

REAR ADMIRAL CHRISTIAN "BORIS" BECKER
Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command

Rear Adm. Christian "Boris" Becker, a native of New York City, graduated in 1987 from Boston University with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and was commissioned from the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program. He holds a Master of Science in Project Management from The George Washington University and completed the Executive Fellows program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Becker's operational assignments include serving as an EA-6B Prowler electronic counter measures officer, weapons school instructor and on staffs afloat and ashore. He is a plankowner of Joint Crew Composite Squadron 1, a special mission unit created to apply electronic warfare in the fight against improvised explosive devices.



A member of the Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer Community and Space Cadre, he held positions supporting both Naval Air Systems Command and Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR). Assignments include serving as a systems engineer and deputy division chief at the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), supporting a global communications network, and at the Integrated Strike Planning and Execution Systems Program Office (PMA-281) at Naval Air Station Patuxent River as the chief engineer.

As the program manager for a national security space program at the NRO, he led inter-agency and joint forces providing national, joint, and naval forces operational and intelligence information. He also served as the commander, SPAWAR Space Field Activity leading Navy civilians and Sailors assigned to the NRO. Following this tour Becker served as the principal deputy program executive officer (PEO) for Enterprise Information Systems. His first flag officer assignment was as PEO C4I and PEO Space Systems from July 2013 to February 2017.

In March 2017, Becker assumed command of SPAWAR where he leads a global workforce of 10,500 civilian and military personnel who design, develop and deploy advanced communications and information capabilities.

He has been recognized as the Department of the Navy's Acquisition Professional of the Year and the Intelligence Community Major Program Manager of the Year. Personal awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit and various unit, and service awards. In addition, he was awarded the NRO Gold Medal for Distinguished Service.