

Farewell CAPT Massenburg

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It's not often that I am simultaneously saddened and excited about the departure of WOLF's Military Director, but today I can say that both emotions are true for me.

It's hard to believe that we are already saying farewell to Capt. Beau Massenburg who joined us in July 2021. He fulfilled his military responsibilities with distinction, spending countless hours on the waterfront helping our teams work through a multitude of unique challenges. He was absolutely tireless in his efforts, positively impacting WOLF's ability to support the warfighter. His contributions are immeasurable.

Moreover, Capt. Massenburg was triple-hatted, also serving NAWCAD as the PEO (A) Product Director and taking the reins for NAWCAD WOLF when I was out. Sometimes he performed the "magic" by serving in all three roles at once.



(Full disclosure: Many years ago, Capt. Massenburg was also a student of mine in the Johns Hopkins Systems Engineering master's program. He was an outstanding student so I knew he would make a great Military Director)

That's the sad part about the Captain's departure.

Now for the exciting part. Beau leaves us to join PMA-213—one of WOLF's customers—as its Major Program Manager. His experience with Naval Aviation and Navy ships makes him an ideal selection for the position. He will also bring his knowledge of WOLF's organic Lead Systems Integrator (oLSI) approach and rapid capability engineering process with him, ensuring an even better partnership between our organizations.

For me personally, Beau has been a trusted ear and advisor. I can't thank him enough for his service to Webster Field and look forward to our ongoing partnership with him as PMA-213.

Welcome CAPT Farr

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I have the great pleasure of welcoming CAPT Matthew W. “Matt” Farr to the WOLF team as its new Military Director. He has a rich background in multiple domains that align well to the product-related work being performed at NAWCAD WOLF. His experience will be significant in moving WOLF forward on both current projects and in the Science & Technology (S&T) arena. In fact, just prior to his orders to NAWCAD WOLF, Farr served as Commanding Officer, Office of Naval Research Global.

Capt. Farr began his naval career in the Nuclear Power Program, completing Nuclear Field Electrician’s Mate “A” School in Orlando, Florida, before being selected for the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island.

He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with merit in 1996, earning a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering. He also holds a Master of Systems Analysis from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, graduating with distinction.

After commissioning, Farr served as an intern at Los Alamos National Laboratory, where he previously participated in the Service Academy Research Associate program. He earned his designation as a Naval Aviator in 1998. He completed P-3C FRS training at VP-30 and then joined the Fighting Tigers of Patrol Squadron EIGHT where he completed a SIXTH FLEET Mediterranean deployment and an Iceland/Caribbean deployment, flying in support of Operations Joint Guardian and Determined Forge. As a Fighting Tiger, he served as Aircraft Division Officer and was designated a Patrol Plane Mission Commander and Instructor Pilot. Farr reported to the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) Flight Support Detachment in 2002 and served as Operations Officer and Primary NATOPS Evaluator. He next served onboard USS George Washington as the Force Protection Officer and Security Officer (Acting). While there, he qualified as Tactical Action Officer and Assistant Command Duty Officer in port. He returned to NRL to serve as the Project Director for VXS-1, where he managed the Navy’s only large airborne S&T research capability. Farr served as Officer-in-Charge of the successful Rampant Lion II detachment in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Following selection as an aerospace engineering duty officer (AEDO) in 2009, he served as the P-3C/P-8A Weapons Class Desk and the PMA-290 TacMobile and Mission Planning IPT Lead, twice participating on teams recognized with NAVAIR Commander’s National Awards for P-3 Quality of Service and for P-8A Milestone C and cost reduction initiatives. In 2014, Farr reported as a Deputy Program Manager in PMA-201 Precision Strike Weapons, where he led the Level 1 Integrated Product Team responsible for the Navy’s Harpoon and SLAM-ER weapons programs. He completed the development and test of the Navy’s first NetEnabled Anti-Ship missile, the Harpoon Block II+, and completed the installation of a Harpoon system on the first LCS-class ship. He and his team were awarded the 2016 PMA-201 Striker



Award for acquisition excellence. He next served as Deputy Program Manager of PMA-264 Air ASW Systems, leading five IPTs and coordinating a \$1.3B program across the FYDP.

In addition to his B.S. and M.S. degrees, he holds a Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) Phase One certificate from the Air Command and Staff College. He also holds an advanced tier certification in Program Management and Practitioner tier certifications in both Engineering & Technical Management and Test & Evaluation. Farr was selected as a Defense Acquisition Corps member in 2009 and is a graduate of the NAVAIR Leadership Development Program.

His awards include the Navy Meritorious Service Medal (2), Navy Commendation Medal (5) and the Navy Achievement Medal (2).