William E. Taylor

Program Executive Officer
Land Systems Marine Corps

Mr. William E. Taylor currently serves as Program Executive Officer Land Systems Marine Corps (PEO LS), where he has been assigned since December 2008. He is the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research Development & Acquisition) for the PEO portfolio of assigned major (ACAT I and II) Marine Corps Programs.

Mr. Taylor was appointed to the Senior Executive Service (SES) in December 2008.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in May 1979, he retired from active duty in September 2008 with the rank of Colonel after capping his 29-year career by establishing and serving as the first Program Executive Officer Land Systems.

While in uniform Mr. Taylor's extensive experience in acquisition management included assignments at every level within the Department of the Navy from program office IPT Leader to the staff of the Secretariat. His acquisition career is highlighted by distinguished service as NAVAIRSYSCOM's V-22 Joint Program Manager, leading the MV-22 Osprey Program from full-rate production to operational fielding. Prior to that, as H-46 Program Manager, he successfully forged a critical industry and government partnership, leading to the highly successful Engine Reliability Improvement Program. He also served in various capacities on the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development & Acquisition staff, including a tour as the Marine Military Assistant.

A veteran Marine helicopter pilot with nearly 5000 flight hours, Mr. Taylor's operational experiences include combat operations in Beirut, Lebanon; missions in Cambodia in support of Joint Task Force Full Accounting; and presidential support as a Marine One Pilot assigned to Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX-1).

He holds a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and a master's of science in defense systems acquisition management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

Mr. Taylor's military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal in 2007, Legion of Merit with two gold stars in 2008, 2003 and 2002, Meritorious Service Medal in 1999, two Strike Flight Air Medals in 1983, Navy - Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star in 1987 and 1991 and Combat Action Ribbon in 1983.

Mr. Taylor is a member of the Senior Executive Association, the Marine Corps Association and the Marine Corps Aviation Association.