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Mr. Cade is the Executive Director of the United States Navy's Military Sealift Command, headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia. Military Sealift Command's mission is to provide assured logistics, strategic sealift, and conduct other specialized missions at sea in support of Navy and joint global operations. MSC is a Type Commander reporting to Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, responsible for manning, training, and equipping a force of 130 ships and 8300 personnel. MSC is also the Naval Component Command for U.S. Transportation Command and is aligned to Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition supporting acquisition procurement and contracting functions.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Cade served as Director for Fleet Capabilities and Force Development (N8/N9) at U. S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia, the Navy's headquarters for global force management and the Naval Component Commander to U.S. Northern Command. At USFF he was responsible for integrated Fleet capability and readiness assessments to support Navy programming and acquisition planning, transition of new capabilities into the Fleet, and development of warfighting concepts of operations and experimentation programs. During his time at USFF he also served as Deputy Director, Fleet Warfare Programs (N8B), leading warfighting capability analyses, and as Deputy Executive Director, responsible for Fleet readiness assessments, strategic planning, and headquarters administration. He was promoted to the Senior Executive Service in 2010.

Mr. Cade served as a Surface Warfare Officer during his career on active duty, completing sea-duty assignments in the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets and deployments supporting operations in the European, Pacific, Central, and Southern Commands. Major staff assignments included duty in Operations and Plans on the staff of Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet; Special Assistant to the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; and as a program manager for U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Capabilities and Resource Integration (N8) and Readiness and Training (N4/7). He was designated a Navy Foreign Area Officer (FAO) for East Asia/Pacific during his time on active duty.

Mr. Cade holds masters degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School (Weapons Systems Curriculum) and in National Security Strategy from the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College. He has been recognized with the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service and the Department of Navy Superior Civilian Service Award in addition to personal and campaign awards while on active duty.