

The View From NAWCAD Forward



Mr. Steve Cricchi,
*Executive Director, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft
Division (NAWCAD)*

Appointed to the position of Executive Director for NAWCAD in July 2021, Steve ensures that the overall mission is executed in a safe and efficient manner and business and financial objectives are met.

In March 2020, Mr. Cricchi the then Director of the Engineering and Cyber Warfare Group, one of six groups leading NAVAIR, oversaw Command-wide engineering policy and planning for airworthiness and safety of flight, cyber warfare, mission engineering, and digital and information technologies. He was responsible for the group's mission of increasing current readiness and speed to the fleet through the transformation of NAVAIR's systems engineering capabilities and applying model-based systems engineering to conduct test and evaluation activities. Mr. Cricchi also served as one of two Deputy NAVAIR Chief Engineers.

In May 2015, Mr. Cricchi was selected as the Assistant Commander for Corporate Operations and Total Force for NAVAIR, responsible for all 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.

In November 2005, Mr. Cricchi was named as the second Director, Integrated Systems Evaluation, Experimentation and Test Department within NAVAIR, responsible for 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, and included the operation of two test air wings with approximately 200 aircraft and the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School.

In March 2005, he became the first Director for Flight Test Engineering, serving as the Chief Flight Test Engineer for Naval Aviation, managing and directing more than 600 engineers and engineering technicians performing integrated systems evaluation, experimentation and test across three sites within NAVAIR.

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

