

Biography



RAND H. FISHER
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Rand H. Fisher is senior vice president of Systems Planning, Engineering, and Quality. He assumed this position on June 1, 2008. He is responsible for promoting the use of corporate and government resources through horizontal and cross-program integrated planning and engineering. Systems Planning, Engineering, and Quality comprises the corporation's Colorado Operations, Missile Defense Division, Office of the Chief Architect/Engineer, National Space Systems Engineering, the Integrated System Architecture Office, and the Strategic Awareness and Policy and Space Radar directorates.

Fisher was senior vice president of Special Studies before being appointed to his current position. He joined Aerospace on April 21, 2008, from Lockheed Martin Corporation where he was vice president and senior advisor on Space Situational Awareness. Before that he was vice president of Strategic Programs for the Titan Group at L-3 Communications Corporation.

Fisher retired from the U.S. Navy as a rear admiral in 2004 after 31 years of service. In his latest assignments he served as director of the Communications Systems Acquisition and Operations Directorate at the National Reconnaissance Office and Commander of the SPAWAR Space Field Activity. Concurrently he served as the Naval Space Technology Systems program director, the Naval Program Executive Officer for Space Systems, and director of the Transformational Communications Office.

He previously served as commander of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division at China Lake, California, and assistant commander of Test and Evaluation at the Naval Air Systems

Command. At Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command he was program manager of Research and Development; director of the Systems Program Management Division; lead systems engineer for the Naval Space Technology Program; deputy program manager of the Special Systems Program Office; major program manager of the Special Systems Program Office; and major program manager of the Advanced Systems Program Office.

Educational Background

Fisher graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in physics. A naval aviator, he accumulated more than 2,500 hours flight time including service aboard the USS *Constellation*. Later he earned a master's in physics from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Awards

Among Fisher's awards and honors are the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Navy Commendation Medal.

Affiliations

Fisher is a member of the Air Force Studies Board and the United States Strategic Command Senior Advisory Group, and is the senior mentor for the Schriever War Games series.

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