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## Donald L. Hoffer



### Executive Director Commander, Submarine Forces



Mr. Hoffer currently serves as the Executive Director, Submarine Forces where he is the principal advisor to the Submarine Force Commander on all matters relating to Undersea Warfare programs and requirements. He is the senior civilian in the Submarine Force and his responsibilities include the prioritization of future Submarine Force capabilities, resources, undersea technology and the implementation of unmanned systems in the undersea. He serves on numerous senior advisory panels including the USD AT&L's Long Range Research and Development Plan.

Mr. Hoffer began his Federal career in 1987 as an engineer at the Naval Sea Systems Command, detachment SUBMEPP. He joined the Deep Submergence Systems Program as the project engineer for numerous programs including USS *Dolphin* (AGSS 555), unmanned undersea vehicle development, the ASR-21 Class Submarine Rescue Ships, diving programs and the Advanced SEAL Delivery System (ASDS) project.

Mr. Hoffer was the Multi-Mission Program Technical Director and then Deputy Program Manager for the SEAWOLF Program Office (PMS350) in PEO Submarines. The ACAT-1C program completed the class OPEVAL and delivered the *USS Jimmy Carter* (SSN 23) within the Seawolf Class Congressional cost cap, earning the program office a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

In 2005, he established and led the Advanced Undersea Systems Program (PMS 394) as Deputy Program Manager. In this capacity, Mr. Hoffer successfully fielded the rescue portion of the Submarine Rescue Diving and Recompression System. Subsequently, he was selected to Defense Intelligence Senior Leader (DISL) rank at the Office of Naval Intelligence and used his programmatic expertise to manage resource portfolios. In late 2008, he was selected to the Senior Executive Service and returned to the Naval Sea Systems Command as the Director for Advance Undersea Integration with responsibility for advanced undersea programs within Team Submarine including SOF undersea mobility systems, maritime surveillance systems, submarine rescue systems, and advanced submarine payloads. He led the NAVSEA efforts in support of the modernization of the manned submersible *Alvin* (DSV 2). In 2014 he was selected as Executive Director.

Mr. Hoffer holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, a Master of Science in Administration, and a Master of Science from the Eisenhower School. He is a graduate of the Program Managers Course, Defense Systems Management College. Mr. Hoffer is a graduate of the Senior Acquisition Course of the Defense Acquisition University and the Information Strategies Concentration Program of the National Defense University. He has completed executive programs at Brookings, University of Virginia, University of North Carolina and the Naval Post-Graduate School.

Mr. Hoffer has received two Navy Superior Civilian Service Awards, the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Navy Unit Commendation, two Meritorious Unit Commendations, the VADM Charles Weakly Award from NDIA and the Navy Safety Excellence Award.