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Mr. David O'Brien is Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff, United States Military Entrance Processing Command, North Chicago, Ill.

Mr. O'Brien assumed his present position in March 2004 shortly after retiring at the rank of captain from the United States Navy after a distinguished 29-year career.

Mr. O'Brien graduated from the University of Missouri in 1974 and was commissioned through Aviation Officer Candidate School on Sept. 6, 1974. He entered flight training and was designated an unrestricted naval aviator in September 1975. Following fleet replacement training in SH-3 at Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 1, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., Mr. O'Brien reported to Helicopter Squadron 11, where he deployed onboard the aircraft carrier, USS John F. Kennedy. While assigned to Helicopter Squadron 11, he also served as legal officer, personnel officer and training officer.



In June 1979, he proceeded to Naval Recruiting District, St Louis, as an officer programs recruiter. He remained there until February 1982, and was selected "NRD St. Louis Recruiter of the Year" for 1981. In April 1982, he reported onboard the amphibious assault ship, USS Iwo Jima, where he served as flight deck officer and aircraft handler until April 1984. Following his disassociated tour, he began graduate studies at the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif., and received the degree of Master of Arts in Financial Management in December 1985. Following Helicopter Squadron 1 Fleet Replacement Squadron training, Mr. O'Brien reported to Helicopter Squadron 5 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., in September 1986. During this tour, he served as safety officer, maintenance officer and operations officer while deployed onboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower to the Mediterranean Sea. He was selected as Commander Helicopter Anti-Submarine Wing One "Maintenance Officer of the Year" for 1988. In February 1989, he transferred to Office Chief of Naval Operations 11 in Washington, D.C., where he served as section head, Planning, Programming and Budgeting Oversight and Executive Branch. In May 1991, Mr. O'Brien reported to Helicopter Squadron 11 as executive officer and assumed command in October 1992. HS-11 won the Battle E Award for operational excellence during his tenure as commanding officer. In 1993, he transferred to the Naval War College, Newport, R.I., where he received a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies and Decision Making. In December 1994, he reported to Helicopter Squadron East Coast Fleet Replacement Squadron 1 as commanding officer. In June 1996, he transferred to Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, as the political-military division head. Mr. O'Brien assumed command of Naval Base Coronado, Calif., in April 1998. Prior to assuming his present duties at HQ, USMEPCOM, Mr. O'Brien served as Chief Of Staff for Operations, Naval Training Center Great Lakes, Ill., beginning in May 2001.

Mr. O'Brien's personal awards and decorations include two Legion of Merits, two Meritorious Service Medals and three Navy Commendation Medals.