
William S. Williford III



Director, Integrated Warfare Systems Engineering, SEA 05H Naval Sea Systems Command

Mr. Williford is currently serving as the Director, Integrated Warfare Systems Engineering responsible for oversight of \$10 billion annually of Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Combat Systems, and Intelligence systems (C5I) research, development, delivery, certification for deployment, and life cycle support for United States Navy ships. In this capacity, he is the Deputy Warranted Technical and Certification Authority for Navy Integrated Warfare Capability. Mr. Williford provides leadership in command-wide efforts to identify and manage engineering workforce related challenges including strategic planning advanced concepts, integrated warfare systems engineering, human systems integration, integration and interoperability (I&I), warfare systems certification and readiness, interior communications and cybersecurity.

Mr. Williford's previous Senior Executive assignment was the Director, Integrated Combat Systems, Program Executive Office, Integrated Warfare Systems responsible for systems engineering to develop world class integrated Combat Systems for the United States Navy. In this assignment, he was responsible for Surface Ship and Submarine Combat Systems including Aegis for Destroyers/Cruisers, and Ship Self Defense System for Carriers and Amphibious Ships. In addition, he was responsible for combat systems that included Total Ship Computing Environment for DDG 1000, the Littoral Combat Ship, and a multitude of sensors, electronic warfare systems, missiles, guns, ammunition, launch systems, and countermeasures encompassing 150+ programs with annual budget authority of \$6.4 billion.

Mr. Williford was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in March 2012. He has 30 years of service with the Department of Defense on active duty, with industry and as a Federal Civilian.

Previous assignments include Executive Director, Joint Program Executive Office, Integrated Air and Missile Defense; Director, Enterprise Management, Joint Program Executive Office, Integrated Air and Missile Defense; and Director, Acquisition Management, Joint Program Executive Office, Single Integrated Air Picture with the responsibility of developing a Joint Integrated Fire Control solution with the Services and Missile Defense Agency and the stand-up of the first Multi-Service Systems Engineering Team in the Department of Defense.

He also served as the Branch Chief for Army Tactical Missile Systems, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA(ALT)), where he was responsible for the Joint Air to Ground Missile, Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System, Javelin, Tow, Joint Common Missile, the Joint and Army Integrated Air and Missile Defense and Army Space Programs.

Mr. Williford retired from the United States Army as a Lieutenant Colonel after 20+ years of Service where he served as the Deputy Director, Force Protection Directorate, ASA(ALT), responsible for all Army Air and Missile Defense and Chemical and Biological programs. Mr. Williford served in combat in the Persian Gulf War from September 1990-April 1991 where he led an Air Defense Artillery Battery in support of the United States Army 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment in the liberation of Kuwait.

Prior to serving in Washington, Mr. Williford served in numerous acquisition positions to include: Evaluator, National Missile Defense Program, Army Test and Evaluation Command; Systems Integrator, Army Battle Command System (ABCS), Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, KS; Deputy, Test, Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) System; and Executive Officer, Program Executive Office, Missile Defense.

Mr. Williford is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, the Defense Acquisition University Advanced Program Management Course, the Material Acquisition Management Course, and a Certificate from the Darden Graduate School of Business. He is also a recent graduate of Senior Executive training including the Vanguard Senior Executive Leadership Program, the Understanding Government-Industry Relationship Course at the University of North Carolina, Kenan-Flagler Business School, and the Department of the Navy Executive Leadership Program.

His awards include numerous SES performance awards and from his military service: the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Parachutist Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

He has completed all course work for a PhD in Engineering and Technology Management from Northcentral University, Prescott Valley, AZ and has a MBA in Management of Engineering and Technology from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a BS in Business Administration from the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina.

Mr. Williford is a member of the Professional Acquisition Corps and has Level III DAWIA Certifications in Program Management, Test & Evaluation, and Systems Engineering. He is also a member of the American Society of Naval Engineers, National Defense Industrial Association, the Air Defense Artillery Association, Citadel Alumni Association and The American Legion.