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Dr. William J. Breedlove Jr. serves as the Program Executive Officer for Space Systems (Acting) and as Executive Director of the SPAWAR Space Field Activity. These two organizations comprise the focal point of the Navy's space technology, research, development, and acquisition effort. He oversees a staff comprised of military and civilian employees located in the National Reconnaissance Office, in other National Security Space Organizations and at the Communications Satellite Program Office, PMW146.

Dr. Breedlove held several positions in academia from 1964 – 1970. He was Instructor of Aerospace Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic and State University, in Blacksburg, Virginia, from 1964-1966. After receiving his doctorate from Yale University, he held the positions of Assistant Professor of Engineering and Associate Professor of Engineering with tenure at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. Dr. Breedlove joined the civilian workforce of the Department of Navy (DoN) in 1979 as the Assistant Technical Director (1979) and later the Deputy (1979 – 1983) for the Non-Acoustic ASW (NAASW) program of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OP-095T). He next served as Deputy Program Manager for the DoN Field Support Activity (1983-1987) where he directed classified developmental programs. In January 1988, Dr. Breedlove was selected to the Senior Executive Service. As a member of the Navy's Senior Executive Service he has held leadership positions in the following organizations within SPAWAR, Technical Director of the Advanced Anti-Submarine Warfare Project Office; Technical Director of the Technology Analysis and Appraisal Program Directorate; Chief Engineer, Space Technology Directorate; Executive Director, Space Technology Systems Program Directorate, Deputy and Acting PEO SPACE SYSTEMS, and the Executive Director of the SPAWAR Space Field Activity.

His federal career has spanned some 25 years in which he has consistently provided technical direction, management and oversight of research, development, and acquisition activities almost exclusively in the highly - classified fields of Non-Acoustic Anti-Submarine Warfare and National Space Systems. Since 1992, Dr. Breedlove has been instrumental in maintaining a focus within Navy and SPAWAR on the criticality to Navy of staying engaged in space system development. He has shown innovative leadership in the consolidation of programs and activities within the Navy and within the NRO thereby achieving cost-savings and increasing system effectiveness. He has been instrumental in solidifying the Naval-NRO Partnership. He has been a leader in the National Space Community in declassifying historical space system information to the benefit of the American public and the pioneers in these efforts.

Dr. Breedlove received a Chief of Naval Operations Commendation in 1980 for his work in Non-Acoustic ASW programs. He received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1996 for his work on National Space Programs. He received the SES Presidential Meritorious Rank Award in 2001 for his career achievements. He received the National Reconnaissance Office Gold Medal in 2004 for his contributions to the NRO and to the NRO-DoN partnership. Dr. Breedlove is a Navy Certified Acquisition Professional, is a member of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, and is an Associate Fellow in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Dr. William J. Breedlove Jr. was born in Norfolk, Virginia in 1941. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering in June 1963. He received his Masters in Aerospace Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia in 1965 and his Doctorate of Philosophy in Astronomy from Yale University in 1970.