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Rand H. Fisher is currently Senior Vice President, Systems Planning, Engineering, and Quality for The Aerospace Corporation, an FFRDC. Formerly, Rear Admiral Fisher served as Director, Communications Systems Acquisition and Operations Directorate, National Reconnaissance Office and Commander, SPAWAR Space Field Activity from February 1999 to September 2004. During this period, Rear Admiral Fisher also served as the Naval Space Technology Systems (NSTS) Program Director; Program Executive Officer, Space Systems; and Director, Transformational Communications Office.

Rear Admiral Fisher was commissioned an ensign in 1973 upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree in Physics. He reported to Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida, and was awarded his wings in May 1975. During this time, he also received a master's degree in Aeronautical Systems.

Following designation as a naval aviator, he joined the Light Attack community, reporting through Attack Squadron 122 to Attack Squadron 147, flying the A-7E Corsair II while deployed aboard USS Constellation (CV 64). During this tour, he was designated Strike Flight Leader and qualified as an airwing Landing Signal Officer. In October 1978, Rear Admiral Fisher reported to Training Squadron 4 at NAS Pensacola as a flight instructor in the T-2C.

Rear Admiral Fisher was designated an Aeronautical Engineering Duty Officer in July 1980 and attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, for two years, receiving a master's degree in Physics. In October 1982, he reported to Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic, as the Mission Avionics Officer. Following this tour, Rear Admiral Fisher was assigned to the Pacific Missile Test Center, Point Mugu, California. As the Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) Program Officer, he planned and executed the successful test and evaluation of the Navy Pioneer UAV System aboard USS Iowa (BB 61).

In October 1988, Rear Admiral Fisher reported to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Washington, D.C., where, over the next 9 years, he served as the Research and Development Program Manager; the Director, Systems Program Management Division; Lead Systems Engineer for the Naval Space Technology Program; Deputy Program Manager, Special Systems Program Office; Major Program

Manager, Special Systems Program Office; and Major Program Manager, Advanced Systems Program Office.

In December 1997, Rear Admiral Fisher was appointed Commander, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division where he was additionally assigned as the Assistant Commander for Test and Evaluation, Naval Air Systems Command. The Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division has 7650 personnel at four locations: China Lake and Point Mugu in California, and the White Sands Missile Range and Albuquerque Detachments in New Mexico.

Rear Admiral Fisher has accumulated over 2500 flight hours and 260 arrested landings, while qualifying in numerous aircraft, including the T-2C, TA-4J, A-7E, F-14, C-12, and C-131. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and various other service medals and awards.