
Thomas P. Dee



Director, Office of Special Projects



Mr. Tom Dee assumed responsibilities as the Director, Office of Special Projects in April 2018 where he provides acquisition support to U.S. Navy activities.

Prior to this assignment, and while serving as the Vice Director Navy Staff, Mr. Dee performed the duties of the Under Secretary of the Navy from February until December 2017 where he exercised the authorities of the Under Secretary and of the Department's Chief Management Officer. As Vice Director of the Navy Staff he served as the senior civilian within the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) responsible for oversight of management and business processes.

Mr. Dee joined the civil service in 2007 following a 26 year career as a Naval officer. Upon his retirement from the Navy he assumed duties as the first Director of Defense Biometrics within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. In March 2009, Mr. Dee was appointed to the Senior Executive Service and served as the Director, Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense Acquisition, Technology and Logistics where he led efforts to resolve immediate warfighting needs as identified by the Defense Department's Combatant Commanders. He concurrently served as the Executive Secretary to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Deputy's Management Action Group (DMAG) where he coordinated the preparation of strategic issues for executive decision. He then served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Expeditionary Programs and Logistics Management (DASN ELM) where he served as the principal advisor to ASN (RD&A) on matters relating to expeditionary capabilities, urgent processes and acquisition logistics.

While on active duty from March 1980 until his retirement in Jan 2007, he held a variety of worldwide leadership positions spanning operations Desert Storm, SFOR and KFOR in the Balkans, and operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn, and Operation Enduring Freedom. In Washington, he served on the SECNAV's USS Cole Task Force, the Joint IED Defeat Task Force / Organization, and as the CNO's Requirements and Resource Sponsor for Expeditionary Force Protection capabilities. He culminated his military career as Commanding Officer, Naval EOD Technology Division in Indian Head, Maryland where he was responsible for executing science and technology, acquisition, and information programs for the joint service EOD community and providing material and information support to operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mr. Dee holds a master's of sciences degree (national resource strategy) from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University; a master's of arts degree (international relations) from University of Southern California; and a bachelor's of arts degree (history) from New York University. His civilian awards include the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Civilian Service for his support of warfighter requirements (2011) and the Department of the Navy Medal for Distinguished Civilian Service for support to Navy and Marine Corps expeditionary programs (2017).