



United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral David C. Johnson Program Executive Officer for Submarines

Rear Adm. Johnson, the son of a Navy captain and a Pensacola, Fla., native, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering.

Upon commissioning, Johnson reported to Trident Refit Facility, Bangor, Wash., where he served as docking officer, qualified as ship superintendent at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and earned his engineering duty dolphins. Johnson graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1989 with a naval engineer degree and a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Subsequently, Johnson held submarine acquisition and repair positions at the supervisor of Shipbuilding in Groton as a waterfront coordinator delivering Ohio class submarines and later as the Program Manager's Representative for the Virginia class; at Trident Refit Facility Bangor as the planning officer; and at program executive officer (PEO) Submarines as the assistant program manager for USS *Jimmy Carter* (SSN 23).



Johnson became major program manager, Virginia Program Office (PMS 450) in 2005. Under his guidance, the Virginia program reduced overall cost by \$4 billion and delivered four submarines to the fleet. The program was awarded the 2007 DoD Value Engineering Award and the 2008 David A. Packard Award for Acquisition Excellence. @Following selection to rear admiral, Johnson served as deputy commander for Undersea Technology (SEA 073), deputy PEO Submarines for the Ohio SSBN Replacement Program (September 2008 – 2010), and commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center (September 2008 – 2009). @ Johnson also established and served as the first Undersea Enterprise chief technology officer.

Johnson assumed his current duties as the program executive officer, Submarines in October 2010 where he is responsible for all new construction submarine programs, as well as acquisition and life cycle maintenance of submarine weapons, countermeasures, sonar, combat control and imaging systems. His PEO includes the Ohio Replacement SSBN and Virginia class SSN programs, which are the 2nd and 3rd largest programs respectively in the Department of Defense.

Johnson has received various personal and campaign awards, including the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars.

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