
Mark E. Kosnik



Director, Fleet Capabilities and Force Development (N8/N9) U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF)

Mr. Kosnik assumed duties as the Director for Fleet Capabilities and Force Development (N8/N9) at USFF in October 2017. In this role, he is responsible for the integration of Fleet capabilities and requirements to support Navy programming and acquisition development, planning, and transition of new capabilities to the Fleet. He also oversees development of warfighting concepts and experimentation to support delivery of enhanced Fleet capabilities across all mission areas.

Previously, Mr. Kosnik served as Deputy Commander at Naval Information Forces (NAVIFOR), the Navy's Information Warfare (IW) Type Commander from September 2012 through September 2017. During this time he oversaw a major realignment of functions from five other IW commands to establish NAVIFOR on 1 October 2014. He was also dual-hatted as both the Deputy Commander, Navy Cyber Forces (NCF) and United States Fleet Forces Command (USFF) Deputy ACOS for Communications and Networks (N6A)/Fleet Chief Information Officer (CIO) from September 2012 until the re-establishment of the USFF N6 as an independent office in August 2014.

As the Deputy Commander at NAVIFOR, Mr. Kosnik served as the senior civilian for the TYCOM Staff responsible for the man, train and equip functions for Navy Information Warfare (IW) and Fleet C5ISR capabilities assigned to 74 subordinate Operational Shore Commands and manned by over 21,000 IW personnel operating across the globe. In the execution of his duties he led a Staff of 600+ Military and Civilian professionals and directly managed an annual budget of ~\$1.5B in generating IW forces ready for operations.

Entering the Senior Executive Service in March 2009, Mr. Kosnik also served as Executive Director at Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC) until his assignment to NCF/USFF CIO in 2012. During this tour, he was the senior civilian for the Expeditionary TYCOM staff responsible for man, train and equip functions for the Navy's 30,000+ Expeditionary Sailors and managed an assigned annual \$700 million budget.

From May 1978 until August 2006, Mr. Kosnik served on active duty as a Navy Surface Warfare Officer (SWO), retiring as a Captain after 28 years of service. During this period Mr. Kosnik served at all levels of responsibility afloat including SWO Division Officer, Department Head, Executive Officer, Commanding Officer and Major Command, and ashore in Post Major Command. As the Commanding Officer, *USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51)* from 1996 to 1998, he completed a two-month deployment to Northern Europe and led the ship to Battle Efficiency Awards in 1996 and 1998. He served as *Commander, Destroyer Squadron Two* and *Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group* Sea Combat Commander from 2002 through 2003, completing a surge deployment to the Mediterranean in support of *Operation Iraqi Freedom*. Ashore from 2004 until 2006, he served as Commander, Maritime Force Protection Command (MARFPCOM); a command that was later realigned to serve as the foundation of today's NECC.

While in uniform ashore, Mr. Kosnik also served as the first Chief of Staff at NECC, Executive Assistant to the Director for Surface Warfare (OPNAV N86A), Head Combat Systems Section/Theater Air Warfare Branch (OPNAV N865E), Tomahawk Strike Planner for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joint Operations Directorate (J3)/Joint Operations Division (JOD), and instructor at Tactical Training Group Pacific.

Following retirement in 2006, he worked just short of three years at Booz Allen Hamilton as a Senior Associate supporting Navy and Joint Commands in the Hampton Roads area before returning to government service as a Senior Executive in March 2009.

Mr. Kosnik graduated with honors from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and received his commission through the Naval ROTC program in May 1978. He earned a Master's of Science in Oceanography and Meteorology from the Naval Postgraduate School in June 1985 and completed a Federal Executive Fellowship at the Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (WCFIA) from 1998 to 1999.

While assigned at NAVIFOR, Mr. Kosnik was named as a "2017 Federal 100" as one of the top leaders in Federal IT by Federal Computer Weekly (FCW) Magazine. While on active duty he was named the Atlantic Fleet winner of the Admiral James Stockdale Award for leadership in 1998. His other military awards included the Legion of Merit (two gold stars), the Navy Marine Corps Medal, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (two gold stars), and multiple other medals and campaign ribbons.