
Douglas E. Arnold



Director Marine Engineering Directorate, Naval Sea Systems Command



Mr. Arnold is currently serving as director, Marine Engineering Directorate (NAVSEA 05Z), Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). In this role, he is responsible for leading and managing a workforce of more than 100 government, military and contractor personnel, including 30 Technical Warrant Holders, and overseeing technical authority execution across a competency domain of more than 1,800 people in the warfare centers.

He joined the Senior Executive Service in March 2020.

Mr. Arnold began his civilian career at NAVSEA in May 2015 as the Principal Assistant Program Manager for Construction on the COLUMBIA Class SSBN Program, and was responsible for all aspects of preparation for construction of the COLUMBIA Class SSBN.

Prior to his civilian career, Mr. Arnold served 29 years in U.S. Navy, retiring with the rank of captain in 2012. As a commissioned officer and career submariner, he commanded USS WEST VIRGINIA (SSBN 736) (BLUE), and served as Commodore of the Regional Support Group in Groton, Connecticut.

He received a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University in chemical engineering and holds master's degrees in business administration from Columbia Southern University; engineering management from Old Dominion University, and mechanical engineering from the University of Central Florida.

Mr. Arnold is Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certified Level III in the fields of Engineering and Program Management, a member of the acquisition professional community and a professional engineer.