
James Garner



Program Executive Officer Land Systems Marine Corps

Mr. Garner currently serves as the Program Executive Officer Land Systems (PEO LS) for the U.S. Marine Corps, managing a portfolio of more than 20 programs worth nearly \$8 billion. He is the principal adviser to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development & Acquisition) for the PEO LS portfolio of assigned major Marine Corps Programs.

Mr. Garner was appointed to the Senior Executive Service (SES) in May 2017.

Mr. Garner was commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corps at Rice University in Houston, Texas in 1974. While in uniform, he served in a variety of leadership and command positions including command of an artillery regiment. He led the successful development of the Joint Lightweight 155mm Howitzer (JLW-155), serving as the Program Manager. He also managed several other programs to include the U.S. Army Towed Artillery Digitization Program and the M-119 Howitzer Program. In 2005, Col Garner retired with 31 years of service.

He began his Federal Service at Marine Corps Systems Command in 2005. He led the development of the Expeditionary Fire Support System (EFSS) and fielded both EFSS and High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS). He also managed Marine Corps Assault Amphibious Vehicles (AAV) and Tanks. In 2013, he became the Program Manager for Advanced Amphibious Assault, PEO LS, where he initiated and led both the AAV-Survivability Upgrade and Amphibious Combat Vehicle 1.1 programs to successful Milestone B decisions and beyond.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and fulfilled degree requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Rice University. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree with distinction from Harvard Business School. His military schools include Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, and the Army War College.

His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal. He is a recipient of the Ancient and Honorable Order of Saint Barbara. His acquisition awards include the Donald Roebling Award for Acquisition Innovation and Excellence.