



BIOGRAPHY

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Mr. James “J.P.” Deckert

Mr. J. P. Deckert is the Ground Chief Architect for the Space and Missile Systems Center, Range and Network Division, Peterson AFB, CO. Mr. Deckert has over 19 years of civil service and was assigned the role of Chief Ground Architect shortly after the merger of the Space Defense Task Force’s Enterprise Ground Services Program Office and the Range and Network Division in mid-2018. Before assuming his current position Mr. Deckert was the Air Force Satellite Control Network Chief Engineer for the Space and Missile Systems Center, Range and Network Division, Peterson AFB, CO from 2014 to 2018.

Mr. Deckert’s current focus is on end-to-end architecture solutions for space vehicle programs, connecting satellite operators to the space vehicle sensors. The Range and Network Division’s portfolio currently includes the Launch and Test Ranges at Patrick AFB, FL and Vandenberg AFB, CA, as well as associated support sites; all of the world-wide AFSCN operating sites; the development of the Enterprise Ground Services program; the Defensive Cyber Operations for Space program; and the Standard Space Trainer program. He is currently leading the development of a larger initiative called Resilient Enterprise Ground, which includes all of the current RN portfolio but also more enterprise services such as high speed long haul communications, multi-band multi-mission phased array antennas, commercial services for satellite operations, as well as vastly expanded cyber defense capabilities for space systems.

From 2000 to 2014 Mr. Deckert was a civil servant at Edwards AFB, CA where he held various test engineering jobs on a multitude of aircraft. This includes: F-16 Radar, B-2 Link 16, Airborne Laser Battle Management, Global Hawk Communications, F-22 Communications and Navigation, F-35 Data Links, B-1 and B-52 Electronic Warfare, and Flight Test Range Telemetry & Instrumentation. Before he left Edwards he was the Chief Development Engineer for the Benefield Anechoic Facility, the largest RF anechoic facility in the world. His primary focus was on development of integrated air defense RF threat simulators for use in the test chamber.

In the middle of his time at Edwards, Mr. Deckert was selected to a temporary career broadening assignment from Edwards to the Pentagon, from 2008 to 2009, to work for Head Quarters Air Force, Test & Evaluation Directorate as the Chief for C4ISR & Space Systems. During this time Mr. Deckert was responsible for the acquisition portfolio for all C4ISR & Space Systems within the Special Projects Branch. During his time there he was awarded the Air Force Civilian Meritorious Service Medal for his leadership of a successful time critical acquisition in support of an operational test leading to a fielding decision of a strategic national program.

EDUCATION

2000 Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, California

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