Mark E. Kosnik

Executive Director
Navy Expeditionary Combat Command

Mr. Kosnik entered the Senior Executive Service as the Executive Director at Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC) on March 16, 2009. In this capacity he serves as the senior civilian for the Type Commander Staff responsible for all aspects of the man, train and equip functions for the Navy's 30,000 plus Expeditionary Sailors and management of an assigned annual $520M OMN budget. Mr. Kosnik also serves as the NECC representative to the Fleet Readiness Enterprise (FRE) Resources, Requirements Review Board (R3B) and the Fleet Senior Executive Advisory Board (SEAB).

Before joining the Civil Service he served on active duty with the Navy for 28 years as a Surface Warfare Officer retiring as a Captain in July 2006. He then worked at Booz Allen Hamilton as a Senior Associate before joining the NECC team.

Mr. Kosnik was born in Honolulu, Hi. He graduated with honors from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and received this commission through the Naval ROTC program in May 1978. He earned a Master's of Science in Oceanography and Meteorology from the Naval Postgraduate School in June 1985 and completed a Federal Executive Fellowship at the Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (WCFIA) during the 1998-99 academic year.

While on active duty Mr. Kosnik served at all levels of responsibility at sea required of a Surface Warfare Officer including Division Officer, Department Head, Executive Officer, Commanding Officer, Major Command and Post Major Command. He served as *Commander, Destroyer Squadron Two* and *Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group* Sea Combat Commander from 2002 through 2003 completing a surge deployment to the Mediterranean in support of *Operation Iraqi Freedom*. During a previous tour he served as Commanding Officer, *USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51)* from 1996 to 1998. While in command, *Arleigh Burke* completed a two-month deployment to Northern Europe and won the Battle Efficiency Award as the top ship in *Destroyer Squadron Two* for both 1996 and 1998.

Mr. Kosnik's sea tours include Executive Officer, *USS Antietam (CG 54);* Combat Systems Officer, *Destroyer Squadron Nine*; Weapons Officer, *USS Albert David (FF 1050)*; Combat Information Center (CIC) Officer/First Lieutenant, *USS Jouett (CG 29);* and Operations Officer, *USS Conserver (ARS 39).*

Ashore, Mr. Kosnik served as the first Chief of Staff of NECC and Commander, Maritime Force Protection Command. Other shore tours included Executive Assistant to the Director for Surface Warfare (OPNAV N86A), Head Combat Systems Section/Theater Air Warfare Branch (OPNAV N865E), lead Tomahawk Strike Planner for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joint Operations Directorate (J3)/Joint Operations Division (JOD), and instructor at Tactical Training Group Pacific.

While on active duty Mr. Kosnik was named the Atlantic Fleet winner of the Admiral James Stockdale Award for leadership in 1998. His other military awards included the Legion of Merit (two gold starts), the Navy Marine Corps Medal, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (two gold stars), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (gold star and Combat "V"), the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.