



Program Executive Office, Aviation

## **MR. PATRICK H. MASON, SES** **Deputy Program Executive Officer**

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Mr. Mason assumed the duties of Deputy Program Executive Officer for Aviation in May 2017. In this role, he supports the Program Executive Officer in leading the development, integration, testing, acquisition, fielding, sustainment, and modernization for Army Aviation. This includes oversight of an annual appropriation of more than \$7 billion and a workforce of approximately 2,500 military, civilian, and contract personnel.

Previously, Mr. Mason served as Chief of Staff for the Aviation Development Directorate of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center. In this capacity he supported execution of the Army's \$1.2 billion aviation science and technology investment portfolio. Earlier, he was the Director of the U.S. Army Redstone Test Center (RTC) and oversaw a 1200 person reimbursable workforce in the execution of developmental testing for aviation, missile, and sensor systems. His success leading RTC's organizational and business transformation was cited by the U.S. Army Office of Business Transformation as "best in class."

Prior to his arrival at Redstone Arsenal, Mason served as the Project Manager, Technology Applications Program Office, U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command. In this position, he directed the life cycle management of Army Special Operations rotary wing aircraft and associated mission systems supporting the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). In 2008, he was one of 8 individuals selected from across DoD to serve as a Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow. This year long fellowship focused on strategic leadership and organizational dynamics within the private sector. Embedded with United Technologies, Mr. Mason worked with executive business leaders as they conducted profit and loss responsibilities.

Other acquisition positions have included: Deputy Program Manager; CH-53K, Director, Flight Test Directorate, U.S. Army Aviation Technical Test Center; and Chief, Rapid Prototyping and Integration, U.S. Army Aviation Applied Technology Directorate. Through these assignments he was involved in the development, rapid prototyping, and science and technology efforts on the AH-64A/D, UH-60A/L/M, MH-60M, CH-47D/F, MH-47G, A/MH-6M, OH-58D, CH-53K, RAH-66, and various other fixed and rotary wing aircraft. In addition, he worked extensively with numerous integrated systems to include aircraft survivability equipment, targeting and sighting systems, and network centric applications essential for interoperability.

Mr. Mason's education includes a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology; a Master of Aeronautical Engineering (With Distinction) from the Naval Postgraduate School, the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School (Distinguished Graduate), and the U.S. Army War College. He was selected as the 2013 Army Project Manager of Year for his work with U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation and has received "Best Paper Awards" by the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and the American Helicopter Society. For his efforts in advancing Army engineering flight test, he was presented the Robert N. Turk Award in 2002.

An active member of the community, Mr. Mason is a graduate of the Leadership Huntsville/Madison County flagship program, Class L28, and has served as chair for Public Safety Day. He is also on the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Transportation, is a service outreach coordinator, and volunteers with several professional and civic organizations.

