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## **William J. Buchanan**



### **Deputy Program Executive Officer for Strike Weapons, PEO(U&W) Naval Air Systems Command**



William Buchanan entered the Senior Executive Service in 2016 with over 31 years of civilian service, and assumed duties as the Deputy Program Executive Officer for Strike Weapons in the Program Executive Office for Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons (PEO(U&W)), Patuxent River, Md. In this capacity, Mr. Buchanan is responsible for acquisition oversight and life-cycle support of major strike weapons programs such as Tomahawk Cruise Missile and its mission planning and execution systems, Joint Standoff Weapon, Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile, and Harpoon missiles.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Buchanan served as Deputy, Assistant Commander for Acquisition at the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR). There he supported the Assistant Commander in providing executive management of 8 program offices executing more than 80 programs assigned to NAVAIR, and managed the national-level Program Management Competency providing policy, processes, tools, and trained program management professionals to programs across Naval Aviation.

Mr. Buchanan joined NAVAIR in 1984 and has held multiple engineering and program management positions spanning development, flight test, production, and in-service support of fixed wing and helicopter programs. He spent 11 years in the systems engineering department with increasing levels of responsibility, culminating in the position of Chief Engineer for several in-service Navy aircraft. Previous program management assignments include Principal Deputy Program Manager for the V-22 program, and Integrated Program Team lead positions for the Presidential Helicopter replacement program, the H-1 Light Attack Helicopter program, and the KC-130J tanker program. He also served as Acquisition Manager for Marine Corps Programs in the Program Executive Office.

Buchanan earned a bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Tech and a master's degree in business administration from Florida Institute of Technology. He is a member of the Department of Defense's Acquisition Professional Community, completed the Executive Program Manager's Course at Defense Acquisition University, and is a graduate of NAVAIR's Senior Executive Management Development Program. He also completed executive programs at the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School and the Federal Executive Institute.

His individual awards include the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award and the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award. He and his teams have also earned multiple awards including four NAVAIR Commander's Awards, the Department of the Navy Acquisition Excellence Award and the Department of Defense's David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award.