
Daniel L. Nega



Director, Cost Estimating & Analysis Dept Naval Air Systems Command

Mr. Daniel Nega currently serves as Director of the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Cost Estimating and Analysis Department, managing a national workforce of approximately 400 engineers and operations research analysts across 4 major geographic sites. He is responsible for all aspects of cost estimates and cost-related analysis for programs under the cognizance of NAVAIR and NAVAIR affiliated Program Executive Offices (PEOs). He serves as the Department of the Navy's authority on naval aviation acquisition life cycle cost estimating and analysis with the scope of responsibilities effectively including every naval aviation platform and support system operated by the Navy and Marine Corps. He also serves as an authoritative technical consultant on naval aviation acquisition life cycle cost, and matters concerning the historic, current, and emerging trends in the aviation industry to assist in the decision making process for planning, programming, budgeting, and acquisition of aircraft and associated weapon systems. Mr. Nega directly manages a budget of \$40M, and substantially influences a Command annual budget of nearly \$40B in program development and life cycle total ownership costs.

In June 2009, Mr. Daniel Nega was selected to the Senior Executive Service to serve as the Director of the Aviation Readiness and Resource Analysis Department, within the Naval Air Systems Command's (NAVAIR) Logistics and Industrial Operations Group. He served in this role until October 2014. He managed a workforce of over 1,000 logisticians, engineers and operations research analysts, across 8 geographic sites. He was responsible for analyzing the impacts of logistics elements, characteristics of weapon systems, and operational deployment patterns on naval aviation readiness in support of the Fleet Response Plan (FRP). The Department's products include readiness & resource assessments, aviation maintenance information systems, technical data and total asset visibility. These activities support Navy-wide efforts led by CFFC, CNAF, HQMC and OPNAV to ensure resource plans are optimally balanced to produce the most affordable readiness solutions. Mr. Nega managed a budget exceeding \$400M and influenced a program budget exceeding \$3.5B.

Prior to his selection, Mr. Nega was the division manager responsible for leading a national staff of professionals that provided analytical tools, processes and techniques to analyze logistics data to develop optimized solutions in support of naval aviation readiness at reduced cost. He is a plank owner of the Naval Aviation Enterprise.

Prior to that assignment, Mr. Nega served as a competency manager within NAVAIR's systems engineering organization, leading a team of professionals who successfully executed all aspects of mass properties engineering in support of naval aviation programs. He was directly responsible for the successful mass

properties engineering of two aviation development programs, the MV-22 and the F/A-18E/F. He is a recognized technical expert in the field of Mass Properties Engineering.

Mr. Nega earned his bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering in 1986 from the University of Michigan. He is a graduate of NAVAIR's Senior Executive Management Development Program and a member of the Acquisition Professional Community. He is a recipient of the Association of Naval Aviation "Edward H. Heinemann" Award for outstanding achievement in aircraft design.