
Anthony J. Cifone



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Mr. Cifone is currently the Deputy Assistant Commander for Research and Engineering, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), Patuxent River, Md. He is NAVAIR's Civilian Chief Engineer, technical authority, and spokesperson for all research, engineering and fleet support matters.

Mr. Cifone was selected to the Senior Executive Service in July 2004 and has 39 years of Federal Service.

Mr. Cifone began his career with the U. S. Government in 1974 as a Project Engineer at the Naval Air Propulsion Test Center, Trenton, NJ. He was responsible for conducting tests on numerous gas turbine engines for various U.S. Navy air vehicles, including the F404-GE-400, T56-A-425, T700-GE-400, and F107-WI-400. In 1980, he was assigned as the Program Manager for Navy Propulsion Exploratory Development, managing Navy programs for aircraft propulsion system components required to advance the current state of the art. In 1989, he became Supervisor of the Engineering Division, Naval Air Propulsion Center in support of Cruise Missile and Unmanned Air Vehicles Propulsion Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) and Lead Technical Evaluator for Industry Independent Research and Development, managing systems that included both Air Force and Navy expendable gas turbine engines, aerial subscale targets, the Pioneer Unmanned Air Vehicle, and developmental Unmanned Air Vehicle programs. He later assumed the position of Department Head, Propulsion Systems Development and Evaluation. In 1994, he was assigned as the Head of the Propulsion and Power Planning and Operations Office, NAVAIR, Patuxent River, Md.; he was responsible for the planning and management of all Propulsion RDT&E efforts, totaling over \$100M per year.

In 2000, he was assigned the Director of Research and Engineering, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. He led efforts addressing Naval Aircraft Weapons Systems applications and was responsible for the performance of 4,000 scientists and engineers (military, civilian and contractor) with an annual budget authority of over \$350M. In 2002, he became the Deputy, NAVAIR Command Staff Office, providing Command decisions, requirements/acquisition analysis, Command wide assessments, staffing skills requirements, business planning, and emergent Base Realignment and Closure support. In 2004, he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service as Director of the Propulsion and Power Department, NAVAIR. His management authority, which included leadership of 580 scientists and engineers, as well as over \$1.8 billion in total annual budget authority, spanned all aspects of Navy and Marine Corps air vehicle propulsion and power systems. He held this position until May 2013, when he was selected for his current position.

Mr. Cifone graduated from New York University in 1974 with a bachelor's of science degree in aeronautics and astronautics. As a Supervisory Aerospace Engineer with over 39 years of experience, he has a strong technical and business background in the areas of aircraft and weapons system conceptual design, development, acquisition, production and in-service support.

Mr. Cifone has been awarded the 2008 Presidential Rank Award.