

MR. JOHN C. MCKEOWN

Mr. John C. McKeown is the Technical Director for the Joint Strike Fighter Program in Arlington, Virginia. This joint program will develop and produce the next generation strike warfare weapon system for the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, and for other countries under partnership and foreign military sales plans. The focus of the program is on affordability ~ reducing development, production, and ownership costs for the JSF family of aircraft.

Mr. McKeown is a native of Pennsylvania, and earned his bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering from Pennsylvania State University. He holds graduate degrees from the University of Northern Colorado and the John F. Kennedy School at Harvard University. Mr. McKeown has completed extensive graduate coursework in Digital Control Systems, holds two patents for flight control design, and was a private pilot.



EDUCATION

1965 Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering, Pennsylvania State University
1976 Master of Arts degree in Social Studies, University of Northern Colorado
1978 Master of Public Administration, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
1980 Executive Refresher Course, Defense Systems Management College
1993 Leadership For a Democratic Society, Federal Executive Institute

CAREER HISTORY

June 1965 – September 1972, Aerodynamicist, Sikorsky Aircraft
September 1972 – March 1975, Aircraft Systems Head, Naval Weapons Laboratory
March 1975 – November 1976, CONDOR Missile Reliability, T&E Engineer, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR)
November 1976 – October 1979, CH/MH-53E Deputy Program Manager, NAVAIR
July 1977 – June 1978, Student, Kennedy School of Government
October 1979 – April 1982, Professor of Acquisition/Program Management, Defense Systems Management College
April 1982 – December 1984, Head, Flight Controls Section, NAVAIR
December 1984 – March 1986, Head, Acquisition, Plans & Policy Branch, NAVAIR
March 1986 – May 1988, Head, Specifications, Standards & Data Branch, NAVAIR
May 1988 – September 1988, Head, Land-Based Aircraft Branch, NAVAIR
September 1988 – May 1996, Technical Director, Air Vehicle Department, NAVAIR
May 1996 – July 2003, Director, Systems Engineering Department, NAVAIR
July 2003 – present, Technical Director, Joint Strike Fighter Program

MAJOR AWARDS

Naval Air System Command Commander's Award
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Defense Department Acquisition Excellence Award

Secretary of Defense Superior Management Award
Secretary of Defense Productivity Excellence Award
National Partnership For Reinventing Government (Hammer) Award
Senior Executive Service Presidential Rank Award
National Aeronautics and Space Administration Achievement Award
Pennsylvania State University Outstanding Engineering Alumnus
Aviation Week and Space Technology 'Laurel'

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- American Helicopter Society
 - Handling Qualities Committee, Technical Council and Scholarship Committee
- National Rotorcraft Technology Center (Board member)
- Rotorcraft Industry Technology Association (Board member)
- Government Steering Group of NDIA's Systems Engineering Division
- Corporate Advisory Board of the International Council on Systems Engineering
- Congressional Aeronautics Advisory Committee
- NASA Aerospace Technology Advisory Committee
- Served on NASA's Shuttle Independent Assessment Team
- Served on the Institute For Defense Analysis' Comanche Independent Review Team
- Served on the Navy's Shipbuilding Computer-Aided Design Assessment Team
- Pennsylvania State Engineering Society (Board member)

(Current as of September 2003)