

Captain Donald R. Harder Deputy Program Executive Officer for Enterprise Information Systems

Captain Harder currently serves as the Principal Deputy Program Executive Officer for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS). In this role, he oversees a \$1+ billion portfolio of information technology programs and projects designed to enable common business processes and provide standard information technology capabilities to the Department of Navy. The PEO EIS programs include Naval Enterprise Networks, Navy Enterprise Resource Planning, Global Combat Support System-Marine Corps, Sea Warrior, Security Cooperation Enterprise Solution, Data Center and Application Optimization, and DON Enterprise Software Licensing.



Born in Pocatello, ID, he spent his childhood in Spokane, WA. Captain Harder attended the University of Washington and graduated in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, whereupon he was commissioned an Ensign through the NROTC program.

Captain Harder attended the Surface Warfare Officer's School-Division Officer course and Engineering Officer of the Watch service school where he was awarded the designation as "Top Snipe" upon completion. He reported to USS Antietam (CG 54) in 1990 where he served as Gunnery Officer and Main Propulsion Assistant from 1990 to 1993, completing multiple deployments to FIFTH Fleet and participating in Operation DESERT STORM. Upon completing that tour, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA where he earned two Masters Degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Astronautical Engineering, specializing in Space Systems Engineering. It was during that tour that he completed a lateral transfer to the Engineering Duty Officer Program.

Harder's initial Engineering Duty Officer tours included Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, San Diego Hull and Mechanical Division Officer, and Project Engineer for the UHF Follow-On Satellite Program Office (PMW 146). He then reported to USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) as the Combat Systems Officer, performing Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism duties while deployed in FIFTH Fleet in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. His acquisition leadership tours began at Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command as the U.S. Atlantic Fleet Installation Manager, moving to PMW 150 as the Global Command and Control Systems - Maritime Chief Engineer and Principal Acquisition Program Manager, and followed by a short stint as the Ship Systems and Installations Program Office (PMW 760) Deputy Program Manager. Moving to Norfolk, he was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff for C5I Systems at the Board of Inspection and Survey before returning to San Diego to become the Information Assurance and Cyber Security Program Office (PMW 130) Deputy Program Manager, where he led the Task Force Nimble Matrix team in the unprecedented delivery of a Host Based Security System to all Fleet assets in less than nine months. He and his team were awarded the Department of Navy Team Acquisition Excellence Award for completing the CNO's goal and significantly increasing the Cyber Security posture of the Fleet. His latest position was as the Program Manager for the Navy's Command and Control Systems Program Office (PMW 150) within the Program Executive Office for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (PEO C4I).

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (5 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 awards), in addition to other unit and service medals.