

Rear Admiral John P. Neagley
Program Executive Officer
Unmanned and Small Combatants

A native of Edison, New Jersey, Rear Admiral John Neagley graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1982 and received his commission from Officer Candidate School in 1984. He holds a master's degree in Environmental Management from Duke University; a Master of Science degree in Financial Management from the Naval Post Graduate School; and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval Command and Staff College.



Rear Admiral Neagley has served at sea aboard USS *Whipple* (FF 1062), USS *Coral Sea* (CV 43), USS *John Paul Jones* (DDG 53), and as Executive Officer on USS *Antietam* (CG 54), where he deployed to the Arabian Gulf and participated in Operation *Desert Fox* with the *Carl Vinson* Battle group. He subsequently served as chief staff officer, Destroyer Squadron 21 and deployed with the Sea Combat Commander to the Arabian Gulf with the *John C. Stennis* Battle Group. He assumed command of USS *Fitzgerald* (DDG 62) in 2001 and led her deployment to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operations *Iraqi Freedom* and *Enduring Freedom* in 2003.

Ashore, Rear Admiral Neagley was assigned as Research and Development, Test and Evaluation (RDTEN) and Weapons Procurement (WPN) appropriations manager, Surface Warfare Directorate, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV N86) from 1996 until 1997. He reported to Future Ships Branch (OPNAV N763) in 2003 and served as the lead requirements officer for the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) program.

In 2005, Rear Admiral Neagley reported to the LCS Program Office as the Principal Assistant Program Manager and Director of Sustainment. From 2009 to 2011, he served as the Program Manager of PMS 408 EOD/CREW, where he fielded Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and Counter Improvised Explosive Device (IED) systems to Iraq and Afghanistan. He was selected as the Executive Assistant to Naval Sea Systems Command in June 2011 and reported as the LCS Program Manager in March 2012. From September 2012 until March 2016, Neagley served as Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Deputy Commander, Fleet Readiness.

In May 2016, Rear Admiral Neagley assumed the duties as the Program Executive Officer for Littoral Combat Ships (PEO LCS). In March 2018, Rear Admiral Neagley oversaw the program office's name change to Program Executive Office, Unmanned and Small Combatants (PEO USC) to better align the course and scope of responsibilities for both manned and unmanned systems to meet combatant commander needs.