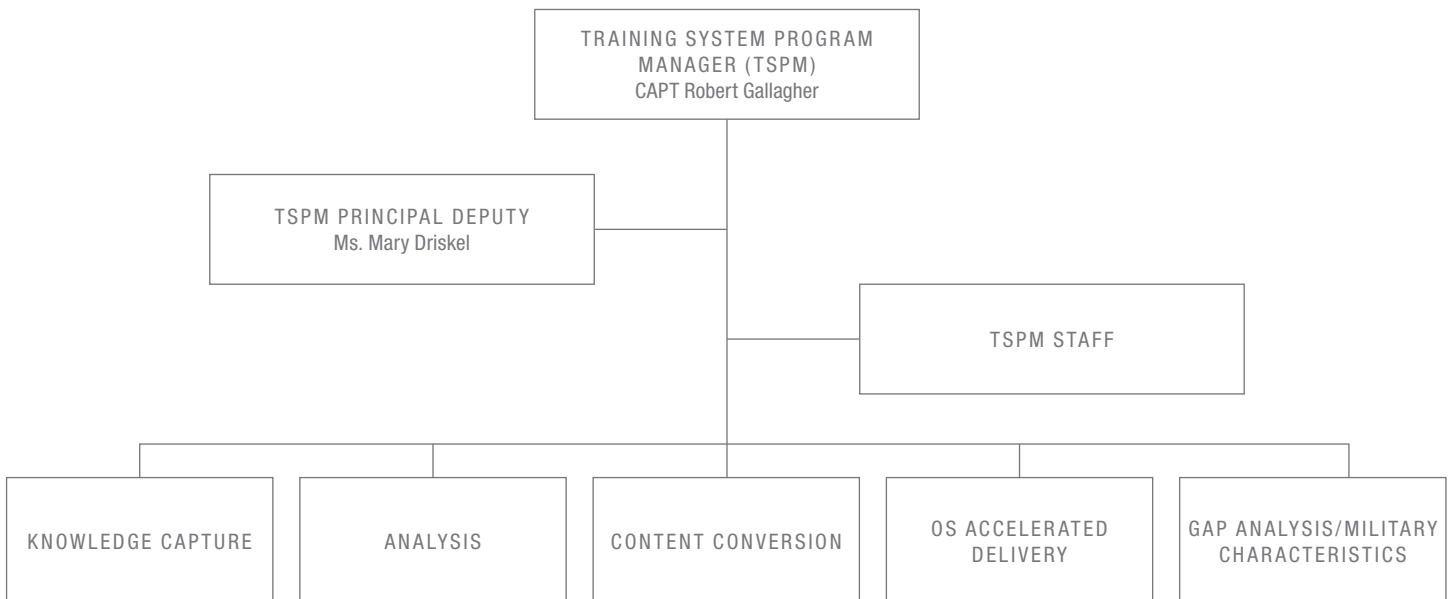
MR. JAMES F. GEURTS

Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development
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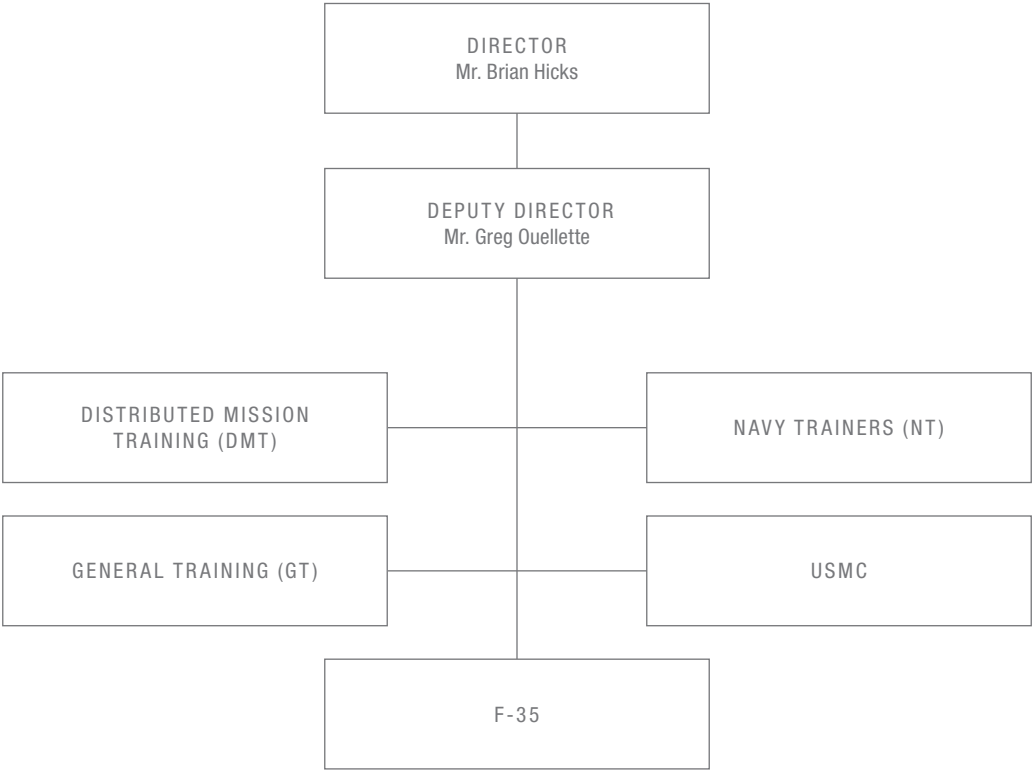
CAPTAIN ROBERT GALLAGHER, USN

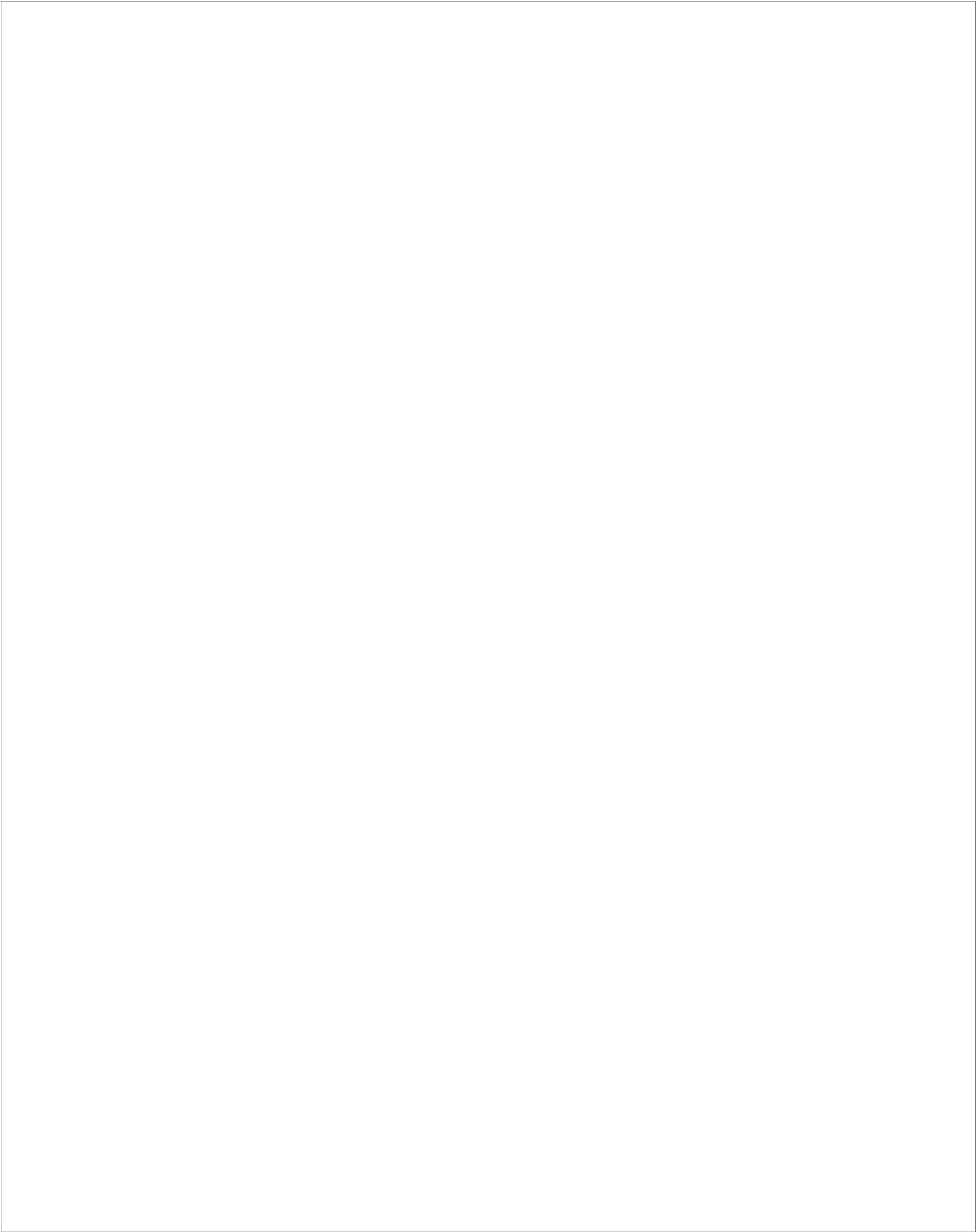
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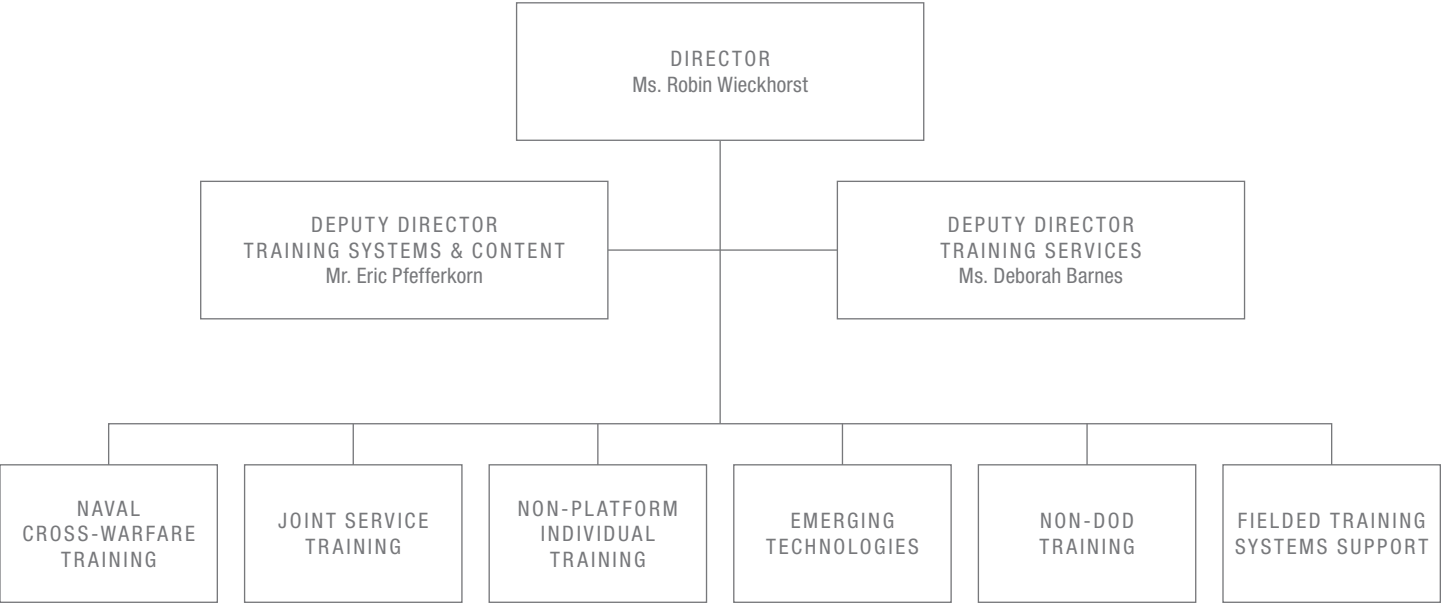
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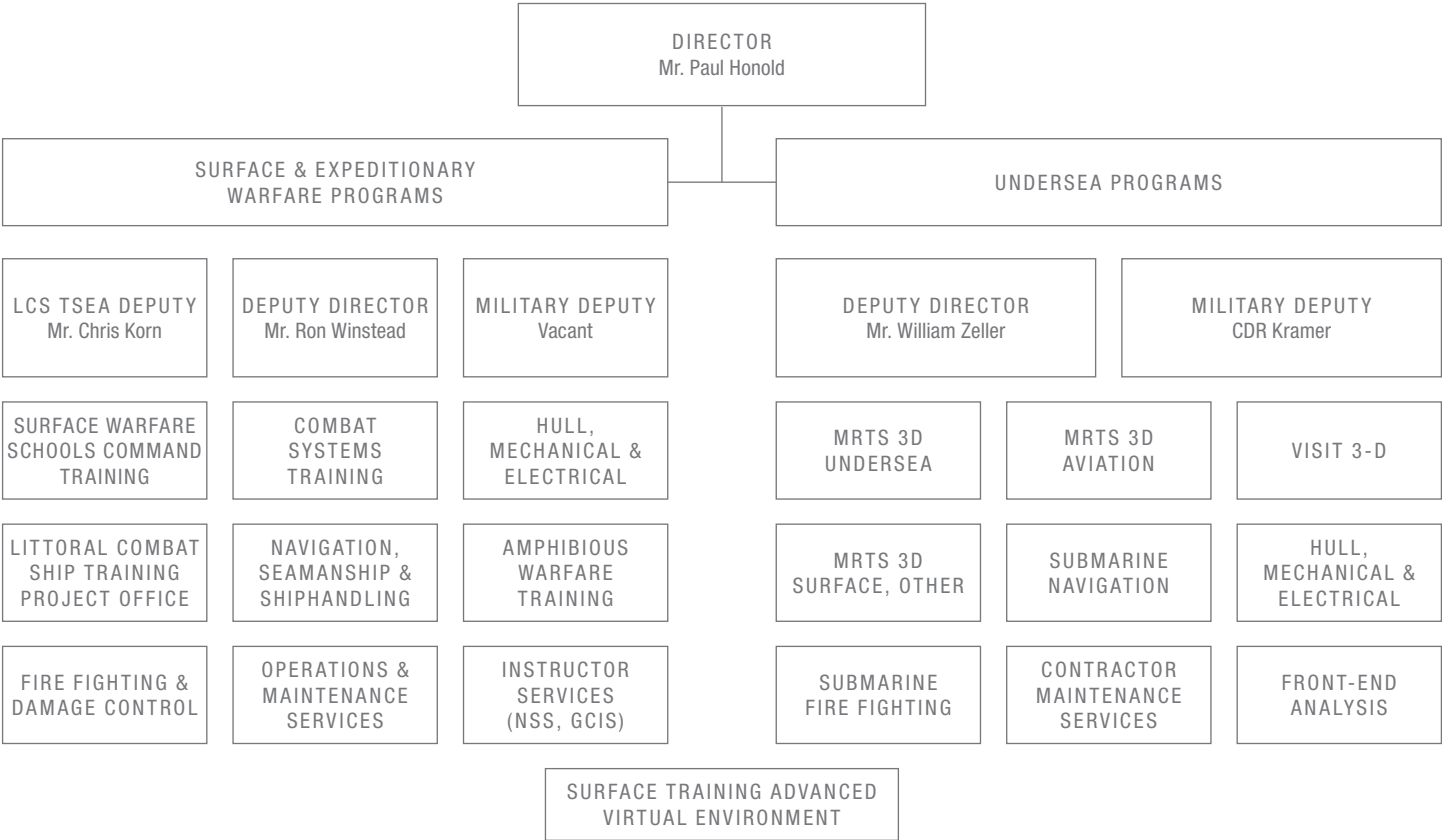


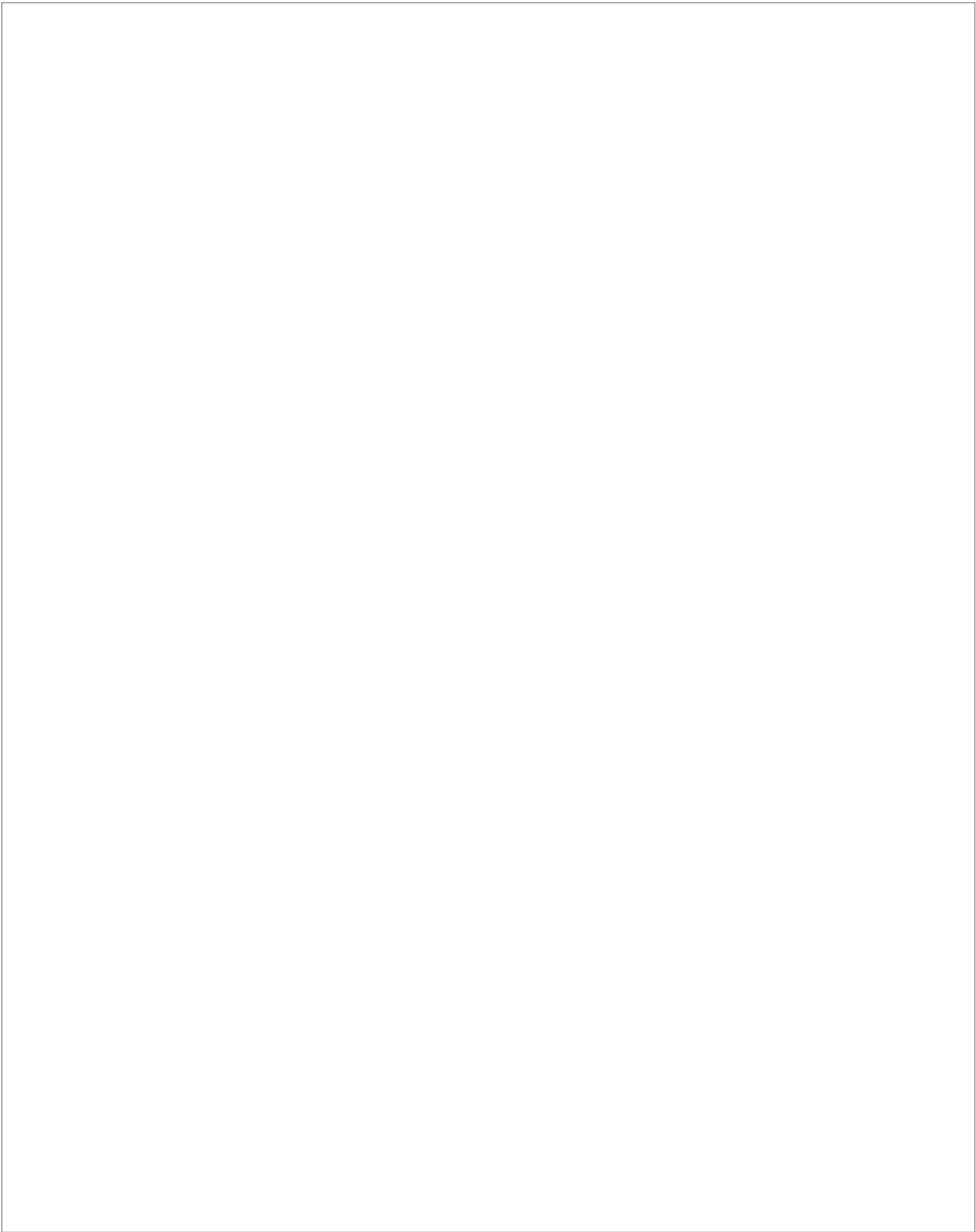
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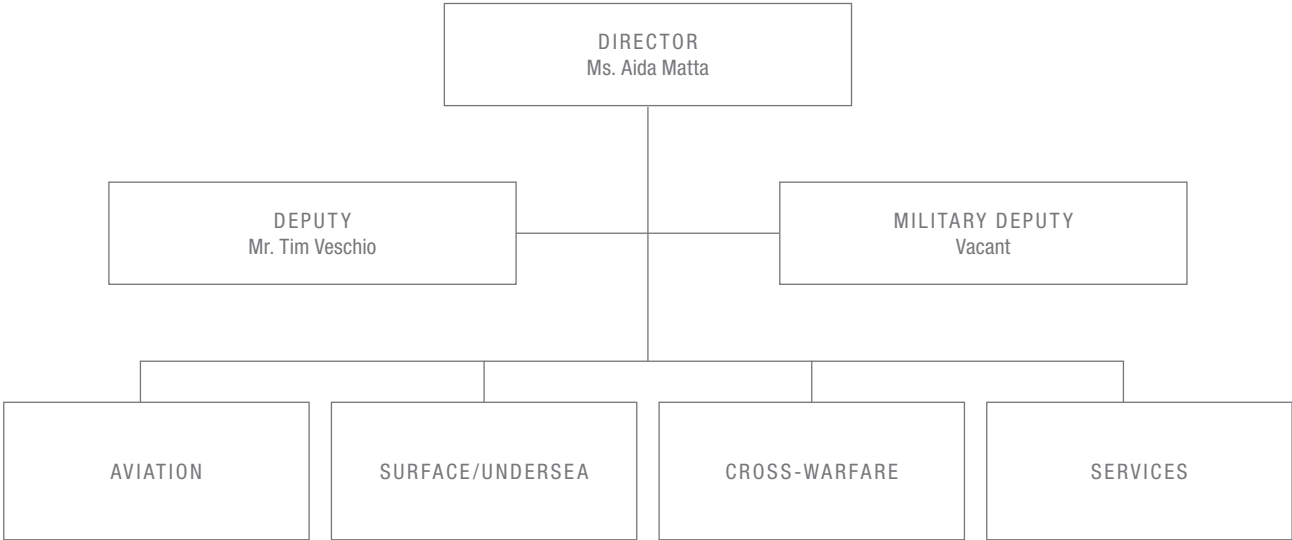
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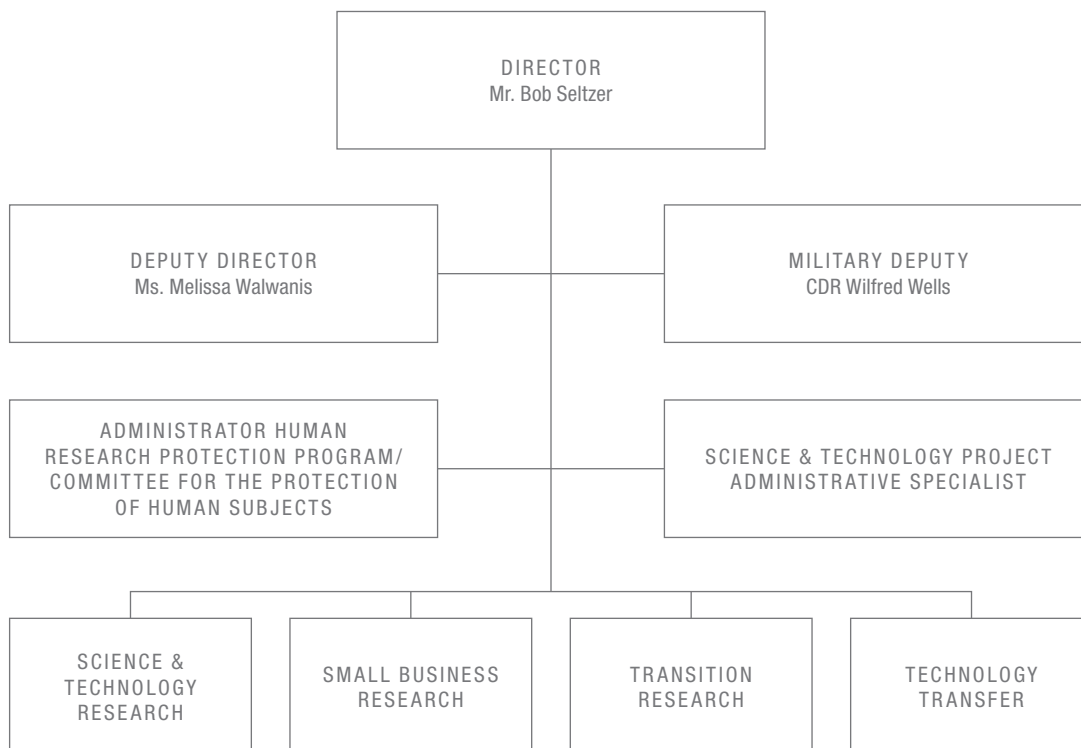
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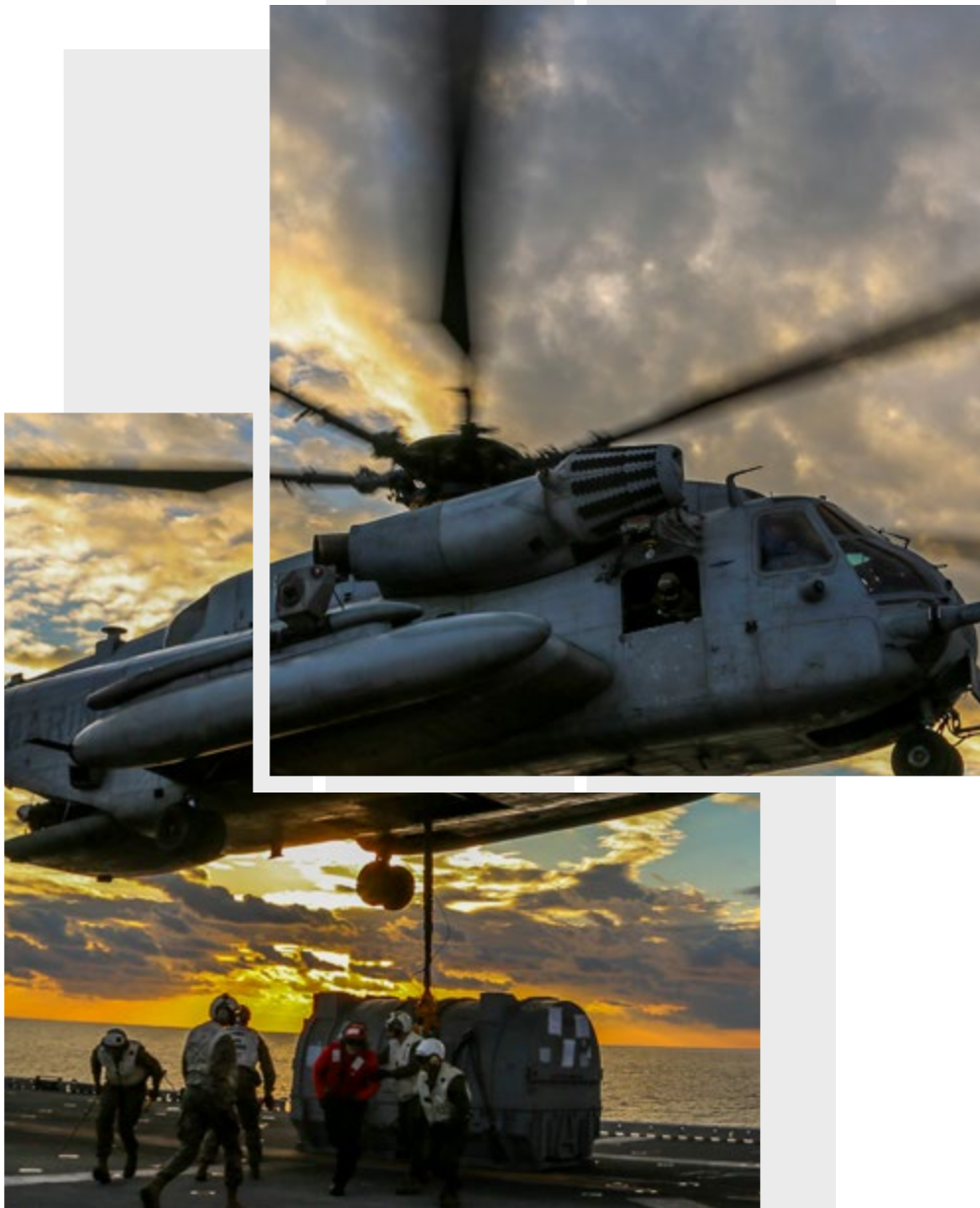
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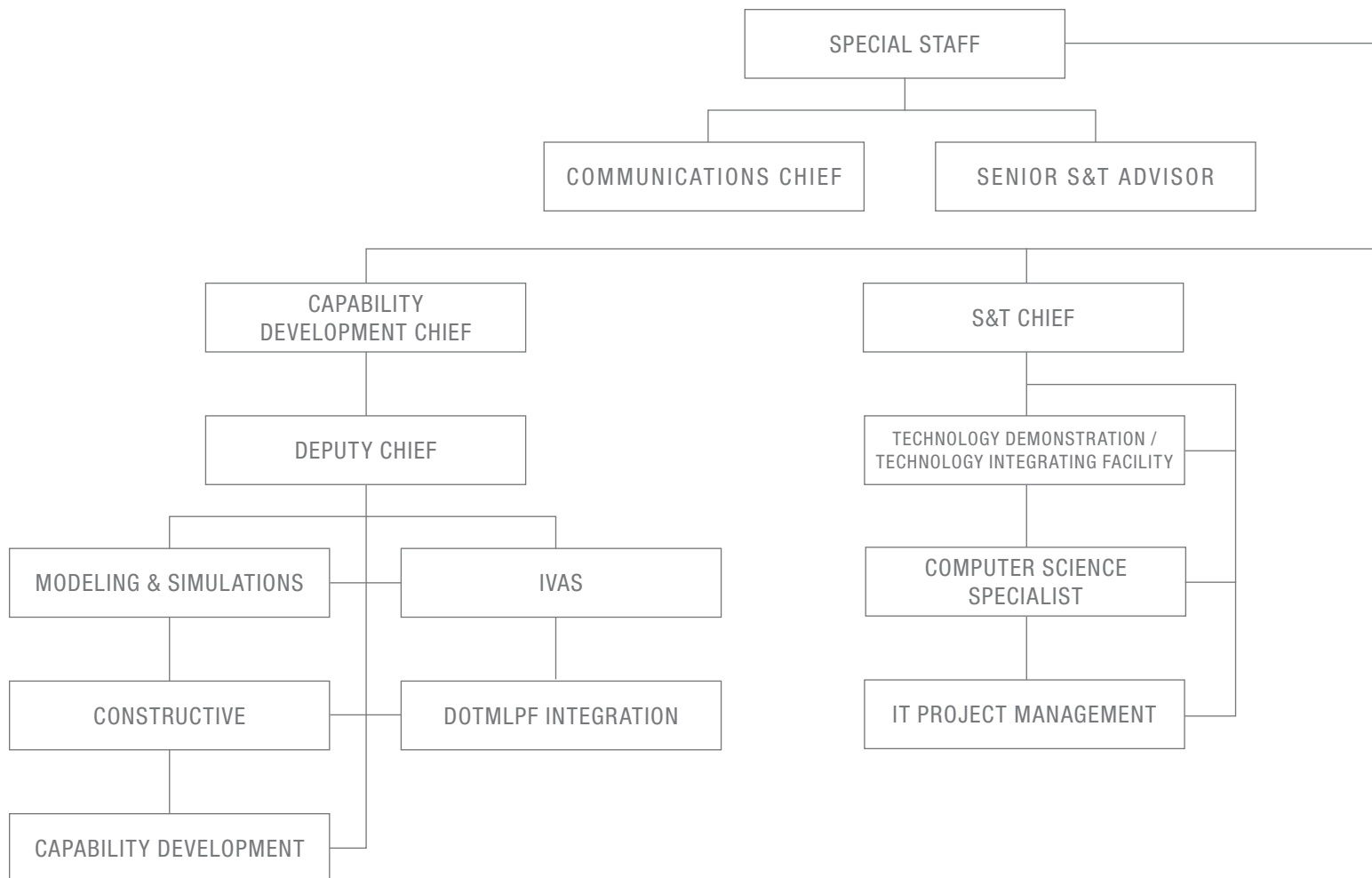
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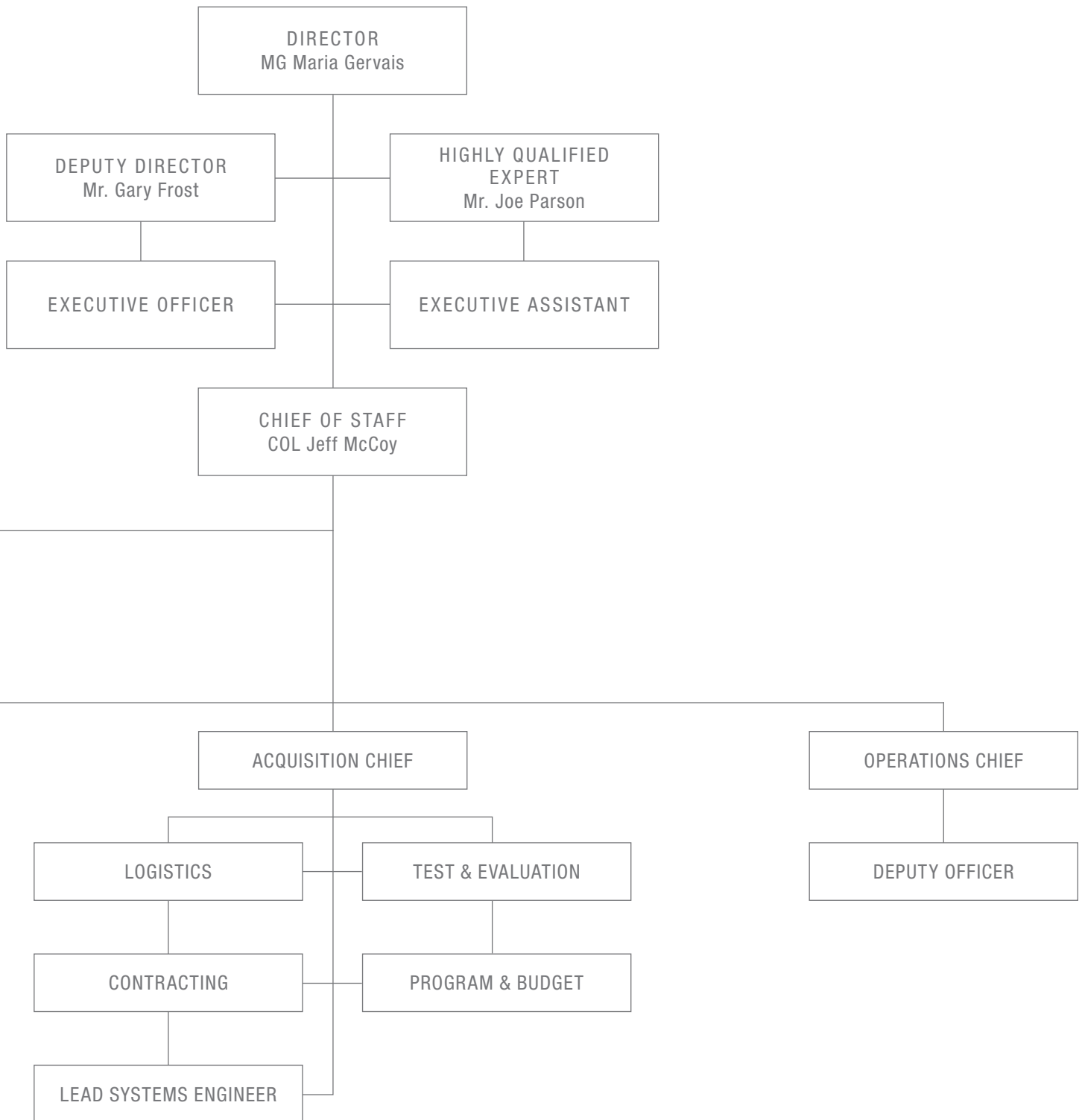


STE CFT

MISSION

To rapidly expand the Army's virtual and simulations training capability down to battalion and company levels to enable tough, iterative, dynamic, and realistic training in support of multi-domain operations. The team engages in expert analysis, focused experiments and technology demonstrations to more rapidly develop capability documents and rapidly transition leader approved capability into the Army Acquisition System.







MAJOR GENERAL MARIA R. GERVAIS
Director

SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT CROSS FUNCTIONAL TEAM, ARMY FUTURES COMMAND

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PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE SIMULATION, TRAINING AND INSTRUMENTATION



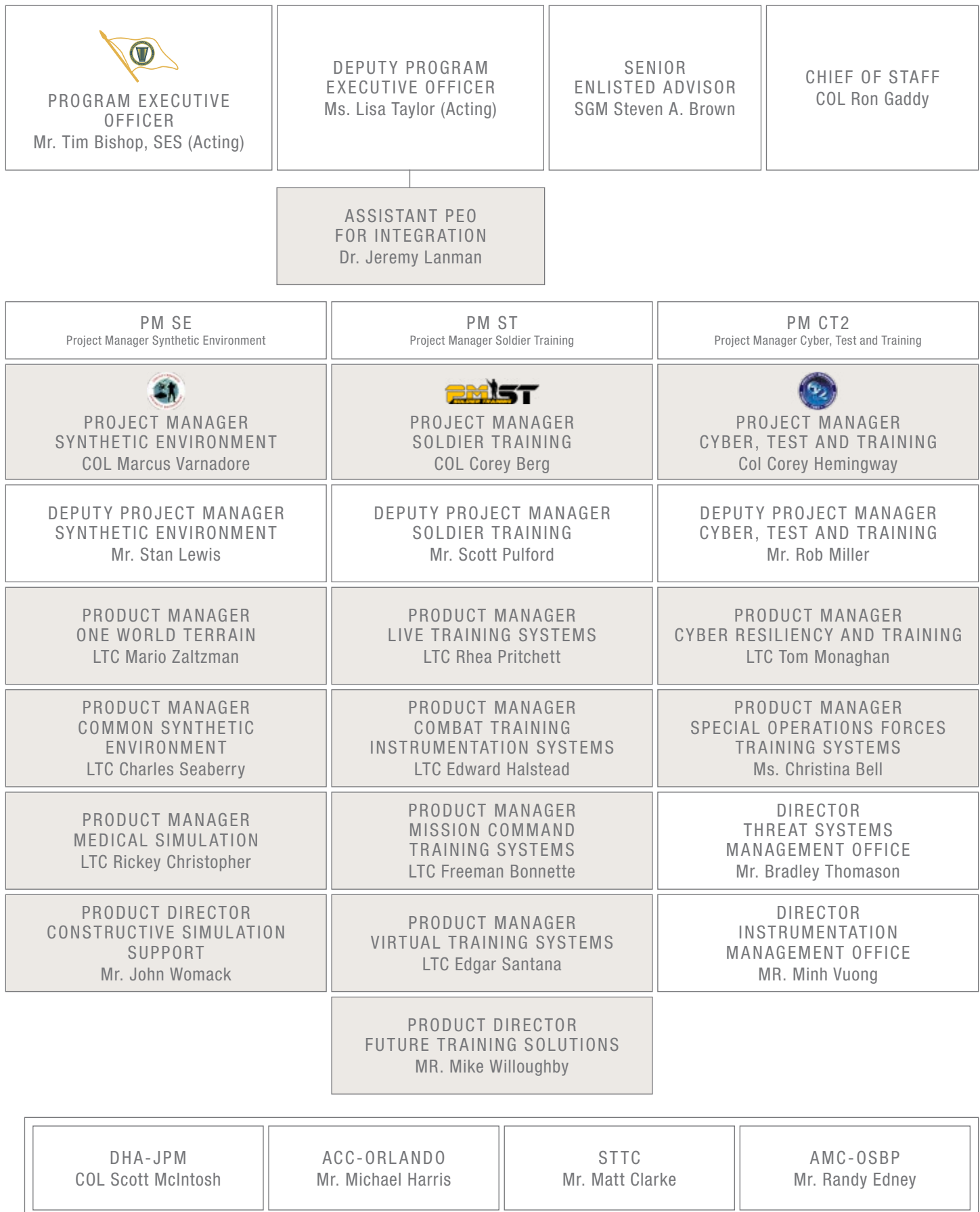
PEO STRI

MISSION



Develop, acquire, provide and sustain simulation, training, testing and modeling solutions to optimize Warfighter Readiness.

VISION

Provider of choice for simulation, training and testing solutions to optimize Soldier and unit Readiness.



CHIEF COUNSEL Ms. Margaret Talbot-Bedard (Acting)	CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER Mr. Harry Sotomayor	CLINICAL ADVISOR LTC (Dr.) Benjamin Baker
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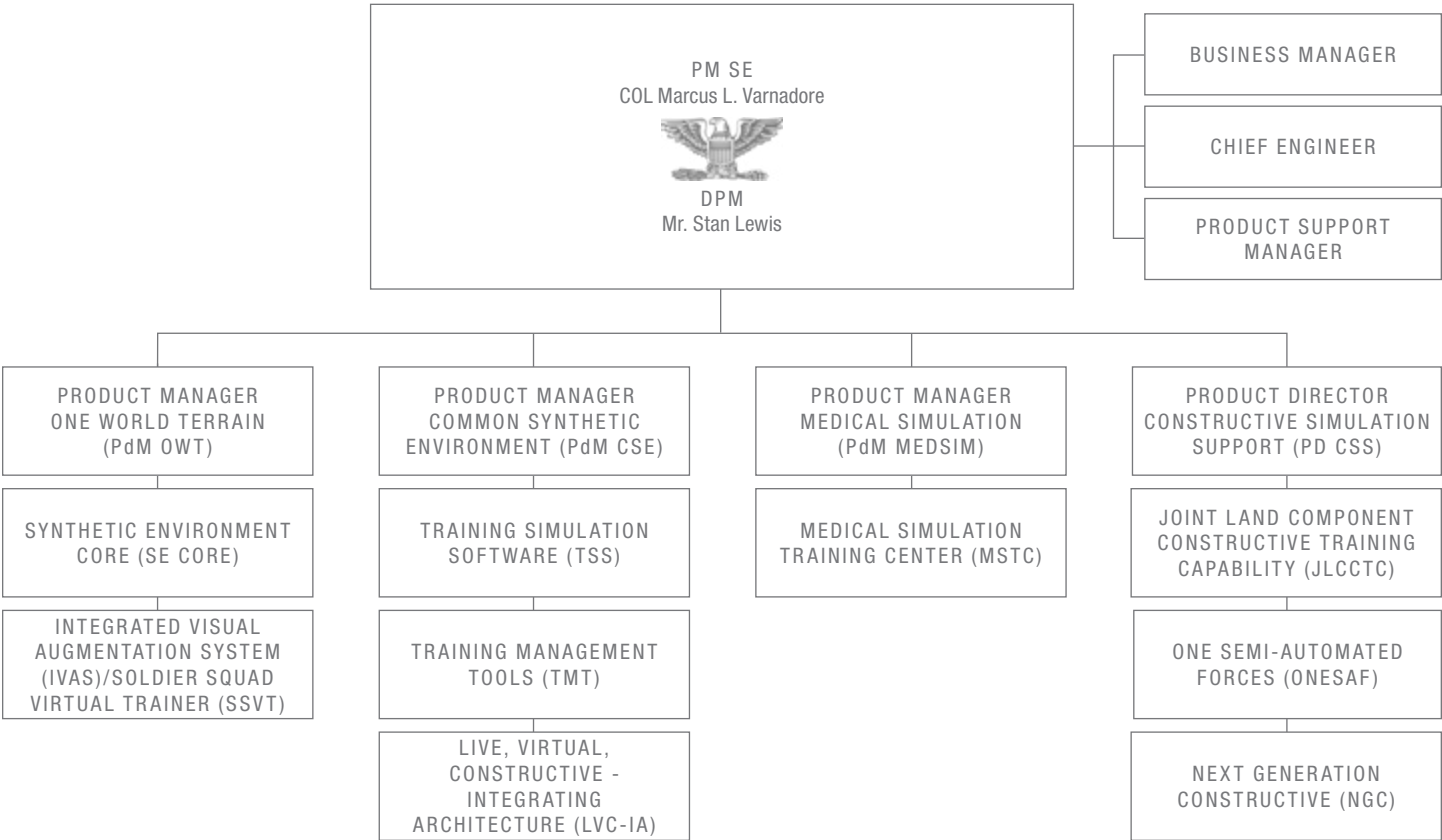
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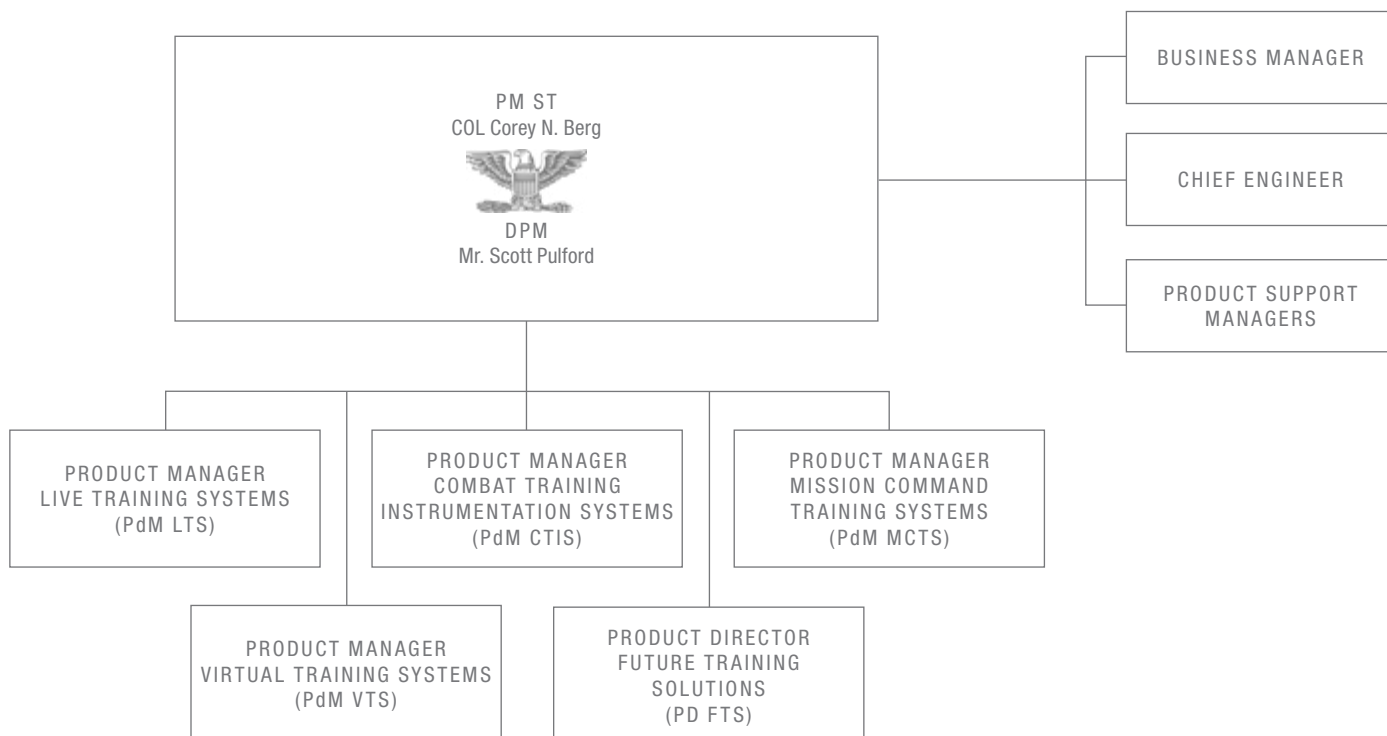
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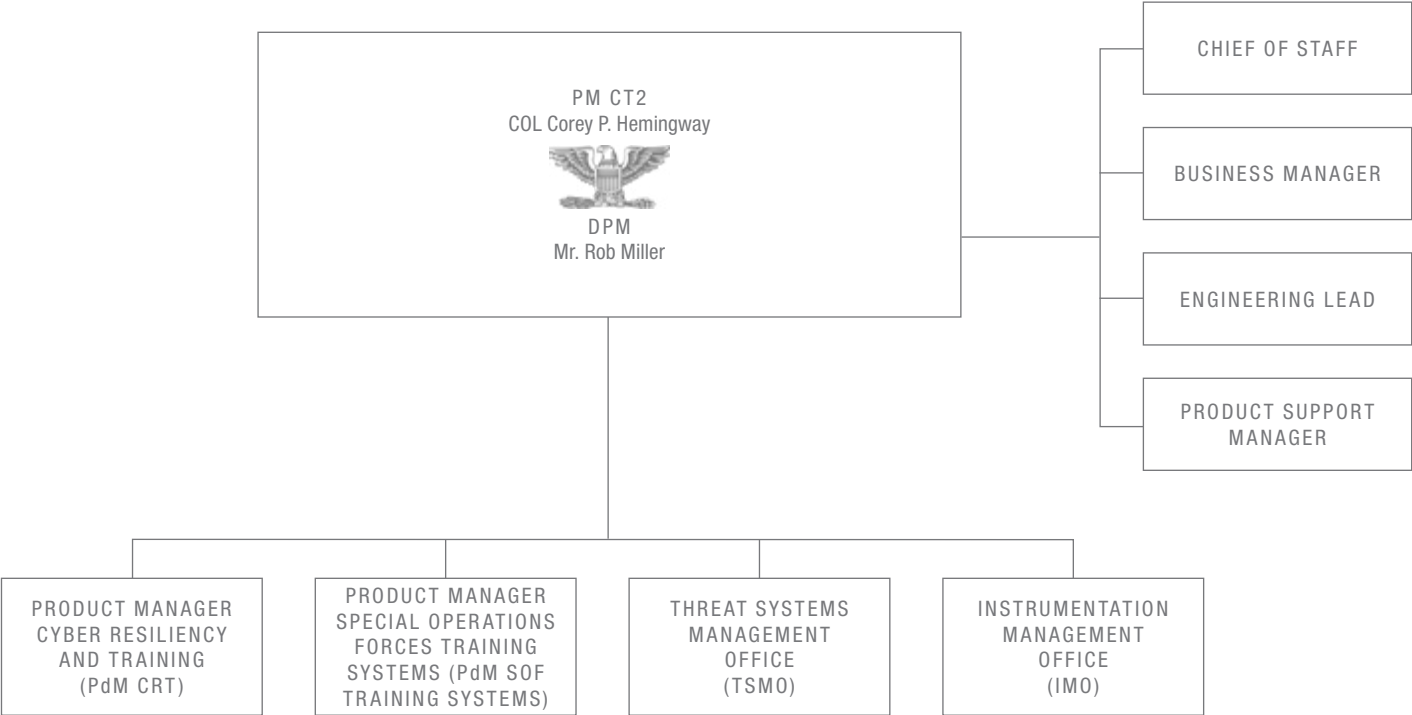
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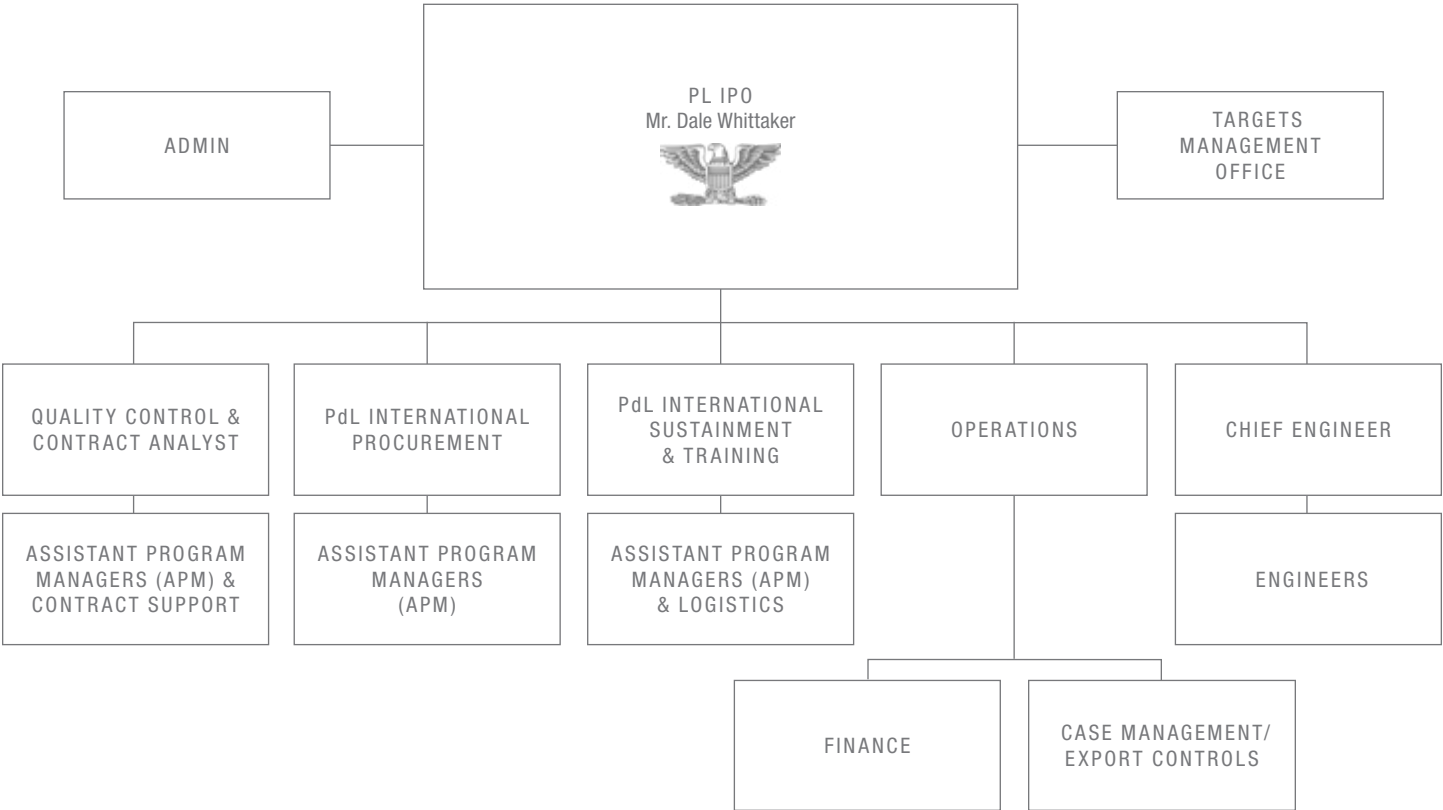


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ARMY CONTRACTING COMMAND-ORLANDO



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MISSION

Provide sound business advice and tailored contracting solutions to acquire products and services in support of the Warfighter and our stakeholders.

VISION

To be recognized by our stakeholders as the foremost contracting solutions center enabled by a worl-class workforce.



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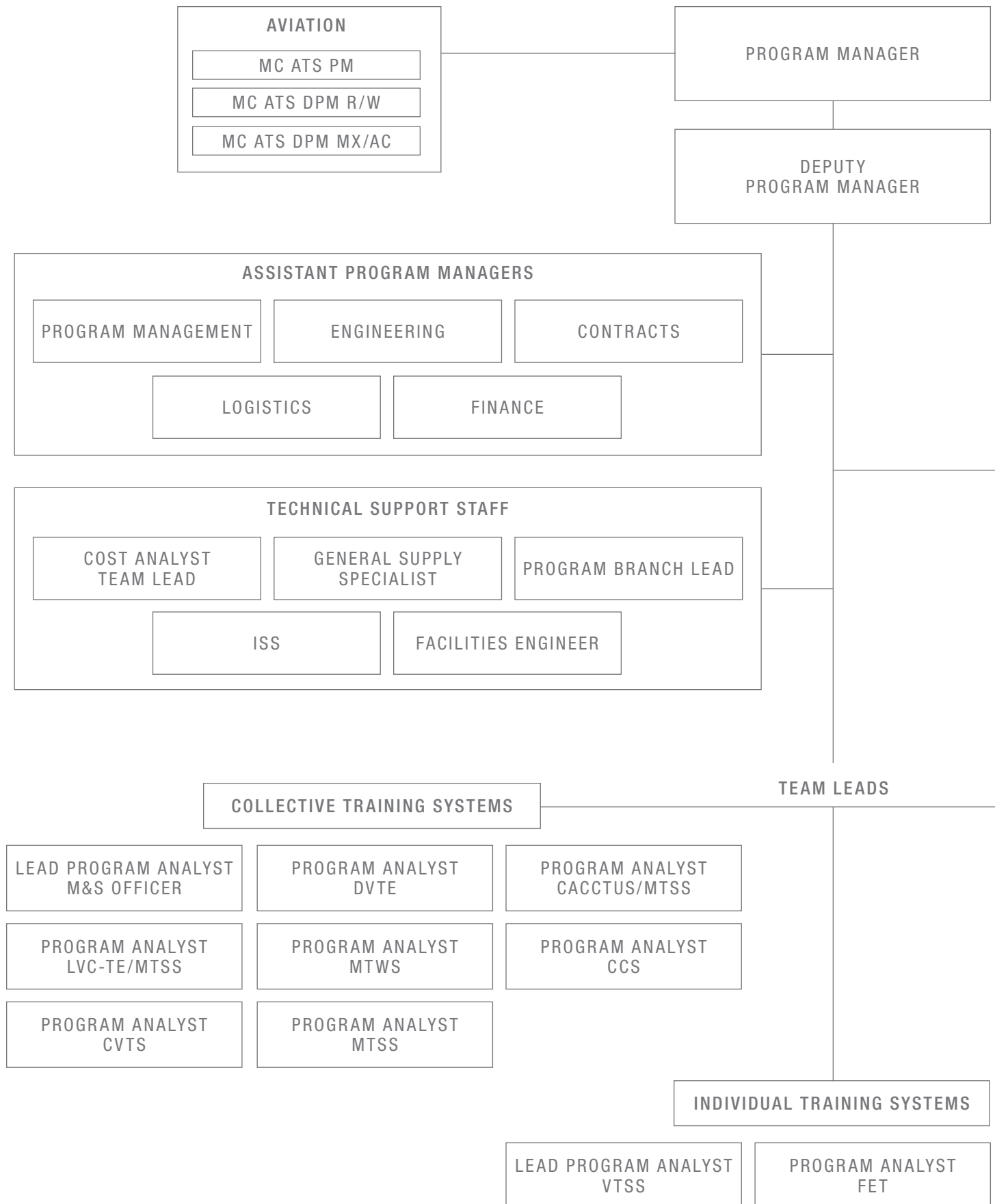
PM TRASYS

MISSION

To improve the warfighting effectiveness of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force and globally deployed Maritime expeditionary forces by designing, developing, producing, fielding and sustaining training systems and devices and providing training support.

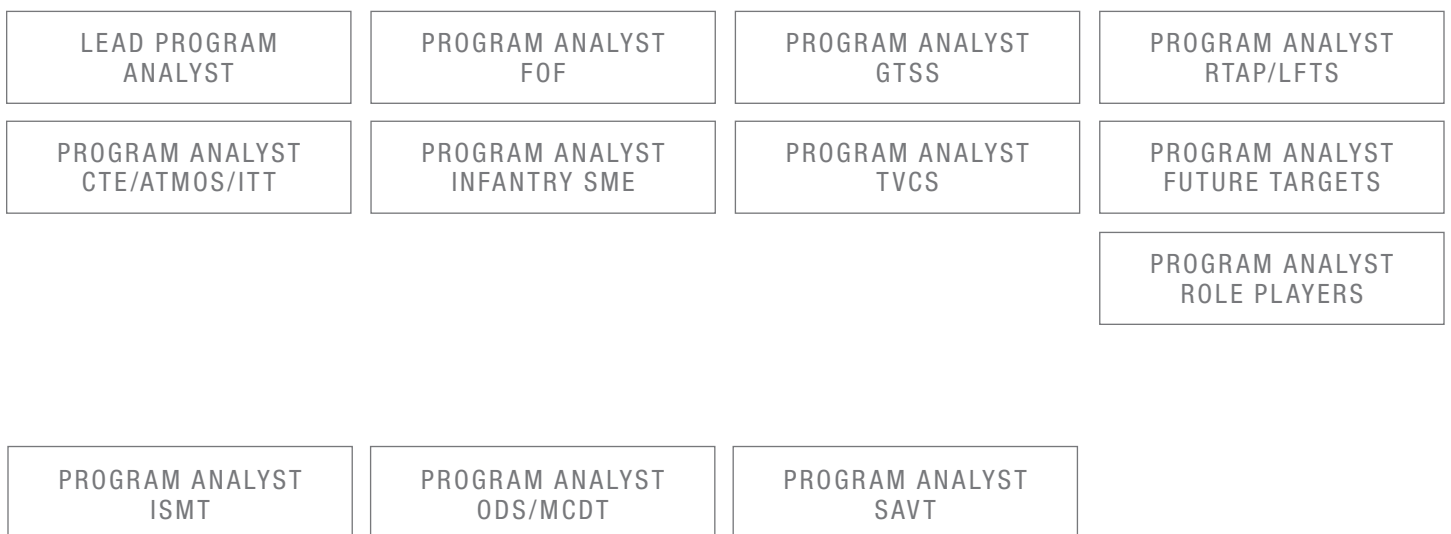
VISION

To provide effective and affordable systems in support of the training enterprise at the correct place and time to support readiness of Marines to accomplish any assigned mission.





RANGE TRAINING SYSTEMS





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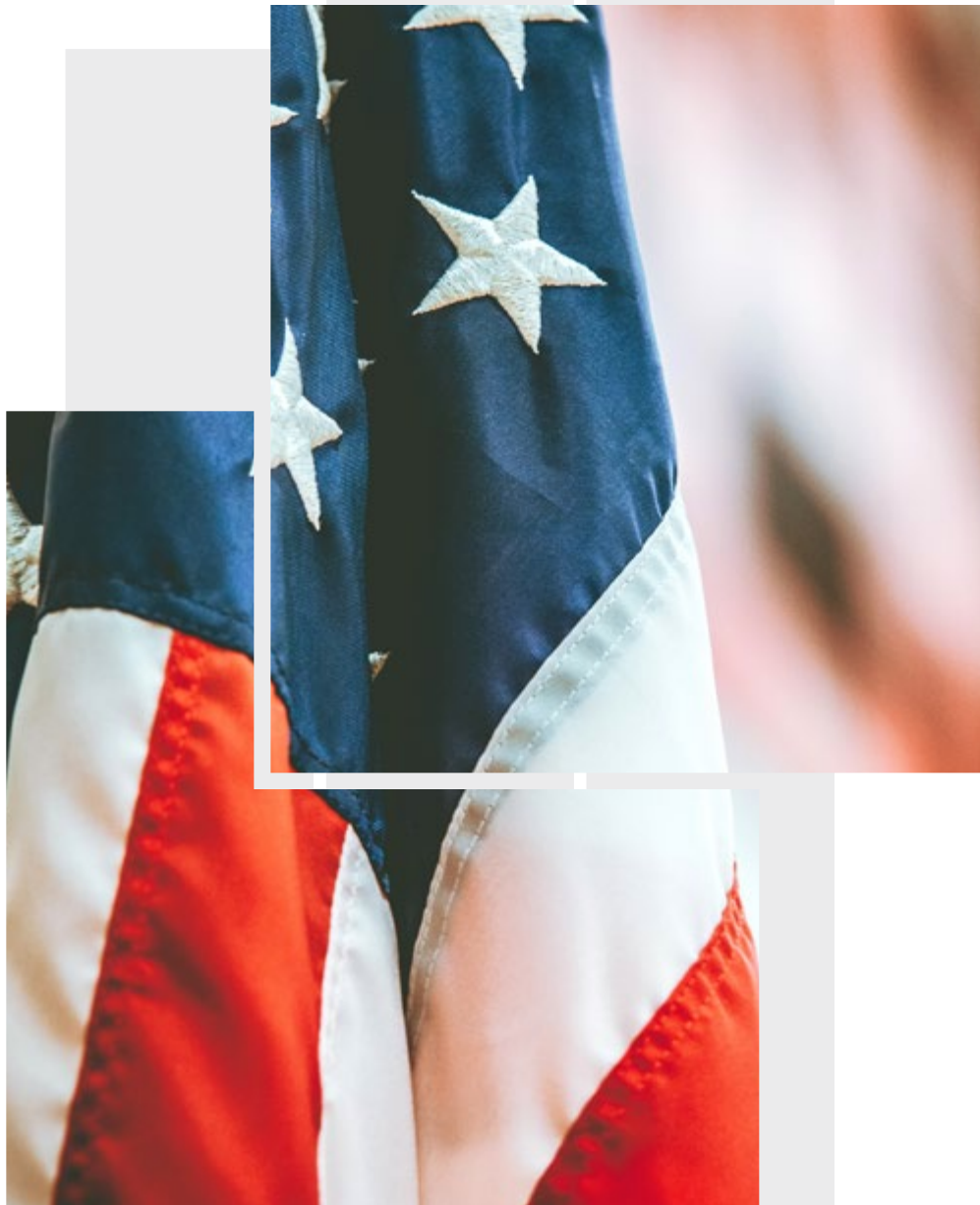
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SPEAKER BIOS



MR. TIM BISHOP, SES

ACTING PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Program Executive Office Simulation, Training and Instrumentation



Mr. Timothy F. Bishop is the Acting Program Executive Officer for the Program Executive Office, Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI). On January 20, 2019, Mr. Tim Bishop was selected for the Senior Executive Service and appointed to the position of Deputy Program Executive Officer for the Program Executive Office, Simulation, Training and Instrumentation. Mr. Bishop manages a portfolio of fielded systems with a current inventory value of over \$2.65B in 125 locations; over 335,000 training devices in 19 foreign countries; and 480 sites worldwide. He evaluates proposed program plans of subordinate managers in light of current technology; Army research, development, and engineering needs; and program thrusts.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

- Jun 2020 - Present: Acting Program Executive Officer, Program Executive Office, Simulation, Training and Instrumentation, Orlando, FL
- Jan 2019 - Jun 2020: Deputy Program Executive Officer, Program Executive Office, Simulation, Training and Instrumentation, Orlando, FL
- Apr 2018 - Jan 2019: Acting Deputy Program Executive Officer, Program Executive Office, Simulation, Training and Instrumentation, Orlando, FL
- Dec 2017 - Apr 2018: ASA (ALT) Liaison, U.S. Army G3/7 Training Systems, DASA Plans, Programs and Resources, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
- Sept 2011 - Dec 2017: Director of Threat Systems Management Office, Program Executive Office, Simulation, Training and Instrumentation, Redstone Arsenal, AL
- Aug 2009 - Sept 2011: Technical Director, Information Operations Joint Management Office, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, VA
- Jul 2008 - Aug 2009: Director of Operations, U.S. Army Installation Management Command - Europe, Heidelberg Germany

COLLEGE

- Bachelor of Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- Master of Science, Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA

SIGNIFICANT TRAINING

- Level III Certified in Program Management; Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act
- Level III Systems Engineering; Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act
- Level II Certified in Test and Evaluation; Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act
- Senior Service College; U.S. Army War College

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Superior Civilian Service Award; Installation Management Command-Europe
- Top Ten Outstanding Personnel of the Year; Army Test and Evaluation Command
- Commander's Award for Civilian Service; PEO for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation
- Global War on Terror Medal; Department of Defense



CAPTAIN ROBERT GALLAGHER

READY RELEVANT LEARNING TRAINING SYSTEMS PROGRAM MANAGER

Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division



A native of Montvale, NJ, Captain Robert Gallagher graduated with merit from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He holds a Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School and is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School class 126.

After earning his wings as a naval aviator in March 1998, he flew the SH-60B Seahawk in support of multiple detachments to the Arabian Gulf, Eastern Pacific and Southeast Asia while attached to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 42 and HSL-37. His ground jobs included NATOPS Officer, Aviation Safety Officer, Detachment Officer-In-Charge and Operations Officer. During his Department Head tour he was selected as the 2009 HSL-37 Officer of the Year.

Gallagher has served in several acquisition billets, including assignments in Test and Evaluation, Systems Engineering, and Program Management. During his test tour at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (HX) 21, he was the lead

project officer for several developmental test programs including the HH-60H/MH-60S Air Ambulance Upgrade and the MH-60S Blk 3 Armed Helicopter Weapon System. He also served as a rotary wing flight test instructor, as well as the Operations Officer at the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School. He was then assigned to the Multi-Mission Helicopter Program Office (PMA-299) where he served as the MH-60R Assistant Program Manager for System Engineering (APMSE) and then the MH-60R Integrated Program Team Lead, responsible for all cost, schedule, and performance aspects of the multi-billion dollar ACAT IC MH-60R helicopter program. Following his time at PMA-299, Gallagher served on the Program Executive Officer for Air Anti-Submarine Warfare, Assault and Special Mission Programs (PEO(A)) staff, providing program strategy, execution and policy support for PEO(A) as well as acquisition policy oversight of ten program offices and seven ACAT I major acquisition programs. He then went on to serve as In-Service Integrated Program Team Lead for the Presidential Helicopter Program Office (PMA-274), where he was responsible for all sustainment, sparing and critical modification programs for the 19 national asset Executive Lift helicopters.

Gallagher is currently serving as the Sailor 2025, Ready Relevant Learning (RRL) Training Systems Program Manager (TSPM) at Naval Air Warfare Center Training System Division (NAWCTSD). In his role as TSPM, he is responsible for the requirements development, planning and acquisition of training content and systems to support the recapitalization and modernization of the Navy's enlisted accession "A" and "C" schools, with the goal of providing modernized delivery at the point of need.

He has over 2,600 hours of flight experience in over 40 different type/model/series of fixed and rotary wing aircraft. He is a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps and is DAWIA certified Level III in Program Management and Test and Evaluation, and Level II in Engineering.



MAJOR GENERAL MARIA R. GERVAIS

DIRECTOR

Synthetic Training Environment Cross Functional Team, Army Futures Command



Major General Maria R. Gervais received her Regular Army commission in 1987 as a distinguished military graduate of the Lander College Reserve Officer Training Corps program in Greenwood, South Carolina, and was assigned to the Chemical Branch. Her professional military education includes: Chemical Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, and U.S. Army War College where she received a Master of Military Strategic Studies. She earned a Master of Arts in Human Resources from Webster University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Lander College.

MG Gervais has served in a variety of command and staff assignments at every level including: Deputy Commanding General Combined Arms Center - Training U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Brigade Chemical Officer and Headquarters Executive Officer, 17th Field Artillery Brigade, Augsburg, Germany; Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, 11th Chemical Company, Nelligen, Germany; Battalion Chemical Officer, 1st Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment (ATTACK), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Division NBC Element Director, Division Headquarters and Headquarters'

Company Commander, and Brigade Chemical Officer, 101st Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Joint Chiefs of Staff J5 intern, Pentagon, Policy and Strategy Directorate, Weapons Technology Control Division and Systems Integrator for Smoke and Decon Systems, Headquarters Department of the Army, G3, DAMO-FDB; Executive Officer to the III Corps G3, Fort Hood, Texas; Operations Officer, 2nd Chemical Battalion, 13th Corps Support Command; Logistical Planner and Chief of Operations, 21st Theater Support Command (TSC), Kaiserslautern, Germany; Battalion Commander, 82nd Chemical Battalion and Chief of Staff, United States Army Chemical School and Maneuver Support Center, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Commander, United States Army Environmental Command, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland; Chief of Staff, Iraq Train and Advise Mission (ITAM) Director, Baghdad, Iraq; Division Chief for Full Dimension Protection, HQDA G-8, Pentagon; Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky; and the 28th Chief of Chemical and the Commandant of the U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School.

Her awards and decorations include: four Legions of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, seven Meritorious Service Medals, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, six Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, Southwest Asia Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, two Overseas Service Ribbons, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Saudi Arabia Kuwait Liberation Medal, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Joint Staff Identification Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award.



MR. JAMES F. GEURTS

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

U.S. Navy Research, Development & Acquisition



On December 5, 2017, Mr. James F. Geurts was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development & Acquisition (ASN (RD&A)), following his confirmation by the Senate November 2017. As the Navy's acquisition executive, Mr. Geurts has oversight of an annual budget in excess of \$100 billion and is responsible for equipping and supporting the finest Sailors and Marines in the world with the best platforms, systems and technology as they operate around the globe in defense of the Nation.

Mr. Geurts previously served as the Acquisition Executive, U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), at MacDill Air Force Base (AFB), Florida, where he was responsible for all special operations forces acquisition, technology and logistics. In this position his innovative leadership and technological ingenuity provided rapid and affordable acquisition that positively impacted the USSOCOM acquisition work force and the special operations forces capability on the battlefield. These contributions were recognized by both private and public institutions during his tenure to include earning the Presidential Rank Award, USSOCOM Medal, William Perry Award and Federal

Times Vanguard Award for Executive of the Year.

Prior to Senior Executive Service, Mr. Geurts began his career as an Air Force officer where he served as an acquisition program manager with engineering and program management leadership positions in numerous weapon systems including intercontinental ballistic missiles, surveillance platforms, tactical fighter aircraft, advanced avionics systems, stealth cruise missiles, training systems and manned and unmanned special operations aircraft.

He has over 30 years of extensive joint acquisition experience and served in all levels of acquisition leadership positions including Acquisition Executive, Program Executive Officer and Program Manager of Major Defense Acquisition Programs.

Mr. Geurts is a distinguished 1987 ROTC graduate from Lehigh University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He holds a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB and in National Security Resourcing from Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, Washington, D.C. Mr. Geurts also attended executive leadership and international studies programs at Harvard Kennedy School and George Washington Elliot School.



MR. MICHAEL W. HARRIS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Army Contracting Command–Orlando



Mr. Harris is the Executive Director for the Army Contracting Command–Orlando, a major contracting center of the U.S. Army Contracting Command, located in Orlando, Florida.

In his capacity as Executive Director, Mr. Harris is responsible for oversight and leadership of ACC–Orlando, which consists of approximately 166 contracting professionals who execute a multi-billion dollar portfolio supporting the Army’s Training Support System (TSS). The contracting team provides tailored contracting solutions and business advice in support of a diverse customer base to include Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI), Army Futures Command, Program Executive Office for Aviation (PEO Aviation), the Army National Guard Bureau (ANGB) and other external customers.

Mr. Harris started his federal service in April 1986 at the Naval Avionics Center in Indianapolis, IN as a CO-OP student. In 1991, Mr. Harris, while on assignment to the Pentagon, played an integral role on the F-18 Weapons Rails, Digital Signal Data Converter and F-16 Reconnaissance Pod programs. In 1996, he relocated as a Contract Specialist to the Naval Air Warfare Center-Training Systems Division in Orlando. In May 2004, he accepted a Team Leader position with PEO STRI. In April 2008, he accepted a Division Chief position and supported Program Manager for Instrumentation, Targets and Threats, Program Manager for Training Devices and Program Manager Combined Arms Tactical Trainer. In 2016 he accepted a Deputy Executive Director position with Army Contracting Command–Orlando.

Mr. Harris’ awards and decorations are numerous which include various Commander and Achievement Medals for civilian service. Mr. Harris is also a Noble Patron of Armor for the Order of Saint George.

Mr. Harris attended Indiana State University (ISU), University of Notre Dame (UND) and Indiana University (IU). His formal education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, and Master of Science degree in Business Administration. Mr. Harris is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps and holds a Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level III certification in Contracting and Level II in Program Management.

Mr. Harris is married to the former Marnita R. Smith from Indianapolis, Indiana. The Harris’s have three children: Netra, Michael II and Erica, son-in-law: Paris and two grandchildren: Jeremiah and Michael.



COLONEL COREY P. HEMINGWAY

PROJECT MANAGER FOR CYBER, TEST AND TRAINING

Program Executive Office Simulation, Training and Instrumentation



Colonel Corey P. Hemingway was commissioned a Field Artillery Officer upon graduation from Albany State University in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Upon completion of the Field Artillery Basic Course, Colonel Hemingway was assigned as a Platoon Leader, 3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery, 214 Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Over the next ten years, Colonel Hemingway held positions ranging from Battery Executive Officer, to Battery Commander with 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery and Commander Bravo Company 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry (Officer Candidate School), Fort Benning, Georgia including deployments to Operation Desert Spring in Kuwait and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2005, he was selected to join the Army Acquisition Corps and served in several key acquisition assignments ranging from Assistant Product Manager, Director of Acquisition Forward Operations in Iraq, Army Test and Evaluation Command Executive Officer and Department of the Army Systems Coordinator for Missile Defense. In July 2014, Colonel Hemingway assumed command of the Product Manager, Live Training Systems (PdM LTS). Following his command of PdM LTS, Colonel Hemingway was selected to serve as a Senior Military Assistant and Acquisition Advisor to the Secretary and Under Secretary of the Army. Colonel Hemingway was selected and completed his assignment with the Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellowship Program with Google as part of his Senior Service College requirement.

Colonel Hemingway's military and civilian education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Multiple Launch Rocket System Cadre Course, Basic Instructor Training Course, Field Artillery Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Army Acquisition Basic Course, Intermediate Level Education, Acquisition Intermediate Qualification Course, Airborne School, Battalion Command Courses, Darden College of Executive Business the Defense Acquisition University Executive Program Management Course. Colonel Hemingway is an Acquisition Corps member, Level III certified in Program Management and Level I certified in Information Technology. Colonel Hemingway is a 2008 graduate of the Florida Institute of Technology with a Master's of Science in Project Management and a graduate of the Darden College of Executive Business Management Course.

Colonel Hemingway's decorations include the Bronze Star Service Medal (with one oak leaf cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (with six oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the Presidential Unit Commendation Award, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Parachute Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge. He has also received the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara and the Order of Saint Maurice.



MR. BRIAN HICKS

PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR AVIATION

Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division



Mr. Brian Hicks is the Program Director for Aviation (PDA) at the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD) effective June 30, 2014. This position is dual-hatted as Level 0 for Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), PMA205. Mr. Hicks oversees the execution of training system programs valued at over \$600M per year and manages a team of over 90 Program and Project Managers located in Orlando and at NAVAIR Headquarters, Patuxent River, MD.

In 1979, Brian Hicks enlisted in the U.S. Navy, designated as an Aviation Fire Control Technician (AQ). After several tours maintaining weapons control and release systems on F-14A Tomcat aircraft, he was designated as an Instructor (NEC 9502) and Master Training Specialist. In 1987, he was commissioned an Ensign through the Enlisted Commissioning Program. His first operational tour was attached to VFA-151 onboard USS Midway (CV-41), home-ported in Yokosuka Japan, deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm from August 1990 – February 1991. His various tours of duty included: TRAWING 4 Training Officer; Political/Military Officer to the

Commanding General, Multi-National Force (MNF) Haiti; and Requirements Officer, E-6A, Take Charge and Move Out (TACAMO).

In 1998, LCDR Hicks reported to NAWCTSD and quickly established the F/A-18 Training System Team. As the F/A-18 Training Systems Project Manager, he was instrumental in the delivery of the first 4-ship F/A-18C Distributed Mission Trainers, thus enabling division simulator training capability in the fleet. Mr. Hicks retired from the Navy in 2001 continuing to serve as the Project Manager for F/A-18 Training Systems as a Department of the Navy civilian. In 2003, he assumed the Integrated Product Team (IPT) lead role for the Fleet Aircrew Simulator Training (FAST) plan that focused on maximizing the utility of simulator effectiveness and the Navy Aviation Simulation Master Plan (NASMP) initiative to meet the challenges of integrating tactically relevant, mission capable virtual simulators with live and constructive entities in a realistic distributed training environment through the use of high level architecture. In 2009, he was selected as the Deputy Program Director for Cross-Warfare.

Mr. Hicks earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics with distinction from the University of New Mexico in 1987. He is a 2000 graduate of the Defense Systems Management College Advanced Program Management Course and designated as a DAWIA Level III Program Manager, a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps (DAC), and a Program Management Institute certified Program Management Professional (PMP).



CAPTAIN TIMOTHY M. HILL

COMMANDING OFFICER

Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division



After earning a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering with the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1992 and completing short tours as a research associate at Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM and on the Chief of Naval Education and Training Staff, Captain Timothy M. Hill earned designation as a Naval Flight Officer in January 1996. CAPT Hill then completed S-3B Fleet Replacement training at VS-41 in North Island, CA prior to reporting aboard VS-30 at NAS Cecil Field, FL.

While attached to the Diamondcutters, CAPT Hill deployed in USS Enterprise (CVN 65) and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) NATO operations in the former-Yugoslavia and enforcing the United Nations no-fly zone and other sanctions in Iraq. He received honors as Sea Control Wing, Atlantic Fleet and Carrier Air Wing Seventeen's Junior NFO of the Year during the tour. Next he returned to VS-41 as an instructor prior to selection to attend the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS) at Patuxent River, MD. CAPT Hill completed USNTPS as Class 119's Outstanding Student and subsequently reported to the Naval Force Aircraft Test Squadron as a Viking project officer. He led test

efforts for several upgrades to the S-3B weapons system before returning to USNTPS as an instructor.

He returned to operational flying with the Topcats of VS-31 at NAS Jacksonville, FL in 2003, deploying in USS George Washington (CVN 73) in 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While serving as the Topcats' Operations and Maintenance Department Head, the squadron was honored with the Atlantic Fleet Battle "E" and "Golden Wrench" awards, and CAPT Hill was selected as the Senior NFO of the Year. CAPT Hill then reported to the staff of U.S. Special Operations Command as the Special Programs Branch Chief. After completing transition training in the F/A-18F Super Hornet at VFA-106 and Strike Fighter Weapons School Atlantic, he reported to VFA-32 in early 2009 and assumed command in July 2010 while deployed in USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn. The Swordsmen received honors as the Naval Air Forces, Atlantic Safety "S" winner and was selected as the Secretary of the Navy Safety Excellence Award recipient from amongst all active duty squadrons.

CAPT Hill served in the F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office from late 2011 to late 2014 as Deputy Director, F-35 Mission Systems and Deputy Program Manager for Block 2B. Afterward, he was the Director of the Long Range Anti-Surface Missile Deployment Office, leading the transition of critical warfighting solution from DARPA demonstration effort to an accelerated major acquisition program. He reported as Executive Officer of the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division and Naval Support Activity Orlando in June 2016 and assumed command November 2, 2018.

CAPT Hill has accumulated over 3,200 flight hours in 32 different aircraft models, and he has logged nearly 750 carrier arrested landings. He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, holds Masters degrees in Systems Engineering from Johns Hopkins University and in International Relations from Troy University, and is a designated Acquisition Professional. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Meritorious Service Medal, and Strike Flight Air Medal (2 awards) along with numerous additional personal decorations, campaign medals and unit citations.



MR. PAUL R. HONOLD

DIRECTOR FOR SURFACE & UNDERSEA PROGRAMS

Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division



A native of Alexandria, VA, Mr. Paul Honold graduated from Hayfield Secondary School in 1979 and received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Virginia Tech in 1983. In February 1984 Paul joined what was then the Naval Training Equipment Center in Orlando, FL.

While at NAWCTSD, Mr. Honold served as a Project Engineer, Lead Engineer, Project Manager, and Supervisor on a wide variety of training systems. These training systems included combat system, periscope, ship control, communications, weapons launch, acoustic, navigation, and damage control. He led teams that conducted front-end analysis and acquisitions for training systems that supported new submarine classes such as the Seawolf and Virginia, and helped introduce new and innovative training products to the integrated undersea surveillance community. He completed an assignment in the Washington D.C. area supporting the Submarine Combat Systems Program Office, graduated from the Senior Executive Management Development Program, completed Federal Executive Institute leadership training, and is DAWIA Level III certified in Program Management.

Mr. Honold served as the Undersea Deputy Director starting in 2002, assumed the Undersea Director role in 2010, and in 2014 took on the additional role of Surface Director. He is responsible for the execution of Surface and Undersea programs at NAWCTSD.



COLONEL JOHN KURIAN

SENIOR MATERIEL LEADER, CHIEF

Simulators Program Office, Agile Combat Support, AFLCMC/WNS



Colonel John Kurian is the Senior Materiel Leader, Simulators Division. In this role, he leads a 500+ member team, executes a \$5.8B portfolio, and is responsible for developing and maintaining 60+ simulator and training systems for ACC, AMC, AETC, AFSOC, AFGSC, and multiple FMS partner nations.

Col Kurian received his commission from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1998. He's had program office tours at the National Reconnaissance Office, E-8C Modernization, JSTARS Recap and B-21; served in staff positions at Air Force Personnel Center and Air Force Materiel Command; supported the National Security Agency mission; deployed for Operation Inherent Resolve.

Col Kurian and his wife Twinkle have four children: Abigail, Elizabeth, Caleb, and Tabitha.

EDUCATION

- 1998 - Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL
- 2003 - Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
- 2005 - Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 2005 - Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2009 - Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2011 - Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence, National Defense Intelligence College, Bolling AFB, Washington D.C.
- 2014 - Program Manager's Course, Fort Belvoir, VA
- 2014 - Executive Program Manager's Course, Fort Belvoir, VA
- 2015 - Air War College, by correspondence
- 2017 - Joint Inspector General Course

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf cluster
- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Joint Service Achievement Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Korea Defense Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1998 - Illinois Institute of Technology Student Laureate
- 2000 - Armed Force Communications & Electronics Association CGOY / Western U.S.
- 2003 - Association of Old Crows Academic Research (Electronic Warfare) Award
- 2008 - Military Intelligence Corps Knowlton Award
- 2013 - National Reconnaissance Office Meritorious Service Medal



COLONEL LUIS F. LARA

PROGRAM MANAGER

Program Manager for Training Systems



Colonel Luis “Lou” Lara has a diverse 28-year career serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. His background includes assignments as a Marine Corps Ground Acquisitions Officer, Contracting Officer, Logistics Officer and F/A-18 Power-plant mechanic.

Col Lara is a New York City native and a 1993 graduate of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University where he received a B.S. in Aviation Maintenance Management. He also holds Master of Science degrees in Acquisition and Contract Management from the Naval Post-Graduate School and Military Studies from the Marine Corps University. Additionally, he is a certified Project Management Professional through the Project Management Institute.

In 1992, Lou enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve as an F/A-18 Plane Captain with VMFA-142. He earned a commission in 1995 and subsequently became a Logistics Officer and a Contracting Officer. In 1999, he deployed on a Western Pacific deployment as a member of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Additionally, in support of the Global War on Terror, he deployed three

times to Kuwait/Iraq, twice as a Contingency Contracting Officer and once as the Regimental Combat Team – 5 Logistics Officer in support of combat operations in Fallujah.

Prior to his selection as Program Manager Training Systems, Col Lara completed a fellowship as a Secretary of Defense Executive Fellow at Georgia Power Company. Prior to the fellowship Col Lara served as the Deputy Program Manager for Training Systems. Other key Acquisition Officer assignments include, Acquisition Command as Product Manager for Anti-Armor Systems, Deputy Director for the Amphibious Combat Vehicle (ACV), Assistant-Program Manager Logistics for the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle (EFV), Team Leader for the Body Armor and Load Bearing team, and Director of Contracts at Marine Corps Support Facility, Blount Island Command.

As a Ground Acquisition Officer, Col Lara specializes in the acquisition of military weapon systems for the United States Marine Corps. He develops procurement strategies, interfaces with defense industry and leads integrated product teams comprised of logistics, engineering, finance and contracting professionals while balancing cost, schedule and technical performance of the weapon system programs he oversees.

Col Lara was selected to the rank of Colonel in the FY19 Colonel Promotion board. His personal decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars in lieu of fourth award, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Additionally, Lou is a recipient of the Combat Action Ribbon.

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MS. AIDA MATTA

PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division



Ms. Aida Matta is the Program Director for International Programs (PDI) at the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD) effective November 2013. Mrs. Matta manages training programs, systems, services, and products in support of the Defense Security Cooperation Program. She distributes policy guidance and standardized procedures while executing Foreign Military Sales (FMS) cases for training systems and equipment sold to foreign countries, as well as assists the Navy International Program Office in coordinating foreign disclosure, export licensing, and foreign visit requests. She oversees the execution of training system programs valued at over \$1.1B for over 40 countries.

Ms. Matta has 28 years of engineering and acquisition experience in support of the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR). Her career started in 1989 as the propulsion engineer at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Lakehurst (NAWCADLKE) in support of Naval Air Systems Command Manufacturing Technology (ManTech) program. She managed and provided engineering expertise to propulsion, metals and composite materials projects, and

their application to Department of Defense (DoD) weapon systems. During this appointment, she identified production problems plaguing defense manufacturers and Navy repair and maintenance facilities, investigated weapon system production problems and developed manufacturing technology projects to find and apply solutions to these problems. In 1992, she was designated as the lead project engineer in the Prototyping and Manufacturing Department, where she managed the prototyping and manufacturing of Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) and Support Equipment (SE) projects and it's delivery to the fleet.

In 2000, Ms. Matta reported to NAWCTSD as the AV-8B Assistant Training Systems Program Manager in the Program Directorate for Aviation (PDA). By 2007, she had been promoted to a Supervisory Program Manager/ IPT Lead position at PDA. While continuing to be instrumental in the delivery of AV-8B Training Systems for the USMC and allied customers, Ms. Matta had the added responsibility of the CH-46, P-3, and KC-130 training systems to her portfolio of programs. In 2011, she assumed the Deputy Training Systems Program Manager position under the Maritime and Unmanned Air Systems (MU) Department at PDA. This position was dual hatted as NAVAIR Training Systems Program Office (PMA 205) MU Deputy, as well as NAWCTSD MU Lead and Supervisor Program Manager. She was responsible for the leadership, management, direction, planning and execution of all training systems acquisition programs within the MU Department. This portfolio of programs included nine Aircraft Platform (P-8, P-3, EP-3, H-60, and 5 UAS) Training Systems, with 106 civilian, 21 military and 44 contractor support personnel, workforce, including domestic and FMS programs, and overseeing execution of training systems programs valued at over \$740M per year.

Ms. Matta earned her Bachelor degree in Engineering from Boston University in 1989. She received her Masters of Science and Systems Management degree from the University of Denver in 1992. She is a graduate of the Senior Executive Management Development Program and is DAWIA Level III certified in Engineering and Program Management.



MR. MICHAEL MERRITT

ACQUISITION DIRECTOR

Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division



Michael Merritt serves as the Acquisition Director at the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division. He is responsible for workload planning, mission execution and collaboration with government and industry partners to effectively execute NAWCTSD mission tasking.

Michael Merritt was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in 1982. His first assignment was to the Air Force Institute of Technology MSEE Program. In 1984, he was assigned as an ICBM Test Manager at the Ballistic Missile Office. In 1989, Captain Merritt was assigned to the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Research, a DoD Joint Activity directly reporting to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Space. In 1994, Major Merritt was assigned to the Air Force Special Operations Command in the Plans, Programs and Acquisition Management Directorate as Chief, Classified Technology Programs. In 1998, he was assigned to the Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB. He served as a Systems Acquisition Manager within the C-17 Systems Program Office and as a Systems Management Directorate staff officer in the Systems Management Directorate. In 2000, Major Merritt joined the NAVAIR team as

the CV-22 Deputy Program Manager. In July 2001, he was assigned as the Development Integrated Product Team (IPT) Lead for the USMC Variant of the V-22. As the MV-22 Development IPT Lead, Major Merritt was responsible for the acquisition management of the "Way Forward" development program to return the Marine Corps and Air Force tiltrotors to safe and operational use.

Retiring from active duty in 2002, Mr. Merritt continued to serve as the MV-22 Development IPT Lead as a Department of the Navy civilian. In 2006, Mr. Merritt was promoted to Program Director for Aviation (PDA) at NAWCTSD. PDA also serves as the Naval Air Systems Command, Deputy Program Manager for Aviation Training Systems (PMA-205TD). Mr. Merritt became the Program Director for Cross-Warfare in 2014 until his selection in January 2017 to join the NAWCTSD Leadership Team.

A native of Central Florida, Mr. Merritt earned a Bachelor's degree in Engineering from the University of Central Florida in 1982. He received his Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology in 1984. He is a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College Advanced Program Management Course and completed the Leadership in a Democratic Society program at the Federal Executive Institute.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL JON MOHLER

TEAM LEAD FOR RANGE TRAINING SYSTEMS

Program Manager for Training Systems



Lieutenant Colonel Jon Mohler is a native of San Antonio, Texas. He enlisted in August 1992 and underwent recruit training at 2d Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California. In April 1993 he graduated the Unit Diary Clerk course at Camp Johnson, NC. He was then ordered to Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines, Camp Pendleton, California.

From 1995-1997, LtCol Mohler served as Unit Diary clerk assigned to Inspector-Instructor Staff, 6th Motor Transport Battalion, Texarkana, Texas. In 1998, LtCol Mohler was selected to the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP) and attended the Ohio State University, and was commissioned in December 2001. Upon graduation from the Basic School, he attended the Adjutant course and was assigned to 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

In May 2004, he was assigned as Adjutant for 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, and subsequently deployed with the Battalion to Afghanistan, as part of Operation Enduring Freedom IV, and again to Iraq, as part of OIF V. In 2006 Lieutenant

Colonel Mohler was accepted into the Special Education Program and attended the Naval Postgraduate School where he earned a Master of Science focused on Information Technology Management; his thesis was sponsored by Product Group 10 focusing on Manpower Applications.

Upon graduating from NPS in 2008, he was assigned to Marine Corps Systems Command as the Software Integration Project Officer for the Combat Operations Center (COC), an Acquisition Category III program. Throughout this period, LtCol Mohler was responsible for the cost, schedule and performance of the COC Prime vendor to rapidly train and field COCs, software integration and release in support of the II MEB Urgent Universal Need Statement (UUNS).

In 2011, LtCol Mohler was transferred to the Basic School where he served as Adjutant, providing administrative support to the Headquarters staff, Infantry Officers Course, and Marital Arts Center of Excellence. LtCol Mohler additionally served as a student instructor within the command section. In 2012, he was short toured to fill a critical 8848 billet in the Manpower Information Systems Division as the Manpower Information Technology (MIT) Branch Head. As the MIT Branch Head, LtCol Mohler was responsible for the development, hosting and information assurance/cybersecurity across the entire manpower portfolio.

In 2014, he deployed as part of Operation Onward Liberty with U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa as an advisor to the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL). He mentored/advised the AFL AC/S J1 during the Ebola Crisis Response providing liaison for the AFL to Operation United Assistance (OUA) and numerous Non-Governmental Organizations. Upon completion of this one-year deployment, LtCol Mohler earned the MOS 0570 Foreign Security Force (FSF) Advisor and was transferred to Marine Corps Systems Command, PM MAGTF Command, Control, Communications (PM MC3).

From 2015-2017, LtCol Mohler led the management of the legacy COC Family of Systems, while simultaneously managing the COC refresh contract, a \$90M effort which included testing, hardware/software integration, engineering changes, new equipment training, fielding, and sustainment of new capability to the operating forces. From 2017 – 2019, LtCol Mohler served as the Marine Corps Liaison to PMS 317/377 at Naval Sea Systems Command. LtCol Mohler is currently serving as the Team Lead for Range Training Systems at Program Manager, Training Systems (PM TRASYS) in Orlando, Florida. He is certified DAWIA Level III in Program Management and has completed non-resident Amphibious Warfare School and Command and Staff College.



MS. KOREN L. ODERMANN

TEAM LEAD FOR COLLECTIVE TRAINING SYSTEMS

Program Manager for Training Systems



Ms. Koren L. Odermann is the Team Lead for Collective Training Systems (TL CTS) supporting the Program Manager Training Systems (PM TRASYS) of Marine Corps Systems Command. Ms. Odermann has been the Team Lead for Collective Training Systems (TL CTS) since June 2018. The Marine Corps level of effort for Live Virtual Constructive Training Environment (LVC-TE) managed under TL CTS. LVC-TE is pre-ACAT designation with a pending Increment 1 program estimate for an Abbreviated Acquisition program and a long-term Increment 2 plan for ACAT IV designation. Additional programs managed under TL CTS are as follows: Deployable Virtual Training Environment (DVTE), Combined Arms Command and Control Trainer Upgrade (CACCTUS), MAGTF Tactical Warfare Simulation (MTWS), Combat Vehicle Training Systems (CVTS), and Combat Convoy Simulator (CCS) modification program.

Ms. Odermann was the Deputy Team Lead for Range Training Systems at PM TRASYS from 2011- 2018.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL TROY PETERSON

TEAM LEAD FOR INDIVIDUAL TRAINING SYSTEMS

Program Manager for Training Systems



Lieutenant Colonel Troy Peterson was raised in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin and later attended the U.S. Naval Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science with a focus in Economics. LtCol Peterson was commissioned on 23 May 2003, attended TBS and the Ground Supply Officer Course and was assigned to MACG-38, MACS-1 Yuma, Arizona.

While assigned to MACS-1 (2004-2007) LtCol Peterson served as the squadron supply officer where he led 23 Marines, managed 13 different fiscal accounts and 19 Consolidated Memorandum Receipts valued at over \$100M. While assigned to MACS-1, he twice served as a provisional rifle platoon commander in Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his first deployment LtCol Peterson and his platoon of 67 Marines were charged with providing perimeter security for the largest coalition air base in Iraq. On his second deployment LtCol Peterson's 45-Marine platoon was tasked with mounted combat patrols, route reconnaissance and tactical overwatch.

In 2007, LtCol Peterson was assigned to the 1st Marine Regiment as the Regimental Supply Officer and Assistant Logistics Officer. He led 41 Marines in providing food service, supply, maintenance management, ordnance, life support, facilities, ammunition and contracting in support of Regimental Combat Team 1 during a 13-month deployment in Fallujah and Ramadi Iraq.

In 2009, LtCol Peterson was assigned to 1st Marine Division Staff as the Logistics Readiness Team Officer In Charge where he led 13 Marines in the Division G-4 and executed the Commanding General's Readiness Inspection Program. He was charged with enforcing division supply and maintenance policies in support of 33 battalions that included 600 pieces of equipment valued at over \$1B.

LtCol Peterson attended the Naval Postgraduate School in 2010 where he earned a MBA focused on Material Logistics Management. In 2012, LtCol Peterson was assigned to the Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) as the Project Officer for the Combat Operations Center (COC) Variant (V)2-4 an Acquisition Category III Program. LtCol Peterson was charged with leading the sustainment of the legacy COC Family of Systems while simultaneously managing the cost, schedule and performance of a hardware and software refresh totaling over \$90M.

In 2015, LtCol Peterson was assigned to the United States Special Operations Command, Program Executive Office (PEO) Special Reconnaissance Surveillance and Exploitation serving as the Program Manager Technical Collection and Communication. He was charged with managing the cost, schedule and performance requirements for four joint PoRs to include: Hostile Forces Tagging Tracking and Locating, Tactical Video Systems, Blue Force Tracking and Special Communications Enterprise totaling over \$100M annually.

In 2018, LtCol Peterson transitioned to PEO Special Operation Forces (SOF) Warrior serving as the Acquisition Program Manager and System Acquisition Manager Precision Strike Systems. He was charged with leading the PSS Integrated Product Team for theater and national mission force ground and maritime domain requirements totaling over \$65M in FY19. LtCol Peterson returned to MCSC in 2019 and is currently serving as the Team Lead for Individual Training Systems at PM Training Systems.

His personal decorations include: the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star in lieu of second award, the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal with two gold stars in lieu of third award.



MR. SCOTT PULFORD

DEPUTY PROJECT MANAGER FOR SOLDIER TRAINING

Program Executive Office Simulation, Training and Instrumentation



Mr. Scott Pulford is the Deputy Project Manager for PM Soldier Training (PM ST) within the Program Executive Office, Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI). In this position, he serves as the DPM to an acquisition organization of over 280 personnel executing over \$450M annually across 55 acquisition programs.

Prior to his civil service appointment, he served 22 years on active duty with the United States Army. He completed his tour of duty on October 31, 2009, and retired at the rank of Colonel.

Mr. Pulford is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in Armor and awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography and Civil Engineering in 1987. He also holds a Master's degree in Industrial Engineering at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Pulford held a variety of Armor command and staff positions prior to his acquisition assignments including Tank Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Battalion Maintenance

Officer, Brigade Plans Officer, and Company Commander.

In 1996, Mr. Pulford transitioned from Armor to the Acquisition Corps with assignments as a Combat Development Officer at the U.S. Army Armor Center, an Assistant Product Manager in PM Ground Combat Tactical Trainers, as the Executive Officer for the Central Technical Support Facility – Stryker at Ft. Lewis, WA. From 2005 to 2008, Mr. Pulford returned to PEO STRI where he served as the Product Manager for Ground Combat Tactical Trainers overseeing a portfolio of over 40 training devices and enablers including the development and fielding of the Medical Simulation Training Center (MSTC) and HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer (HEAT) programs. Mr. Pulford completed his active duty assignments as the Deputy Project Manager for Future Force Simulation (PM FFS) in PEO STRI.

From 2009 to 2015, Mr. Pulford began his Army civilian service where he served as a member of the PEO STRI Senior Staff as the Strategic Integrator and G3 Operations lead. In this position, he served as the primary conduit for PEO STRI for coordination and synchronization across the Training Support System Enterprise as well as the ASAALT and Army Staffs.

Mr. Pulford's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), the Parachutist Badge and the Combat Action Badge.



RADM JAMES A. ROBB

PRESIDENT

National Training and Simulation Association



Following graduation from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, designation as a Naval Aviator, and training in the F-14 Tomcat, Admiral Robb deployed nine times across the globe accumulating over 5,000 hours and 1,000 carrier landings.

Following a tour flying Russian fighters in the Nevada desert, he commanded Fighter Squadron Fifty-One, Carrier Air Wing Nine, the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), and Carrier Strike Group Seven. As a Flag Officer he managed all Naval Aviation Programs (N980) and was the Director of Navy Readiness (N43).

Following 9/11, he joined USCENTCOM as the Director of Plans (J5) deploying to the Middle East in support of combat operations.

Retiring in 2006, he built a successful small consulting business before joining the National Training and Simulation Association as President in June 2012.



MR. ROBERT SELTZER

DIRECTOR FOR RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division



Mr. Robert Seltzer is the Director of Research & Technology Programs at the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD). In this position he is responsible for leading and managing a portfolio of over 60 projects spanning basic research to late stage transition research as well as the Commands Technology Transfer Program and the Command's STEM outreach efforts. Mr. Seltzer has worked for Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division for 35 years as an aerospace engineer and research program manager. Before joining NAWCTSD in 1994, he worked at the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division (Warminster, PA) as the Research Technology Program Manager for the X-31A Experimental Aircraft and the Applied and Advanced Development Dynamics of Flight research programs and as an aircraft flight dynamics researcher and project engineer. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering (Polytechnic Institute of NY) and Masters of Science degrees in Aerospace Engineering (Purdue University) and Engineering Management (National Technology University).

The Research and Technology Program Office (4.6T) manages the NAWCTSD training technology research and development programs. These include the Office of Naval Research (ONR) sponsored programs in Basic Research (BA-1), Applied Research (BA-2), Advanced Technology Development (BA-3), and Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR), and Cooperative Research & Development Agreements (CRADA), and Technology Transfer. 4.6T also manages NAWCTSD non-Navy sponsored research and development in support of agencies such as the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.



COLONEL MARCUS L. VARNADORE

PROJECT MANAGER FOR SYNTHETIC ENVIRONMENT

Program Executive Office Simulation, Training and Instrumentation



A native of Orlando Florida, Colonel Marcus L. Varnadore enlisted in the United States Army Reserve in 1987 as a 29E Electronic Radio Repairer. He later transitioned to the Louisiana National Guard and attended Southeastern Louisiana University where he received his commission, in 1992, as a Second Lieutenant and Aviation Branch Officer. Colonel Varnadore's career encompasses a broad range of duties within Army Aviation. In 1994, he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky serving in both 4th and 6th Battalion as an Air Assault Platoon Leader, EH-60 Quickfix Platoon Leader, and Assistant S-3 Operations Officer. In 1998, he was assigned to the 12th Aviation Brigade in Wiesbaden, Germany, where he served as the Brigade S-3 Operations Officer prior to assuming Command of Alpha Company, 5-158th Aviation Regiment. Colonel Varnadore was subsequently assigned to 3-58th Aviation Regiment (Airfield Operations) as the S-3 Training Officer.

Colonel Varnadore transitioned to the Army Acquisition Branch in 2001. His previous acquisition assignments include Program and Plans Officer at the Army Research Laboratory (ARL) in Adelphi, Maryland; Assistant Product Manager (APM) for Aircraft Survivability Equipment at the Technology Application Program Office (TAPO) at Fort Eustis, Virginia; Rotary Wing Aircraft Systems Acquisition Manager (SAM) for the Special Operations Command's (SOCOM) Research, Development and Acquisition Center at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida; Deputy TRADOC Capability Manager (TCM) for Reconnaissance and Attack helicopters within the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker, Alabama; Product Manager for Airborne, Maritime, Fixed Station (AMF) small airborne radios and most recently Director of Air Defense and Fires in Washington, D.C.

Colonel Varnadore is the current Project Manager for the Synthetic Environment (SE) within Program Executive Office for Simulation Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI), Orlando Florida.

Colonel Varnadore's deployments include the Republic of Albania in support of Operation Allied Force (Kosovo) and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

He is a rated Aviator in the UH-1 Huey, UH-60A/L Blackhawk, and EH-60 Quickfix Helicopter.

His major military education and training includes Airborne School, Air Assault School, Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course, Aviation Officer's Basic and Advance Courses, Command and General Staff College, Army Acquisition Basic Course, and the Program Manager's Course. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology from Southeastern Louisiana University, a Master of Science in Modeling and Simulations from the University of Central Florida, and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University's Dwight D. Eisenhower School.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1 SOLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Army Aviator Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Varnadore and his wife of 25 years, Ayesha, are joined on this assignment by their daughter Makayla and sons Marcus, Quentin and Kendall.



MR. PAUL C. WAUGH

PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR AGILE COMBAT SUPPORT

Air Force Life Cycle Management Center



Mr. Paul Waugh is the Program Executive Officer and Director for Agile Combat Support Directorate at the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. He leads more than 1,600 military and civilian personnel and is responsible for executing \$5.1 billion in Air Force funds annually. The Directorate's six Program Offices, located primarily at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH; Warner Robins AFB, GA; and Heath, OH, provide materiel solutions and acquisition and sustainment life-cycle management for simulators, support equipment and vehicles, electronic warfare and avionics, human systems, automatic test systems, and metrology and calibration to meet Air Force operational needs. Prior to coming to Agile Combat Support, Mr. Waugh was Deputy Director of Air Delivered Capabilities Directorate, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Kirtland AFB, NM, where he enabled the acquisition and sustainment of air delivered nuclear weapon systems and extended deterrence systems in support of our nation's nuclear deterrence operations.

During his Air Force career, Mr. Waugh excelled in a variety of fields including engineering, program management, training, and logistics. He was the Chief of the Propulsion Sustainment Division, managed the Propulsion Program for the Joint Strike Fighter, served as the Deputy Director for the Joint Unmanned Combat Air System (J-UCAS) Program Office, and was also the Program Manager for the X-47. He commanded at the Detachment, Group, and Wing level, and retired from active duty as Vice Commander of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center.

Mr. Waugh entered federal civil service in March 2011 as a senior program manager and assumed his current position in April 2019.

EDUCATION

- 1983 - Bachelor of Science, Metallurgical Engineering, Iowa State University
- 1987 - Squadron Officer's School (Residence), Distinguished Graduate
- 1988 - Master of Business Administration, Management, University of Central Oklahoma
- 1994 - Air Command and Staff College (Residence)
- 1997 - Advanced Program Management Course (PMT 302), Defense Acquisition University
- 2002 - Air War College (Residence)
- 2002 - Masters of Strategic Studies, Air War College
- 2006 - Program Manager's Course (PMT 401), Defense Acquisition University
- 2008 - Executive Program Manager's Course (PMT 402), Defense Acquisition University

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

- Defense Superior Service Medal
- Legion of Merit (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)
- Joint Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster)
- Collier Trophy – Joint Strike Fighter Team – 2001
- Air Force Exemplary Civilian Service Award
- Air Force Meritorious Civilian Service Award



MS. ROBIN WIECKHORST

PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR CROSS-WARFARE PROGRAMS

Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division



Ms. Robin Wieckhorst is the Program Director for Cross-Warfare Programs (PDX) at the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD). Mrs. Wieckhorst manages training systems, content, and services for a wide range of cross-platform, joint service, emerging technologies, non-DoD and individual training customers and requirements. She oversees a portfolio of 72 projects valued over \$500M/year with contracts estimated around \$2B, and a team of 28 Project Managers.

Ms. Wieckhorst has 28 years of experience in Modeling & Simulation and training acquisition at NAWCTSD, with the last 21 years spent in Program Management. Her career started in Engineering as an Operations Research Analyst conducting life-cycle cost and training and technology analyses of broad scope and applicability throughout the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. In 1998, she moved into Program Management in the Cross-Warfare Program Directorate. She served as Program Manager for the Electronic Training Environment, Sea Warrior Training (PMW-240T), Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Emergency Preparedness,

Fleet and Family Readiness, and Leadership training, and the Joint Rapid Distributed Database Development Capability (JRD3C).

In May 2011, Ms. Wieckhorst was selected as a Senior Program Manager at the Joint Training Integration and Evaluation Center (JTIEC) in support the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Office of Acquisition, Technology & Logistics (AT&L) Modeling & Simulation Coordination Office (M&SCO). She managed the M&S core tools and services fostering M&S simulation interoperability and reuse across DoD's M&S Enterprise including military services; the Joint Staff; and seven communities (Acquisition, Analysis, Intelligence, Experimentation, Planning, Test/Evaluation, and Training). She was also responsible for the Rapid Data Generation (RDG) high-level task, leading the development of the Common Data Production Environment to rapidly integrate and correlate data from disparate sources and exchange data into simulation-ready formats.

Ms. Wieckhorst earned a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics in 1990 and a Master's degree in Applied Economics in 1993 from the University of Central Florida. She is a 2007 graduate of the NAVAIR Senior Executive Management Development Program. She is Level III certified in both Program Management and Engineering, and a member of the Acquisition Professional Community.



MR. DALE WHITTAKER

PROJECT LEAD FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Program Executive Office Simulation, Training and Instrumentation



A native of Oakvale, West Virginia, Mr. Dale Whittaker joined the U.S. Marine Corps after graduating high school. He attended basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina in October 1983 and graduated “A” school at NAS Millington, Tennessee in June 1984.

During his Marine Corps career, Mr. Whittaker served as an avionics technician, collateral duty inspector, quality assurance representative, maintenance controller, recruiter and NCOIC of a squadron avionics division. Mr. Whittaker graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in December 1999.

In August 2000, Mr. Whittaker and his family moved to Orlando, Florida where he was employed as a program analyst in the Surface Directorate of Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD). In October 2000, Mr. Whittaker began working in the International Directorate. From January 2002 to May 2007, he served as the International Programs Business/Financial Manager and Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Case Financial Manager.

Mr. Whittaker was assigned as the FMS Case Manager in the International Programs Directorate at NAWCTSD in May 2007. During this assignment in 2007, Mr. Whittaker was accepted to DSCA’s Global Master of Arts Program, and he completed the academic requirements for a Master’s degree in International Affairs at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University in March 2009.

In September 2009, Mr. Whittaker was selected as the Director, International Programs at NAWCTSD. From September 2009 to November 2013, the International Portfolio at NAWCTSD grew 400%. During this time, Mr. Whittaker accepted additional responsibilities as NAVAIR’s 1.4 international lead for training and training systems FMS case development. In November 2012, he was additionally assigned to a newly-developed position as PMA-205 Assistant Program Manager for International Programs.

Mr. Whittaker was selected to the position of Program Manager, Foreign Military Sales (PM FMS), Program Executive Office Simulation Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI), effective November 2013. This position was retitled as Director for International Programs in December 2014. Mr. Whittaker serves as both the Security Assistance Management Director (SAMD) within the Army Security Assistance Enterprise (ASAE) and the Director for International Programs within PEO STRI.

Mr. Whittaker has worked with over 60 countries and has been involved with delivering training and training systems on six continents while working International Programs. He is DAWIA Level III certified in Program Management and Business/Financial Management. He is also certified as a Level III International Affairs Professional by the Department of Defense.

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