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Thursday, November 17, 2016

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Outcomes:

- Increased understanding of the defense mission in our region.
- An awareness of the work, products and people associated with defense in our region, and the importance of the facilities, technical capability and military, civilian and industry team members providing the expertise required to meet the mission.
- An understanding of the essential partnership between defense and our communities, and on a closer level, how the class members personally and organizationally fit into the defense fabric in our region - and what impact they can/should have.

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| 7:15-7:45 | Room Set-up | Laurell Aiton |
| 7:45-8:15 | Coffee & Project Team Time Smartronix - Hollywood, Maryland | |
| 8:15-8:20 | Welcome & Introduction | Helen Wernecke |
| 8:20-8:45 | Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves | CAPT Donald Bouchard |
| 8:45-9:30 | Smartronix Brief & Tour | Laurell Aiton |
| 9:30-10:00 | Board & Travel by Bus to Patuxent River Naval Air Station, U. S. Naval Test Pilot School | Matt Scassero – Windshield Tour and NAVAIR 101 brief |
| 10:00-10:30 | NAS Color Guard Welcome from NAS Patuxent River Commanding Officer | CAPT Scott Starkey |
| 10:30-12:30 | Welcome & Tour of Naval Test Pilot School 1000-1015, In Brief by CO; 1015-1200, TPS Tour | Mike L'Heureux, Rich Harris Lt. Col Timothy A. Davis, USMC Commanding Officer, USNTPS |
| 12:30-12:45 | Travel by bus to the River's Edge Catering and Conference Center | Matt Scassero – Windshield Tour |
| 12:45-1:45 | Lunch at The River's Edge | Rick Mattson for ESDP invitees |
| 1:30-1:45 | UAS 101 Brief | Jeff Rusher |
| 1:45-2:00 | Travel to BAMS Hangar | Dave Gleisner – Windshield Tour |
| 2:00-2:30 | BAMS UAS Brief and Tour | Dave Seagle |
| 2:30-2:45 | Travel to Atlantic Test Range & Break | Matt Scassero – Windshield Tour |
| 2:45-3:45 | Welcome to Atlantic Test Range Tour of Atlantic Test Range Environmental Overview | Robert Vargo Chris Jarboe or Rob Vargo |
| 3:45-4:15 | The Future of Naval Aviation | RADM Mark Darrah, Program Executive Officer for Unmanned Aviation & Strike Weapons (PEO(U&W)) |
| 4:15-4:30 | Wrap Up – Connect the Dots | Defense Team/Matt Scassero |
| 4:30-5:00 | Board the Bus & Travel to Smartronix | Matt Scassero – Windshield Tour |
| 5:30-7:30 | Networking Social with Alumni The Front Porch | Helen Wernecke |

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BIOGRAPHIES

SESSION FACILITATOR:

MATTHEW SCASSERO, *Director, University of Maryland Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Test Site*



Matt is the Director of the University of Maryland Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Test Site, focusing the resources and efforts of the state of Maryland on working with the FAA to integrate UAS into the national airspace, and enabling public access to these valuable assets to empower a flourishing new industry. Prior to his work with UAS, Matt was the Chief Contracts Officer for Melwood, a non-profit dedicated to empowering people with differing disabilities to enrich their own lives through rehabilitative services and employment opportunities.

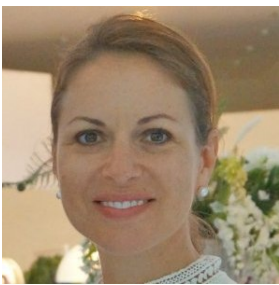
Prior to joining Melwood, Matt completed a 27 year career in the US Navy, retiring as the Vice Commander for the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, the Navy's principal research, development, test, evaluation, engineering and fleet support activity for naval aircraft and systems. Matt has served America in a wide variety of leadership roles both at sea and ashore, including command of the Navy's weapons school devoted to electronic warfare and Air Boss on a carrier. He has flown combat missions in Iraq and Kosovo, and has deployed to six of the seven seas and 25 nations across five continents.

Matt earned a BS in Physics (Oceanography) from the United States Naval Academy in 1982, and is a

Leadership Maryland 2007 graduate. He is on the Leadership Council and was a founding board member of Leadership Southern Maryland, as well as a facilitator and peer/mentor for operational stress programs for veterans, and a facilitator at the Naval Academy Leadership Capstone program. He has previously served on the boards of the Center for Children and Southern Maryland College Access Network. He has worked extensively with the St. Mary's County Public Schools, was an adult leader and Scoutmaster with a local Boy Scout Troop, and sings in his church choir. Matt enjoys living in Leonardtown, Maryland blessed with his wife and two children.

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CAPTAIN DONALD M. BOUCHARD, *United States Navy (Retired), LSM'10 Alum, and Southern Maryland Region Chair, Maryland Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)*



Captain Bouchard is a 1986 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and served seven years on active duty as a Navy helicopter pilot, including being deployed during Operation Desert Storm. He then began an 18-year career as a Navy Reservist flying helicopters and later assuming command positions. He was promoted to Captain (O-6) in 2008 and served as the Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer to the State Of Maryland, December 2007 through November 2010. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit and the Maryland State Distinguished Service Cross. He retired from the United States Navy on December 1, 2011, after twenty-five years of service.

He is a 2010 graduate of Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM). In his civilian career he serves as a Senior Acquisition Analyst and Program Manager for Schafer National Security Solutions. He and his wife, Sharon (LSM' 12), reside in Great Mills, Maryland, with their children: John (21), a junior at University of Pittsburgh; Patrick (18), a freshman at Canisius College in Buffalo, NY, and Danielle (14), a freshman at St. Mary's Ryken High School.

Captain Bouchard has served on the Maryland Committee of ESGR since November 2008 participating in military outreach and employer outreach programs. He served as the St. Mary's County Chair 2009-2012 and now serves as the Southern Maryland Region Chair covering the counties of Charles, Calvert, Prince George's, and St. Mary's.

CAPTAIN SCOTT STARKEY, *Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Patuxent River*



CAPT Starkey is a native of Mitchellville, Maryland, and graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Math. He was commissioned in December 1991, and was designated a Naval Aviator in April 1994.

Following H-3 fleet replacement pilot training with Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 1, CAPT Starkey reported to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron (HC) 2 in March 1995. During this tour he completed two deployments with the world famous Desert Ducks in Manama, Bahrain, providing support to Commander, 5th Fleet.

In August 1998, he reported to Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 10 for H-60 transition training and duty as the MH-60S Team Lead for the H-60R/S Fleet Introduction Team (FIT). During this tour he flew as an H-60F/H FRS Instructor while managing the MH-60S manpower and aircraft transition schedule, Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) program and training curriculum. Additionally, he provided support to Commander, 2nd Fleet's Helicopter Reorganization Study, which laid the groundwork for the Navy's future helicopter operations.

In April of 2001, CAPT Starkey reported to USS Enterprise (CVN 65) as the Assistant Navigator. During this tour, he deployed to the Mediterranean Sea, Northern Arabian Gulf, and Arabian Sea in support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom.

In August of 2003, CAPT Starkey reported to HS-3 where he served as the Squadron's Safety and Operations Officer. In September 2005, he deployed with USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. During this deployment, he coordinated the integration of U.S. Navy helicopters with the British Joint Helicopter Force-Iraq in Basrah.

In 2006, CAPT Starkey attended the U. S. Army's Command and General Staff College, while also earning a Master of Arts Degree in Management from Webster University.

CAPT Starkey became the Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 3 Executive Officer in September 2007 and assumed command of the squadron on Dec. 18, 2008. Upon their return from deployment, the squadron redesignated itself as Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 9, moved to Norfolk, Virginia, and transitioned to the MH-60S helicopter. The squadron became operational again in October 2009 and sent two aircraft to Haiti to participate in Operation Unified Response in January 2010.

From 2010 to 2013, CAPT Starkey was a member of the Joint Staff where his portfolio included the Unified Command Plan and Global Defense Posture. In July 2013, he transferred to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5) staff to work on the Strategic Laydown and Dispersal Plan for the Fleet.

CAPT Starkey reported as the Executive Officer of Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, on Sept. 18, 2014, and assumed command of the naval air station on April 14, 2016.

His personal awards include a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Strike/Flight Air Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals. He has accumulated more than 3,100 flight hours.

MICHAEL L'HEUREUX LSM'10, LTCOL USMC Retired, Engineering Test Pilot/H-53 Sea Stallion Platform Coordinator, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division



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LTCOL TIMOTHY A. DAVIS, USMC, Commanding Officer, United States Naval Test Pilot School



Lieutenant Colonel Timothy “Timmeh!” Davis, a native of Felton, PA, was commissioned a 2ndLt in the United States Marine Corps in May 1997 through the United States Naval Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering graduating with Merit. He earned his Naval Flight Officer (NFO) wings in April 1999, and was selected to be an EA-6B Prowler Electronic Countermeasures Officer.

After completing the Joint Aviation Electronic Warfare School Advanced Course and EA-6B Fleet Replacement Squadron training in November 2000, 1st Lt. Davis joined the

“Moondogs” of VMAQ-3 aboard MCAS Cherry Point, NC, where he completed two combat deployments in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and NORTHERN WATCH in Iraq, and one deployment to the western Pacific. He earned his EA-6B Mission Commander and Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) qualifications, and in March 2003 was selected to the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School graduating in Class 125. Lt. Col Davis then joined the VX-23 “Salty Dogs” where he served as a developmental test NFO for EA-6B Prowler, F/A-18E/F Super Hornet, and EA-18G Growler projects.

During his first tour at VX-23, Lt. Col. Davis supported more than 30 test projects and led two major EA-6B system block upgrades, Night Vision Goggle flight envelope expansion, LITENING pod integration, and supported initial flight testing of the EA-18G Growler. He was named the 2005 Naval Test Wing Atlantic Test NFO of the Year, completed DAWIA Level-III certification in the Test & Evaluation and Systems Engineering

career fields, and earned a Master of Science in Systems Engineering from The Johns Hopkins University graduating with Honors.

In December 2007, Lt. Col. Davis left VX-23 for Camp Lejeune, NC, to serve as the command element Assistant Operations Officer (S-3A) and senior Forward Air Controller/Joint Terminal Air Controller at the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit (22d MEU). During his tenure as the S-3A, the 22d MEU conducted the first amphibious deployment of the MV-22 Osprey – conducting operations in numerous locations throughout the Mediterranean and Middle East regions, and were among the first responders to conduct Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief efforts in support of Operation UNIFIED RESPONSE in Haiti following the January 2010 earthquakes. Maj Davis was selected for the 8059 Acquisition Professional military occupational specialty in 2009, earned a PhD in Systems Engineering from The George Washington University in 2010, and was one of five Marines interviewed for the 2010 NASA astronaut class.

Lt. Col. Davis departed the 22d MEU in April 2010, to serve as the Airborne Electronic Attack (AEA) Department Head at VX-23 supporting developmental test for MAGTF EW systems, AEA components, and both the EA-6B Prowler and EA-18G Growler aircraft where he earned the Admiral O’Neil Award for Inspirational Leadership in 2012. In January 2013, he left VX-23 to serve as the EA-6B aircraft Integrated Product Team Lead (Level-1) at PMA-234 and was selected for command of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School checking aboard as Executive Officer in October 2013.

Lt. Col. Davis’ personal awards include the Air Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He completed 35 combat sorties in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and NORTHERN WATCH in Iraq, has logged over 100 controls as a JTAC, and accumulated over 2,200 flight hours in 28 aircraft models.

JEFFREY L. RUSHER, *Director Unmanned Systems, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division*



Mr. Rusher entered the DoN work force in 1985 with a BS EE, from North Carolina State University. During his 32 plus years as a civil servant Mr. Rusher has graduated from United States Navy Test Pilot School in 1991, earned a Masters of Science in Aviation Systems Management from University of Tennessee Space Institute in 1993, and graduated from Defense Systems Management College in Advanced Program Management (APM) in 1998. Mr. Rusher completed Senior Executive Management Development Program (SEMDP) in 2002. Mr. Rusher has achieved DAWIA Level III certification in

Test and Evaluation, Systems Planning, Research, Development, and Engineering, Program Management with Acquisition Professional Community designation, and Level II certification in Logistics.

Mr. Rusher served as a project integration engineer and flight test engineer at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River from 1985-1996. Following USN TPS in 1991, Mr. Rusher was assigned lead test engineer of the newly developed ES-3A Electronic Warfare program. In 1995, Mr. Rusher was assigned ES-3A lead systems engineer, and in 1997, Mr. Rusher was assigned to NAVAL Air Systems Command, PMA-290 as ES-3A Deputy PM under PEO (A). Following APMC at DSMC in 1998, Mr. Rusher was assigned Deputy PM for the EP-3E program. Following graduation from Senior Executive Management Development Program (SEMDP) in 2001, Jeff served on the acquisition staff of Program Executive Officer for Unmanned Systems and Strike Weapons, PEO (U&W) from 2002-2003. From 2003 to 2006, Mr. Rusher served PMA-234 within PEO (T) as the EA-6B Systems Modifications Program Lead. In Feb 2006 Mr. Rusher served PMA-273 PEO (A) as the Navy/Marine Primary Trainer Program Lead, and in Jan 2007 Jeff was re-assigned within PMA-273

to Deputy Program Manager of the T-45 Navy/Marine Corp primary jet trainer program, where he led the T-45 production program team, avionics upgrades team, the engine upgrade team, and the UMFO team.

In January 2008 Mr. Rusher transitioned to PMA-262 (Persistent Maritime UAS) of PEO (U&W) as the Advanced Concepts Program Lead. In this role Mr. Rusher led spiral developmental activities for MQ-4 Triton UAS, to include ISR payload and air vehicle upgrades. As a collateral duty, Mr. Rusher was also assigned manned and un-manned airship management responsibilities. In Feb 2009, Mr. Rusher transitioned to PMA-266 Multi-Mission Tactical UAS Program as the Fire Scout Tactical Control System (TCS) Program Lead.

Since June 2009, Mr. Rusher has served as the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) Director of Unmanned Systems. As the UAS Director, Mr. Rusher serves NAWCAD to ensure National Competency coordination and Warfare Center alignment and support for all UAS- related Science and Technologies, Research and Development, Test and Evaluation, and Sustainment of Programs of Record (POR), irregular warfare efforts, non-PORs, through focus on NAWC infrastructure, workforce management and RDT&E capital investment, while ensuring Navy cognizance and leverage of other DoD, Agency and commercial UAS related efforts and activities.

DAVID GLEISNER LSM'11, CAPT USN Retired and Chief of Staff, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division



Dave Gleisner is a native of Marshfield, Wisconsin and received his commission in September 1982 in the U. S. Navy Medical Service Corps. He earned his designation of Naval Aerospace Experimental Psychologist in May of 1983 upon completion of training at the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute (NAMI), Pensacola, FL. He then reported to his first duty station at the Naval Air Development Center, Warminster, PA and served as the chief investigator for the F-14 Flat Spin Investigations on the Dynamic Flight Simulator.

In June 1985 he transferred to the Naval Air Systems Command in Arlington, VA where he was the Crew Systems sponsor for the F-14, F/A-18, E-6A, AH-1, and all aviation night attack systems. From there, he reported to the Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA), Corpus Christi, TX in September 1989 and served as the Naval Aviation Schools Command Curriculum Officer, Minority Affairs Officer, and Pipeline Selection Officer. He detached in July 1993 and reported to the Defense Manpower Data Center in Monterey, CA as the Training Branch Head supporting the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. In October 1996 he transferred to the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, NAS Patuxent River, MD and served as the Deputy Director for the Crew Systems Department for five years. He then moved on to the positions of Director of the Human Systems Department at the Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Maryland and then Director of Operations for the Human Systems Department. In June of 2009 he assumed the duties of Vice Commander for the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, Patuxent River, Maryland.

Following 30 years of commissioned service, he retired from the U. S. Navy in September of 2012. He is now employed as the civilian Chief of Staff for the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, Patuxent River, MD.

Dave Gleisner is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point and received his MS and Ph. D. in Experimental Psychology from the University of Georgia. He is a 2011 graduate of Leadership Southern Maryland. Among his military awards are the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal. He resides in Hollywood, MD with his wife Deanna.

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REAR ADMIRAL MARK W. DARRAH, Program Executive Officer for Unmanned Aviation & Strike Weapons (PEO(U&W))



Rear Admiral Mark W. Darrah, received his commission through the Aviation Officer Candidate Program and designated a Naval Flight Officer in October 1983.

His operational fleet tours were with Electronic Attack Squadrons 137, 140, 136, CVW-5 Strike Operations, and as the Commanding Officer of Electronic Attack Squadron 142. Under his leadership VAQ142 completed successful combat deployments to Southwest Asia supporting Operations *Northern* and *Southern Watch* and were awarded the Chief of Naval Operations Annual Safety "S" for CY2001. During these tours he accumulated over 3200 flight hours and 603 carrier landings.

Ashore he was assigned to VAQ129 as an instructor; Aide to the Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command; Advanced Education Program at George Mason University; Information Operations Planning Officer/Liaison to Joint Special Operations Command; NAVAIR/PMA234 Advanced Systems Integrated Product Team Lead.

After designation as a member of the Acquisition Corps he served as the first EA-18G Deputy Program Manager when the program office was established in January 2003. During his tenure the EA-18G program received the 2004 Association of Old Crow's Integrated Product Team Award and 2004 OSD(AT&L) Packard Award Certificate of Achievement. He was also recognized with the 2004 Admiral Perry Award and 2004

Association of Old Crow's Metropolitan Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award.

He subsequently served as Commanding Officer, Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai; and as the F/A-18 and EA-18G Program Manager from July 2007 to July 2011.

After selection to flag, he served as the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, Weapon System Program Manager from July 2011 to October 2012, and commander, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division and the assistant commander for Research and Engineering, Naval Air Systems Command from November 2012 to October 2014.

Darrah has been awarded the Legion of Merit (3 Awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (4 Strike/Flight), Navy Commendation Medal (4 Awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 Awards) and various other Unit Awards.

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- What are the important aspects of our region for military members? Government civilians? Industry members?
- What impact has sequestration had on our region? What does a future BRAC look like for our region? Is BRAC the only way our region can be affected? (i.e. every day is a BRAC [Title 10 authority])
- What organizations and initiatives are in place to diversify and strengthen the region's economy? What are the key components of that diversification effort?
- How can the class members and their organizations support both the defense related community and the more diversified economy effort



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