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## **Kathleen P. Donnelly**



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Ms. Kathleen P. Donnelly currently serves as the Director of the Support Equipment (SE) and Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) Engineering Department of the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) located in Lakehurst, NJ. Since her appointment to the Senior Executive Service in March 2008, Ms. Donnelly has managed over 1,300 civilian and military professionals world-wide providing technical direction and guidance for programs involving the research, design, acquisition, development, maintenance and operation of Aircraft Platform Interface equipment critical to the Naval Aviation Enterprise.

Prior to her selection, Ms. Donnelly distinguished herself in various leadership positions in support of SE and ALRE programs. As the ALRE In-Service Deputy Program Manager, the teams she led provided on-site technical expertise to support the installation, operation, overhaul and certification of 2,000 deployed ALRE systems. Her Repeatable Release Holdback Bar team received the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division's Commander's Award. As the ALRE Flight Safe Program Manager she was responsible for the quality of ALRE Critical Safety and Critical Application Items. As PMA-251 Launcher Deputy Program Manager she led the NAVAIR cross-competency team in planning and oversight of the development and acquisition of the Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System and was the recipient of the NAVAIR Commander's Award.

Under her leadership, the SE and ALRE Department received the "2012 Employer of Year Award" from the Steven's Institute of Technology and the prestigious "ERE Recruiter Award" for Best Retention Program Practices in 2012. Ms. Donnelly is an active member of the NAVAIR Women's Advisory Group, led NAVAIR Lakehurst's inaugural Women Moving Forward Symposium and served as a panel member on the Women in Defense Symposium panel: Cultivating Today's Leaders for Tomorrow's Challenges. She was profiled in the Diversity / Careers in Engineering and Information Technology spring 2013 periodical and received Honorable Mention for her work on the Diversity Life Cycle Sustainment Process Team.

Ms. Donnelly earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Villanova University, holds a master's of business administration degree from Monmouth University and is a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College's Advanced Systems Planning, Research, Development / Engineering and Advanced Program Management courses. She is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community and a graduate of NAVAIR's Senior Executive Management Development Program.