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Director, Sustainment Group
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Mr. Robert Kimble currently serves as the Director, Sustainment Group for the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), beginning his tenure in May 2020. He oversees a workforce that provides resources to develop, plan and integrate support elements, and to establish and maintain integrated logistics and product support for Fleet operations and maintenance throughout the full life cycle of aviation weapon systems and related equipment.

Mr. Kimble began his career in the Department of the Navy in June 1989 and has held senior leadership positions in program management, systems engineering, process improvement, and resources and requirements.

In December 2013, Mr. Kimble entered the Senior Executive Service, first serving as the Deputy Program Executive Officer for Strike Weapons, Program Executive Officer for Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons (PEO(U&W)). Mr. Kimble was then assigned in May 2016 as the Deputy Program Executive Officer for Unmanned Aviation within PEO(U&W) where he was responsible for acquisition oversight and life cycle support for programs, such as MQ-4C Triton, MQ-25A Stingray, Vertical TakeOff and Landing Tactical unmanned aerial vehicle, Small Tactical Unmanned Air System, and Marine Corps Tactical Unmanned Air System.

In 2010, Mr. Kimble became the Principal Deputy Program Manager of the Navy's H-60 Program Office, providing full-spectrum, worldwide support for the Navy's SH-60B, SH-60F, HH-60H, MH-60S, and MH-60R helicopters. He also served from 2006 to 2010 as the Principal Deputy Program Manager, Presidential Helicopters, where his responsibilities encompassed all aspects of the VH-71 development and the sustainment and upgrades of the VH-60N and VH-3D fleets.

Mr. Kimble was selected for a rotation in 2000 to the staff of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Air Programs) where he served as the Marine Programs Action Officer. After his rotation, he was assigned in 2001 to the H-60 Program Office as the MH-60R Co-Integrated Product Team (IPT) Lead responsible for the Life Cycle Management of the MH-60R Weapon System.

From 1989 to 1997, Mr. Kimble served as an engineer in the Specification, Standardization and Data

Management Branch and then assigned to the T-45 Class Desk office for the T-45 Training System. In 1997, he transitioned to program management and was assigned as the T-45 Airframe IPT Lead and Deputy Program Manager for Production and Quality.

Mr. Kimble received his bachelor's of science degree in aerospace engineering from West Virginia University and a master’s degree in management from the University of Maryland. He graduated from the Defense Systems Management College and the Senior Executive Management Development Program. He is a 2006 recipient of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

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