
Steffanie B. Easter



Director, Navy Staff Office of the Chief of Naval Operations

Mrs. Steffanie B. Easter assumed responsibilities as the Director, Navy Staff in June 2018. In her role as Director, she serves as the senior Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) civilian and coordinates enterprise level efforts across the entire OPNAV staff. Principally, Ms. Easter ensures alignment of more than 400 Flag Officers and Senior Executives, providing indispensable advice and support to the Chief of Naval Operations and the Secretary of the Navy.

Prior to her current assignment, she served as the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology (ASA(ALT)). Previous to assuming the acting ASA(ALT) role, Mrs. Easter was the Principal Deputy to the ASA(ALT). In this position, Mrs. Easter was responsible for leading and supervising Army acquisition, procurement, research and development, and logistics endeavors within the Army acquisition enterprise. She also oversaw the development of policies, programs, and processes to streamline Army acquisition efforts.

Mrs. Easter has also served as the Executive Director for the F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office, where she was the senior civilian overseeing the acquisition and management of the program chartered to deliver the next generation of tactical aircraft for the USAF, USN, USMC and eight International countries.

As the Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (N1B), Mrs. Easter was the civilian executive advisor for the planning and programming of manpower, personnel, training, and education resources, budgeting for Navy personnel and for developing the information systems and tools to effectively manage the Navy Total Force.

Previous assignments include, Assistant Commander for Acquisition for Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), and Deputy Program Executive Officer for Tactical Aircraft Programs.

Mrs. Easter is a graduate of North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering and holds a Master of Science degree in engineering from the Catholic University of America. Mrs. Easter was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in December 2002 and has over 30 years of Federal Service.

She was awarded the Army Exceptional Civilian Service Award in 2017, the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award in 2016, the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2016, the Secretary of the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 2013, the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award in 2009, and the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2007. Additionally, she is the recipient of the 2010 Black Engineer of the Year Award for Professional Achievement and the 2009 National Women of Color Award for Managerial Leadership.