Claude E. Barron

Director for Aircraft Carrier Design and Systems Engineering

Mr. Barron was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in July 2010 and has over 30 years of Federal Government and Military service.

Mr. Barron currently serves as the Director for Aircraft Carrier Design and Systems Engineering. In this position he is the Aircraft Carrier Technical lead within the Naval Sea System Command's Naval Systems Engineering Directorate (SEA 05) providing technical leadership to ensure current and future aircraft carriers can safely and effectively perform mission requirements.

From July 2008 to July 2010, Mr. Barron served as the Senior Ship Design Manager for the Next Generation Cruiser (CGX), implementing platform level Technical Authority, and providing ship design, and technical expertise to the (CGX) Program Office.

From November 2006 to July 2008 he served as Chief Systems Engineer for Integrated Mission Systems in Naval Sea Systems Command SEA 05, implementing Technical Authority for Surface Combatant Warfare Systems.

From October 2002 to November 2006, Mr. Barron served as an Executive Director for ManTech International Corporation.

Captain Barron retired from the U.S. Navy in October 2002, having served as Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Mines and Undersea Warfare, supporting the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research Development and Acquisition on all topics related to Mine Countermeasures and Undersea Warfare. He also served as the Major Program Manager for Submarine Warfare Systems (PMS 401) and an Assistant Deputy Program Manager for Acoustics in PMS 425.

Prior to joining the Acquisition field Captain Barron served as Commanding Officer, *USS Memphis (SSN 691*) from 1996 to 1998. During his tour, the ship completed a Refueling Overhaul, post overhaul certifications, and a successful six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea. Other at-sea commands included *USS Topeka (SSN 754)* as Executive Officer, *USS Drum (SSN 677)* as Engineer Officer, and *USS William H. Bates (SSN 680)* as division officer. Captain Barron's shore tours include Force Nuclear Power Officer on the Staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Commander In Chief Atlantic Fleet, Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board, and Maintenance Officer at Nuclear Power Training Unit S1C.

Mr. Barron earned a bachelor's of science degree in electrical engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy. Mr. Barron also served as Co-Captain of the Varsity Track Team.

Mr. Barron personal military decorations include the Legion of Merit (two awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy Achievement Medal, and the Navy Expeditionary Medal.

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