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## Brian T. Howes



### **Deputy Director, Undersea Warfare Division Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV N97B)**

Mr. Howes is the Deputy Director, Undersea Warfare Division (N97B) on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV). In this position, he is responsible for the division's programming and budgeting, portfolio management, plans and studies, and internal business processes. Specifically, he oversees all N97 budgeting and programming activities relating to submarine platforms, payloads, manpower, training and readiness from science and technology efforts through acquisition and lifecycle management. He is responsible for development of the undersea warfare budget submission supporting the Chief of Naval Operations annual Program Objective Memorandum (POM) proposal to the Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Howes was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in September 2015. Prior to joining the Senior Executive Service, Mr. Howes had a distinguished 29 year career as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy. As a career submariner, he commanded USS LA JOLLA (SSN 701), Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa, and, Submarine Development Squadron Five in Bangor, WA. His OPNAV experience included multiple tours on the staff of the Undersea Warfare Division, and as Deputy Director of the Navy Quadrennial Defense Review team.

Mr. Howes earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from Northwestern University and a Master of Arts degree in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School. He has received numerous awards throughout his career including the Legion of Merit and the Vice Admiral Stockdale Award for Inspirational Leadership.