
Thomas P. Dee



Office of the Under Secretary of the Navy Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of the Navy

On Feb. 17, 2017 Mr. Tom Dee was temporarily assigned to perform the duties of the Under Secretary of the Navy where he exercises all authorities of the Under Secretary and of the Department's Chief Management Officer, except those statutory duties that by law or regulation may only be performed by a Senate confirmed Under Secretary or their principal deputy. He previously served as the Vice Director, Navy Staff. 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. His most recent assignment was 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 of Science (National Resource Strategy) from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University; a Master of Arts (International Relations) from University of Southern California; and a Bachelor of Arts (History) from New York University. In 2011 he was awarded the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Civilian Service for his support of warfighter requirements.