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## Jennifer Jo Balisle



### **Deputy Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division, Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV N95B)**

Ms. Jennifer Balisle was accepted into the Senior Executive Service (SES) in March 2015, at which time she assumed the position of Deputy Director for the Expeditionary Warfare Division (N95B) on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. In this capacity, she provides requirements oversight, adjudicates Navy and USMC integration issues, and is responsible for developing and defending multi-year budgets for a portfolio of programs totaling roughly \$9 Billion. This assignment is the most recent held in a diverse career serving on staffs of the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV), and Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA).

Prior to her appointment to SES, Ms. Balisle was the Deputy Branch Head for Amphibious Warfare with responsibility for applying fiscal and requirements expertise in the oversight of current and future amphibious ships, surface connectors, related maintenance and modernization, Naval Beach Groups, and amphibious warfare integration.

Previously, Ms. Balisle served within the Director's Strategic Action Group under OPNAV's Readiness & Logistics Directorate (N4), from 2012 to 2014, where she reported directly to 3-Star leadership generating and shaping products that advanced N4's mission and strategic objectives. Execution included ensuring alignment with Department of Navy (DON) priorities and conducting assessments on, and articulating the status of, Navy Readiness at-sea and ashore.

From 2008 to 2012, Ms. Balisle held two consecutive positions on the SECNAV staff to include that of a Senior Analyst for the Deputy, Under Secretary of Navy, Deputy, Chief Management Officer (DUSN DCMO) where she coordinated Navy efficiency initiatives across Agencies, Services, Office of Secretary of Defense staffs, and Commands spanning DON Echelons. Additionally, she served as an Analyst for the Office of Program Appraisal (OPA) where she researched, assessed, and provided recommendations to senior leadership on issues and topics impacting both Navy and USMC interests. It was during her time at OPA that she transitioned to Civil Service after concluding a 14 year career with a local defense contracting company that culminated in selection and appointment as a Senior Manager. In this capacity, she supervised 50 personnel and \$25 Million in annual contracts.

In parallel to Ms. Balisle's leadership role in the private sector, from 1997 to 2010, she provided direct onsite support to the CNO's staff, primarily as an Action Officer and Financial Analyst within the OPNAV Surface Warfare and OPNAV Warfare Integration Divisions. Related positions held were firmly rooted in working the technical aspects of the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution process and were delineated by escalating levels of responsibility. Complementing Ms. Balisle's coordination with the acquisition community was her tenure supporting the NAVSEA Land Attack and Naval Surface Fire Support Program Offices on new technology initiatives.

Ms. Balisle is the recipient of 2 Civilian Meritorious Service Awards.