
James Smerchansky



Executive Director, Naval Sea Systems Command

Mr. James Smerchansky was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in August 2006 and is currently the Executive Director of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). As NAVSEA's senior civilian, Mr. Smerchansky leads and directs daily business operations for a command comprised of more than 72,000 military and civilian personnel responsible for the technical authority, development, acquisition, and lifecycle support of U.S. Navy Ships and Integrated Warfare Systems. Mr. Smerchansky's duties also include development and execution of NAVSEA's long-term business strategies.

Prior to coming to NAVSEA, Mr. Smerchansky served Executive Director, Marine Corps Systems Command from 2014 to 2016. In this position, he served as the senior civilian official responsible for leading and directing daily business operations for the command.

From 2009-2014, Mr. Smerchansky served as Chief Engineer of the Marine Corps and Deputy Commander, Systems Engineering, Interoperability, Architectures and Technology leading Marine Air Ground Task Force systems engineering and integration efforts and ensuring Marine Corps systems interoperate with coalition and Joint Forces.

Prior to reporting to Marine Corps Systems Command, Mr. Smerchansky served as the Director for Above Water Sensor and the Director of Technology Development and Transition in Program Executive Officer, Integrated Warfare Systems.

Mr. Smerchansky began his career at the Naval Sea Combat Systems Engineering Station in Norfolk, Va., as an in-service engineer on Submarine Combat Systems. In 1989, he transferred to NAVSEA where he held various engineering and program management positions.

From 2002 - 2004, Mr. Smerchansky was the science and technology advisor to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he assisted and advised the Commander in the identification of technologies having a critical impact on combat readiness.

Upon returning to Washington, D.C., in 2004, Mr. Smerchansky became the Deputy Executive Director for Undersea Technology at the Naval Sea Systems Command. He was responsible for identifying opportunities to merge evolving technologies into the development of ongoing or planned programs, and to assess and implement initiatives for applications of technological innovations into existing fleet operational platforms.

Mr. Smerchansky holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Electrical Engineering from Youngstown State University and a Masters in engineering Management from Old Dominion University.