
Jim Coffman



Chief Information Officer (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education)

James W. Coffman is the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for Navy's Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (MPTE) enterprise (OPNAV N16). He assumed this Senior Level (SL) executive position on April 3, 2016. He is responsible for planning, programming and budgeting for, as well as executing the development and sustainment of, all information technology capabilities supporting the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for MPTE (OPNAV N1).

Mr. Coffman has over 27 years combined military and government civilian service. He graduated from Rice University with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science. He later earned Master of Science degrees in Information Technology Management and Computer Science from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Mr. Coffman previously served in the United States Navy as both an enlisted Sailor and Officer. He completed the Naval Nuclear Power Program as a Machinist's Mate. He then received a Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship, and later commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer. His sea tours included assignments aboard USS Meyerkord (FF 1058) and USS Essex (LHD 2). His shipboard duties included Auxiliaries and Electrical Officer, Combat Information Center Officer, and Fire Control Officer.

Shore tours for Mr. Coffman included an analyst position at the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center; the IT Plans & Policies branch head at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Command; and the Space and Naval Warfare (SPAWAR) Systems Center, where he qualified as an Engineering Duty Officer, conducted shipboard network vulnerability assessments, was responsible for east coast shipboard C4I installations, and headed IT/data center consolidation for COMUSNAVCENT headquarters in Bahrain.

Mr. Coffman previously served with OPNAV N6, as the Section Head for Navy Satellite Communications. He also worked as a defense contractor, heading the Analysis of Alternatives (AoA) for Navy's afloat networks. Most recently, he was assigned to OPNAV N2/N6 as the Branch Head for Resilient Networking, responsible for planning, programming and budgeting for Navy's enterprise networks.