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## Michael J. Novak



### **Deputy Director, Unmanned Warfare Systems (N99B) Office of the Chief of Naval Operations**

Mr. Novak is the Deputy Director for Unmanned Warfare Systems on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. In this position he is responsible for rapid prototyping and development of unmanned systems across all domains. Successful efforts are matured to Milestone B and transitioned to traditional resource sponsors. Previously he was the Deputy Director for Warfare Integration where he was responsible for assessing the relative warfighting systems investment priorities; developing the Navy's Shipbuilding plan; and integrating the overall warfighting program.

Mr. Novak's first SES assignment was as Director, Program Assessment and Evaluation Division, Programs and Resources Department, HQMC. He was responsible to the Commandant, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources with analysis and assessments of the relative capabilities, effectiveness, and costs of alternative programs and program proposals.

In past assignments with the Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, he provided acquisition oversight and technical expertise, for such systems at the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF), F/A-18E/F, Joint Primary Aircraft Training System (JPATS), and T-45 Goshawk aircraft. He led classified studies and participated on Quadrennial Defense Reviews that informed the Department's decision processes. He also led the development of the first capability area roadmap and conducted the first capability area review. Both were done for the Integrated Air and Missile Defense capability area.

At the Naval Air Systems Command he completed tours in Test and Evaluation management and as the operations officer for PMA-265, the F/A-18 Program Office. Mr. Novak joined the Navy in 1978, was designated a Naval Flight Officer, and assigned as a Bombardier/Navigator to operate the A-6E Intruder aircraft.

Mr. Novak is a graduate of University of Maryland, College Park, MD (BS, Chemistry) and from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey CA (MS, Aeronautical Engineering).

Mr. Novak's personal awards include the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Medals for Meritorious and Exceptional Civilian Service Award; the Department of the Navy's Distinguished and Meritorious Civilian Service Awards; and the Air Medal.