



United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral Terry Joseph Benedict Director, Strategic Systems Programs

Rear Admiral Benedict graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He also holds a Master of Science in Engineering Science from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. He is a graduate of the Advanced Program Management course at the Defense Acquisition University, the Executive Leadership Course at Carnegie Mellon and is a certified PMP. Benedict's first assignment after graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy was to USS *Harry E. Yarnell* (CG 17). He transferred to the engineering duty officer community in 1985. Benedict reported to Strategic Systems Programs in 1988.



His engineering duty officer tours include: software manager for the Navigation Branch, Strategic Systems Programs, responsible for D5 IOC navigation software development, test and implementation, 1988-1990; assistant for missile engineering budget and contract incentives, 1990-1991; assistant for Arms Control to the director, Strategic Systems Programs, responsible for all aspects of implementation and compliance with the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), including the Navy's coordinator for the initial Russian visit to the U.S. for the required START missile and telemetry technical exhibitions and temporary assignment to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for START negotiations in Geneva, Switzerland, 1991-1993; Technical Division director at the Program Management Office, Strategic Systems Programs, Sunnyvale, Calif., responsible for all in-factory development, production and operational support of the Navy's TRIDENT I and II missile systems, 1993-1996; Engineering section head in the Missile Branch, Strategic Systems Programs, responsible for all aspects of the Missile Branch's research, development, repair, instrumentation, flight test support and operational support of the TRIDENT I and II missile systems for both the U.S. and U.K. programs, 1996-1998; Naval Sea Systems Command as a systems engineer in the Warfare Architecture Directorate, responsible for initial development of the Navy's "System-of-Systems" engineering process, the development and integration of the Navy's Battle Force Design Reference Missions, development of Battle Force metrics and the Navy's Distributed Engineering Plant, 1998-2000; Strategic Systems Programs as the TRIDENT II Guidance and Fire Control branch head including the development of the design requirements for the Navy's SSGN Fire Control system, 2000-2002; executive assistant to commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, 2002-2003. Benedict was assigned as technical director, Strategic Systems Programs in January 2004-July 2007.

Benedict's first flag assignment was as program executive officer for Integrated Warfare Systems, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), Washington, D.C.

Benedict assumed command as the 13th director of the Strategic Systems Programs on May 7.