



Biography



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Michael Ennis is the Chief of the NAPMA Plans & Evaluation Division with responsibility for the planning and definition of new programmes, material solutions for capability shortfalls, liaison with outside organizations and test planning/assessment.

Mr. Ennis is a retired USAF Colonel with broad experience in leading Air Force acquisition and sustainment activities from programme start to capability retirement. He also has significant aviation experience with over 3000 flight hours in airlift operations as a C-130 navigator, instructor and evaluator.

In his last assignment, Mr. Ennis served as the Commander, Cryptologic Systems Group, Electronic Systems Center, Lackland AFB, Texas. Here he was responsible for acquisition and sustainment of Information Security and Signals Intelligence Systems. He directly supported warfighter secure command, control, communications, computer and intelligence requirements, managed special projects for the Department of Defense, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and projects with US Allies.

Mr. Ennis served as the Director, Plans and Programs for Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, MA. His principal duties included managing the center's resources and strategic planning. He also served as the Deputy Director, Expeditionary Force Experiment System Program Office, where he was responsible for developing the systems architecture, planning and execution of the Air Force's very successful first large scale aerospace experiment. Previously he served as the Program Manager for the NATO AWACS fleet. Key activities to include initiating the NATO Mid-Term upgrade for the fleet and the start of the production and retrofit phase of the Radar System Improvement Programme along with final fielding of the Mod Block Programme.

Mr. Ennis served during his Pentagon tour on the Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) staff. He was the Program Element Monitor for the Royal Saudi Peace Shield; Program Element Monitor for the Joint Surveillance Target Attack System (Joint STARS) during its Low Rate Initial production decision; and Deputy Division Chief, Command & Control Division, Directorate for Fighter, C2 & Weapons Programs where he coordinated the programming, planning, and budgeting for Air Force C4 ISR programs.

He was selected as the Secretary of the Air Force Acquisition Research Fellow. He attended Harvard Business School, Program Management Course and co-authored a book on acquisition practices titled Acquisition in Lean Times – Modernization. Subsequently, he served as a Flag Level Executive Officer to the Commandant of the Defense System's Management College, at Ft Belvoir, VA where he was responsible for the day-to-day operations of this joint service organization.

Mr. Ennis has years of experience managing cost, schedule and performance of several classified projects including significant contributions to US Forces command & control operations during Operations DESERT Storm/Shield.

Mr. Ennis was born in Owatonna, Minnesota. He is married (wife Barbara) with two children and has numerous hobbies and sporting interests.

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology & Education, St Olaf College, 1977
Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL, 1984
MS Degree Industrial Engineering (Operations Management), U of Arkansas, 1986
Program Management Course, Def Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, 1991
Exec Program Management Development, Harvard Business School, 1994
Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence), 1995
Executive Program Management Course, DSMC, Fort Belvoir, VA, 1996
Air War College (MS Degree Intl Relations), Maxwell Air Force Base, AL, 2001

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with One Cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with Three Clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with One Cluster
Army Commendation Medal