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Bob Tarleton is the Program Manager for the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command's Communications Satellite Programs. He served as Deputy Program Manager from December 1996 until June 2000. The program office manages the acquisition of narrowband communications satellite systems for the Defense Department to include the definition, design, integration, test, production, launch, and operational support. The two programs managed are the Ultra High Frequency Follow-On (UFO) satellite system, a \$2 billion ACAT IC program, and the next generation satellite system, the Mobile User Objective System (MUOS), an ACAT ID program with an expected value of \$6 billion. Nine UFO satellites have been successfully launched with a final launch planned for 2003. The first MUOS launch will occur in 2008.

Mr. Tarleton held several positions within the Program Executive Office for Space, Communications and Sensors (PEO-SCS) prior to his assignment at SPAWAR. He served as the Production Manager for the Multifunctional Information Distribution System. He also worked as a systems engineer on the PEO-SCS staff and was the Director of the Engineering Management Division in the Advanced Tactical Data Link Systems Program Office. From 1982 until 1992, Mr. Tarleton worked for the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command as a project engineer on Marine Corps electronic warfare programs and as the software branch head for joint service tactical data link programs.

Mr. Tarleton is a native of Carlsbad, NM and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Arizona State University, a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a Master of Public Administration degree from American University. He is also a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College Program Manager's Course and the Executive Program Manager's Course. He received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2001.