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Vice President Government and FMS Sales, Fincantieri Marine Group

Dave is a retired Navy Captain with over 24 years of active-duty experience. In his early career he served on frigates and destroyers before transitioning to the Engineering Duty Officer (EDO) community. As an EDO he oversaw every aspect of development and fielding of the Aegis Weapon System from code development, to system test, to integration on the waterfront.

In addition, he developed key aspects of the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense system and was the inaugural Major Program Manager of the Aegis Ashore program executing system acquisition and design during his tenure. His last tour in the Navy was as the Major Program

Manager for the DDG 1000 Combat Systems.

In his civilian career he worked at General Dynamics Mission Systems, as the Business Development Director for maritime systems to include LCS, EPF, Frigate and AMDR. He transitioned from GD to Rolls-Royce where he led the alignment of global support strategies for the MT30 customer base.

He has served as the Chairman of the Amphibious Warship Industrial Base Council, representing the interests of over 700 industrial base companies and is a member of the National Defense Industrial Association – Board of Directors.

Currently he is the Vice President for Government Sales and FMS for the Fincantieri Marine Group.

He has an MBA, from Rutgers, a Master of Science in Astronautical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Memphis.