
Stephen E. Cricchi



Assistant Commander for Corporate Operations and Total Force Naval Air Systems Command

Mr. Cricchi serves as the Assistant Commander for Corporate Operations and Total Force for the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) in Patuxent River, Maryland. He is responsible for the full array of NAVAIR command business operations including command administration, total force management, military and civilian human resource programs, security, public affairs, business and financial management, and infrastructure business operations. Mr. Cricchi has 30 years in civilian service and was selected for promotion to the Senior Executive Service in March 2005.

From November 2005 to May 2015, Mr. Cricchi was appointed as the second Director, Integrated Systems Evaluation, Experimentation and Test Department within the Naval Air Systems Command. He was responsible for the efforts of over 3,000 flight test engineers, military test pilots and project officers, aircraft maintainers, acquisition professionals, and associated contractor support personnel performing flight test and experimentation for the Naval Aviation Enterprise and other customers. Mr. Cricchi's responsibilities included the operation of two test air wings with approximately 200 aircraft and the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School.

In March 2005, he was selected as the first ever Director for Flight Test Engineering, where he served as the Chief Flight Test Engineer for Naval Aviation. He was responsible for managing and directing more than 600 engineers and engineering technicians performing integrated systems evaluation, experimentation and test across three sites within the Naval Air Systems Command.

In April 2001, Mr. Cricchi was appointed Deputy Director for the Test and Evaluation Engineering Department at the Naval Air Systems Command. He was responsible to the Director for the technical efforts of the Department's personnel supporting test and evaluation of Naval Aviation weapons systems programs.

In May 1997, Mr. Cricchi became the Chief Test Engineer for the Strike Aircraft Test Squadron (VX-23), where he provided test engineering oversight and risk management for flight testing of numerous aircraft and weapons programs, including the F/A-18 Hornet, EA-6B Prowler, T-45

Goshawk, F-14 Tomcat, AV-8B Harrier, X-31 VECTOR, X-32 and X-35 Joint Strike Fighter concept development aircraft, AIM-9X Sidewinder, Joint Direct Attack Munition, and the Joint Standoff Weapon.

In April 1994, Mr. Cricchi was assigned as the T-45 Project and Platform Coordinator where he was responsible for all T-45 test and evaluation activity at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. Prior to that, Mr. Cricchi served as a flight test engineer performing flying qualities, performance and propulsion flight test on the T-45A Goshawk, AV-8B, and T/AV-8B Harrier II aircraft.

Mr. Cricchi earned his bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Virginia in 1985, and is a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Naval Test Pilot School (Class 97).