

Sean J. Burke
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Mr. Sean J. Burke, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Executive Director for the F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office in Arlington, VA. Mr. Burke is responsible for acquiring and delivering the Department of Defense's capable, affordable and sustainable fifth-generation strike aircraft, as well as the F-35 Global Sustainment Strategy, for three U.S. Services, seven Partner nations, and seven Foreign Military Sales nations. He also engages with congressional committees, international and industry partners.

From October 2019 until his transition to the Joint Program Office in February 2022, Mr. Burke served as the Deputy Assistant of the Navy for Sustainment. He was the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition (ASN (RD&A)) on all matters related to the planning, budgeting and execution of sustainment and supply chain activities for the Department of the Navy and the United States Marine Corps.

Prior to that assignment, Mr. Burke served as the Deputy Program Executive Officer for Tactical Aircraft Programs (DPEO(T)) at Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, MD. In this capacity, he was responsible for the executive leadership and oversight of all assigned programs.

In years' prior, Mr. Burke performed as the Program Manager for Persistent Maritime Unmanned Aircraft Systems (PMA-262). He provided leadership and oversight for PMA-262 in the development, production, fielding and sustainment of all persistent maritime Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), including the MQ-4C Triton UAS and the Broad Area Maritime Surveillance-Demonstrator (BAMS-D) programs.

Mr. Burke was selected for Senior Executive Service in November 2017. He received a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Akron, and served in the United States Marine Corps from 1986 – 2000. This service included tours as an AH-1W Cobra pilot, an instructor at Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One, and as the Air Officer for the 1st Marine Regiment.

Mr. Burke has acquisition leadership and management experience across the spectrum of program phases and acquisition category levels including the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, Unmanned Carrier Launched Aerial Surveillance and Strike System, EP-X, VH-71 Presidential Helicopter Replacement program, X-45 Unmanned Combat Air System, GQM-163A Supersonic Sea Skimming Target Missile program, and other air-to-ground missile, rocket, and ammunition programs.