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Mr. Stephen O'Brian, Deputy Project Manager Aircraft Survivability Equipment



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Mr. O'Brian serves as Deputy Project Manager for PM Aircraft Survivability and Equipment (PM ASE) within the Program Executive Officer for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEW&S). In this capacity, he assists the PM for ASE in providing technical and managerial oversight of development, acquisition, fielding, life cycle support and Foreign Military Sales. The ASE portfolio develops, and fields world class detect and defeat capability to ensure Army aviation is survivable against enemy threats and to enable freedom of maneuver and combat effectiveness.

Prior to this assignment, Mr. O'Brian served as the Deputy Product Manager for Infrared Countermeasures (IRCM) at Program Manager Aircraft Survivability and Equipment (PM ASE). In this capacity, he provided technical and managerial

oversight of the development, acquisition, fielding, and life cycle support of the Army's IRCM portfolio. These capabilities provide the Soldier with the ability to detect and defeat threats across the IR spectrum and enable freedom of maneuver for Army aviation. The CIRCM team was awarded the 2020 Army Acquisition Executive's Excellence in Leadership Product Management Office Team of the Year Award. Prior to this assignment,

Mr. O'Brian served as the Deputy Product Lead for Army Force Management and Readiness within the Integrated Pay and Personnel System (IPPS-A) portfolio at the Program Executive Officer for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) from March 2016 – April 2018. In this capacity, he was responsible for the program management, software development, and infrastructure for the G-3/5/7 Family of Systems. This capability enables the Army to manage Forces, Equipment, and provide real-time Operational Readiness. Prior to his position at PEO EIS, Mr. O'Brian served as both an Acquisition and Aircraft Maintenance officer in the United States Air Force.

During his last assignment in the USAF, Mr. O'Brian served as the Deputy Project Manager for Logistics, Support Equipment and Simulators, F-35 Joint Program Office. In this capacity, he led a diverse workforce of Joint Service and Foreign partners in developing the worlds most advanced 5th Gen Fighter Aircraft. Prior to this assignment, Mr. O'Brian served on staff for the Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition (SAF/AQ) both as the Chief of Acquisition Reporting and Integration, and Program Element Monitor (PEM/DASC) for Global Mobility Aircraft. While at SAF/AQ, Mr. O'Brian was a key Warfighter interface to OSD, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air National Guard, AF Reserve Command, and Congress integrating program guidance, assessing requirements, and refining inputs to the POM and Presidents annual budget. In addition, he worked closely with OSD and Congress on major defense acquisition reports and interfaced regularly with Professional Staff Members.

A native of Prattville, Alabama, Mr. O'Brian spent over 20 years in the USAF. During that time, he held numerous acquisition assignments in addition to those listed above such as the F-16 System Program Office, the C-17 System Program Office, and PEO Business Enterprise Systems. In addition to his acquisition



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program management experience, Mr. O'Brian also served as an F-16 Maintenance Officer at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, where he led the 23d Fighter Squadron to the USAF highest F-16 Mission Capable rate and #1 Aircraft Maintenance Unit honors.

Mr. O'Brian is a member of the Acquisition Corps and Level III Program Manager. He holds master's degrees in Business Management and Military Operational Art and Science. His civilian awards include: the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal and the Commanders Award for Civilian Service.

He and his lovely wife Stephanie are the proud parents of Sean, Keagan, Ella, and Grayson.

