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David consults independently. He managed a large investment program in DoD, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. Working alongside a committed joint government and industry team, they stabilized performance in test and production. With transparency and realism in high risk communications, he restored trust in the program by the US and partner nations.

He commanded Naval Air Systems Command, providing technical, logistics, contracting, financial and program management support for Department of the Navy aviation acquisition. Navair provided sustainment for over 3,000 aircraft and unmanned vehicles, enabling global aviation operations by the Navy and Marine Corps.

His career in defense acquisition covered 22 years and he flew F-14 Tomcats in fleet operations.

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