
Larry E. Hollingsworth



National Director, AIR 4.5 Avionics Department Naval Air Systems Command HQ

Mr. Larry E. Hollingsworth is currently serving in a dual capacity as the National Director of AIR-4.5 Avionics Department and the Director of Rapid Response/Irregular Warfare at the Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md. As the National Director, he manages a team of approximately 1,319 civilians and 36 military personnel across the nation. He is the Product Area Executive for all of the Naval Aviation Enterprises Avionics inclusive of; Communications, Navigation, Electro-Optical, Radar, Air Traffic Control, Identification Friend or Foe, Anti-Submarine Warfare, Electronic Warfare and Automatic Landing Systems Equipment.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from George Washington University. He received his Master of Science degree in Engineering Administration at Catholic University.

Mr. Hollingsworth entered the Senior Executive Service (SES) in February of 1996.

He has been a civil service employee for 31 years.

In January 1978, his career began with the Naval Air Systems Command, Arlington, Virginia, where he was selected for the Engineering Scientist Development Program (ESDP) and served in the Avionics Division for 8 years.

In 1980, Mr. Hollingsworth graduated from the ESDP after serving in the Radar and Electro-Optics, Software Engineering, Telecommunications, and Instrumentation and Displays Branches in the Avionics Division. He concluded his tenure in the Avionics Division as the Senior Project Engineer for HARM avionics.

In 1986, he was promoted to the position (GM-14) of Chief Engineer for the HARM, Sidarm, Maverick, Hellfire, and TOW weapon systems.

In 1989, Mr. Hollingsworth was promoted to the position (GM-15) of Deputy Program Manager for Defense Suppression Systems, where he managed the HARM, Sidarm, Maverick, Hellfire, and TOW missile programs.

In March 1994, he was reassigned to the position of Deputy Program Manager for Air-to-Air missile systems, where he was responsible for managing the Sidewinder, Sparrow, and Phoenix missile programs.

In February of 1996, Mr. Hollingsworth was selected into the Senior Executive Service position of Director for the AIR-4.5 Avionics Department where he managed approximately 700 civilians with 36 military members.

In 1983, he was recognized for his work in second sourcing the HARM Avionics, for which he received a cost reduction award, from the Navy's Competition Advocate.

In 1989, he was the proud recipient of the Navy's Meritorious Service Award.

In 2003, Mr. Hollingsworth was the recipient of the Black Engineer of the Year Award (BEYA) for his professional achievement in government.

In 2005, the President of the United States recognized him for his superior dedication, service and leadership to the defense of our nation and service to government by presenting him the 2004 Presidential Rank award for Meritorious Executive Service.

In 2005, he became a member of the BEYA Alumni Association, for his demonstration of excellence in the field of leadership.

The Customer Standing Ovation Award was renamed in his honor to the "Larry E. Hollingsworth Customer Standing Ovation Award HRSCNEINST 12451.3., in 2005

Also, in 2008 Mr. Hollingsworth was selected as the winner of the Golden Torch Award for Lifetime Achievement in Government, by the National Society of Black Engineers.

In September 2011 Mr. Hollingsworth was assigned an additional responsibility as the Director of Rapid Response/Irregular Warfare for the Naval Air System Command. In this role, Mr. Hollingsworth is responsible for coordinating and reporting on all of the Command's rapid response and irregular warfare actions.

Mr. Hollingsworth has received numerous Performance Awards throughout his career; is a graduate of the Senior Executive Management Development Program and is a certified Civilian Material Professional.