
Steffanie B. Easter



Director, Navy Staff Office of the Chief of Naval Operations

Mrs. Steffanie B. Easter assumed responsibilities as the Vice Director, Navy Staff in January 2018 and succeeded to Director, Navy Staff in June 2018. In her role as Director, she serves as the senior Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) civilian and has oversight of the entire OPNAV organization as well as 29 Echelon II commands and their many Flag Officers and Special Assistants to synchronize their efforts to provide indispensable advice and support to the Chief of Naval Operations and the Secretary of the Navy. Furthermore, she is directly responsible for the seamless coordination and execution of all 3/4-Star and Navy Flag Officer and Senior Executive Service Symposiums, thereby synergizing and aligning more than 400 Flag Officers and Senior Executives with the Chief of Naval Operations' and Secretary of the Navy's vision for the U.S. Navy.

Prior to her current assignment, she served as the Principal Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology (ASA(ALT)). In this role, Mrs. Easter advised the ASA(ALT) and Army Acquisition Executive (AAE), and was responsible for leading and supervising Army acquisition, procurement, research and development, and logistics endeavors within the Army acquisition enterprise. She also oversaw the development of policies, programs, and processes to streamline Army acquisition efforts. She served as the Acting ASA(ALT) and AAE from November 2016 to November 2017.

Mrs. Easter previously served as the Executive Director for the F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office, where she was the senior civilian overseeing the acquisition and management of the program chartered to deliver the next generation of tactical aircraft for the USAF, USN, USMC and eight International countries. She also served as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education, where she was the civilian executive advisor for the planning and programming of manpower, personnel, training, and education resources, budgeting for Navy personnel and for developing the information systems and tools to effectively manage the Navy Total Force.

Mrs. Easter previously served as the Assistant Commander for Acquisition for Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) and executed acquisition responsibilities and management accountability for six program management offices and served as the leader of the NAVAIR Acquisition/ Program Management Competency, managing approximately 720 civilian and military personnel. Additionally, she served as the Deputy Program Executive Officer for Tactical Aircraft Programs. In this capacity, she was responsible for providing acquisition, engineering and technical services to the Navy for the F/A-18, EA-6B, EA-18G, E-2, C-2, Aircraft Protection Systems, Air Traffic Control Systems and Combat Identification programs.

Mrs. Easter is a graduate of North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering and holds a Master of Science degree in engineering from the Catholic University of America. Mrs. Easter was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in December 2002 and has over 30 years of Federal Service.

She was awarded the Army Exceptional Civilian Service Award in 2017, the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award in 2016, the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2016, the Secretary of the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 2013, the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award in 2009, and the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2007. Additionally, she is the recipient of the 2010 Black Engineer of the Year Award for Professional Achievement and the 2009 National Women of Color Award for Managerial Leadership.