
John H. Fincannon



Assistant for Shipboard Systems Strategic Systems Programs

Mr. Fincannon was selected to the Senior Executive Service as the Strategic Systems Programs (SSP) Assistant for Shipboard Systems in January 2013. In this position, he is responsible for continuing leadership and management of the design, development, test and evaluation, procurement, operation, support, and maintenance of the shipboard elements of the Strategic Weapon Systems and assigned conventional weapon systems onboard Ohio Class submarines and the United Kingdom Vanguard Class submarines.

Mr. Fincannon began his electrical engineering career with General Electric Ordnance Systems, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, supporting the Fire Control subsystem of the Polaris, Poseidon, and Trident Strategic Weapon Systems.

Mr. Fincannon entered the Civil Service in 1999 at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Virginia. He began in K-department supporting design and development and deployment of the D5 Trident Fire Control System. In 2002, Mr. Fincannon was promoted to K40 staff to lead the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) efforts for the initial development of the Guided Missile Submarine (SSGN) Attack Weapons Control System which controls the launch of Tomahawk Cruise Missiles from an Ohio Class Submarine.

In 2004, he transitioned to Strategic Systems Programs (SSP) headquarters in Washington, DC as the Fire Control Production lead. He was responsible for elements of SSP's Shipboard Integration Program and the development and implementation of the Attack Weapons Control System onboard the four SSGN Ohio Class submarines. In 2005 he was promoted to head of SSP's System Engineering, Accuracy Assessment and Safety Assessment section.

In this role, Mr. Fincannon led several successful nuclear and conventional weapon safety studies, modernized the SSP system engineering processes and maintained the strategic weapon system accuracy assessment. He received Navy Meritorious Civilian Service medals, in 2007 and 2008 for his efforts in these areas.

Mr. Fincannon received a bachelor's of science in electrical engineering from Texas A&M University in 1976. He holds Defense Acquisition University Level III certifications in both the Program Management, and Systems Planning Research Development and Engineering career fields.