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## Dr. Ronald E. Smiley



### **Director, Electronic Warfare/Combat Systems Director, Avionics Department (Weapons Division)**

Dr. Smiley, an electrical engineer by technical training, and a member of the Navy Senior Executive Service since October 1989, has over thirty-six years of diverse technical and managerial experience in the maritime aviation and weapon systems research, development, acquisition, and in-service engineering areas. In his current assignment, he leads and directs a diverse spectrum of avionics development, engineering and system integration programs required for current and future aircraft electronic warfare and combat warfighting capabilities, and to support the global war on terror. Prior to this position, he served as NAVAIR's Director for Corporate Operations encompassing both Point Mugu and China Lake, Calif., business functions at the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division. Moreover, he has held a variety of key technical and executive leadership positions including: Director, Weapons Evaluation; Director of Information and Electronic Warfare; and Director of Systems Engineering at the Naval Air Warfare Center. He has attended the Defense Systems Management College, the CNO's Executive Business Course, as well as, completed advanced business/management studies including certification training in 'Lean Six Sigma'. As an engineer, he is well versed and experienced in all aspects of the development, test and integration of aircraft electronic subsystems and systems and associated technologies. He has current affiliations and involvement with IEEE and Association of Old Crows (Electronic Warfare Organization), and serves as a member of the Industrial Advisory Board of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, California State University Northridge, Calif. The breadth and character of Dr. Smiley's accomplishments are further distinguished by receipt of the NAACP Professional Achievement Award in 1990; recognition as a Presidential Rank Award recipient in 2000; selection as a 2004 "Most Distinguished Historically Black Colleges and Universities Graduate" by *US Black Engineer & Information Technology* magazine; and authoring of publications and reports such as The Development of an Integrated Operational and Support Concept for Shipboard and Field Reprogramming of Navy and Marine Corps TACAIR Electronic Warfare Equipment (1981) and Preparing for the Future: An Assessment of Workforce Skills Requirements and Skills Mix Changes in the Naval Air Systems Command (2002). He has earned graduate and post-graduate degrees in management from Pepperdine University and the Claremont Graduate School.