

# Chris S. Holder



Mr. Holder has held the position of Research and Engineering Group Head at the Fleet Readiness Center – East within the Naval Air System Command (NAVAIR) since 2005. In this capacity, Mr. Holder is responsible for providing and overseeing the people, processes, and facilities necessary to support the maritime research and engineering needs of technology development, systems acquisition, and in-service engineering support of all assigned Naval aircraft, equipment, and support systems. In-service engineering functions, in support of assigned systems, include all aspects of basic design engineering as well as engineering efforts necessary to support all maintenance and operational requirements.

Mr. Holder has held various in-service engineering roles during his twenty-three year tenure with NAVAIR. Mr. Holder earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from North Carolina State University in 1990. He began his professional career as an AV-8B Weapon System Aerospace Engineer where he was responsible for the design and analysis of structural repairs/modifications as well as structural integrity of the aircraft. In 1995, Mr. Holder became the T/AV-8B In-Service Support Team Flight Control System Team Leader. In 1996, he became the T/AV-8 Flight Control System Program Manager/Aeromechanics competency Leader where he was responsible for providing research, design, test, analysis and certification, to ensure continued airworthiness in support of safe and economic operation of aircraft flight controls. Mr. Holder also served as the Integrated Program Team (IPT) Leader for the AV-8B Digital Flap Controller redesign and retrofit and the IPT Leader for the TAV-8B Upgrade Program. In 1999, Mr. Holder was selected as the Fixed Wing Structures/Aeromechanics Competency Leader, and then in 2000, he was promoted to the position of Air Vehicle Department Head.

In February 2012, Mr. Holder accepted a one-year rotational assignment with the Joint Strike Fighter Program Office (JPO) reporting directly to the F-35 Joint Program Senior Executive. This assignment was to support the standing up of the Lightning Support Team (LST) to finalize and document the worldwide, multi-service and multi-partner LST construct, CONOPS, and processes to support the Fleet introduction of F-35As, F-35Bs, and F-35Cs.

Mr. Holder was instrumental in developing Joint Engineering Training Team (JETT) for the recruiting and mentoring of young engineers within the NAVAIR In-Service Support Center community in 2005. Currently there are 32 program participants and 114 JETT graduates. He is also currently the chair of the East Carolina University Engineering Advisory Board and the North Carolina State University Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department's External Advisory Board, as well as Co Founder and Chair of the Eastern North Carolina Science and Engineering Forum.