
George M. Drakeley III PE



Executive Director Program Executive Officer, Submarines Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition)

Mr. Drakeley currently serves as the executive director for the Program Executive Office for Submarines. In this position, he serves as the senior civilian official responsible for the daily operations of PEO Submarines, including civilian management, and design, acquisition and construction for submarine platform and undersea systems. Mr. Drakeley was selected for the Senior Executive Service in January 2010 to serve as director for the Marine Engineering Group within the Naval Systems Engineering Directorate of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). He was NAVSEA's deputy warranting officer for Marine Engineering, responsible for implementing and overseeing technical authority for all HM&E systems on all Navy ships and submarines. He then became the director of Submarine/Submersible Engineering. In this position, Mr. Drakeley was responsible for the systems engineering for all Navy Submarines and Submersibles, including special vehicles for SOCOM. This responsibility included the design, manufacturing and fleet support for all these platforms.

In 1978, Mr. Drakeley began his career as a Nuclear Qualified Officer on the USS Arkansas CGN-41 where he served as M Division Officer and Electrical Assistant. During this tour, he also ran the nuclear testing for the full ship shock test. He then became the RADCON Officer on the USS Acadia AD-42, making two WESTPAC deployments.

In 1985 upon leaving active duty, Mr. Drakeley joined the Ohio Class Program office of NAVSEA. In the program office he was responsible for all OHIO Class Submarine electrical systems and developed magnetic bearing and active noise cancellation technologies for the Navy.

In 1997 Mr. Drakeley joined the Virginia Class Program Office where he served as the Test and Evaluation (T&E) Manager for the Virginia Program Office and the Shock, Noise and Target Strengths Branch Head in the Team Submarine Technical Group. After this he became the Assistant Program Manager (APM) for Construction and Test. He was responsible for the construction of four VIRGINIA Class Submarines. Mr. Drakeley then became the Deputy Program Manager for the Virginia Class Program. He was responsible for managing the \$90 Billion dollar program. As the Deputy, Mr. Drakeley delivered the first three VIRGINIA Class Submarines.

In 2008 Mr. Drakeley became the special assistant for acquisition in the VIRGINIA Class Program Office. In this position he successfully led the VIRGINIA Class Cost Reduction Program, saving the 30 ship program over \$4B. He then negotiated a contract for 8 VIRGINIA Class submarines valued at approximately \$14B that incorporated those cost savings. During this time he also served as special assistant to the commander for submarine batteries and was detailed to N87 to establish requirements for the Ohio Replacement Program.

Mr. Drakeley earned his bachelor of science degree in Nuclear Engineering from MIT in June 1978 and a master of science in Physics from George Mason University in August 1991. Mr. Drakeley became a licensed professional engineer in the state of Virginia in 1988. He is DAWIA Level III certified in systems planning, research, development and engineering and Program Management. Mr. Drakeley has received numerous military and civilian awards during his career, including the Navy Superior Civilian Service Medal in 2008 and 2013, and a Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Medal in 2009.