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Mr. Richard Gilpin currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Air Programs) (DASN (Air)), where he has been assigned since April, 2011. He is the principal advisor to ASN(RD&A) on matters relating to aircraft (manned and unmanned), air-launched weapons, cruise missiles, airborne sensors, and avionics. DASN(Air) monitors and advises ASN(RD&A) on programs managed by the Naval Air Systems Command and affiliated Program Executive Offices (PEO).

Mr. Gilpin entered the Senior Executive service in 2003 and has 30 years of Federal Service. In his role as Director, Air Vehicle and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Department, from May 2006 until April 2011, he served as senior civilian responsible for all acquisition and in service engineering related to Air Vehicle performance, structure, materials and sub systems for Naval Aviation. He acted as the principal NAVAIR and DoN spokesman/authority for air vehicle engineering matters and technologies.

From April 2003- May 2006 Mr. Gilpin held the position of Principal Assistant, Acquisition, Planning Programming and Budget Air Warfare for the Chief of Naval Operations. In this capacity he was the senior civilian advisor to the Aviation Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) on all issues related to the development of the Navy Program Objective Memorandum, Department of the Navy Strategic Planning and related issues for aviation. In addition, Mr. Gilpin stood up and served as the Chief Financial Officer/Cost Management Team leader for the Naval Aviation Enterprise, a forty billion dollar concern.

Mr. Gilpin is a career engineer with the Naval Air Systems Command. As Chief Engineer and Air Vehicle Team Leader, he led the development of the F/A-18 E/F, as well as initiated the development of the Electronic Attack variant of the F-18 and the EA-18G, while also serving as the EA-18G Program Manager. He also served as the Technical Director for the E-2 Advanced Hawkeye program.

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Mr. Gilpin is a Naval Air Systems Command Associate Fellow, has a master's of science degree in systems management from the University of Southern California and bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering from Drexel University.

Through this tenure Mr. Gilpin has been recognized twice with Department of the Navy Superior Service Awards, and has twice been awarded the Association of Naval Aviation Edward H Heinemann Award for his contributions to Naval Aviation.

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