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Patrick Schuett serves as the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division director of Air Wing Integration and Interoperability/Electronic Warfare Effects, where he is responsible for the overall execution of products and services across a broad portfolio of tactical air and electronic warfare weapon systems acquisition programs. He entered the Senior Executive Service in February 2022 and has over 20 years of naval aviation acquisition experience spanning the life cycle of manned, unmanned, and weapon system programs.

He began his career at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division as a flight test engineer conducting loads, flutter, flight control, and flying qualities testing of the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet and the F-35B/C Lightning II. Schuett became the deputy chief airworthiness engineer supporting F-35 developmental test, leading first flight reviews, managing aircraft operating limitations, and maturing the F-35 flight manual.

In 2011, Schuett transferred to NAWCWD, serving first as the technical director for Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 30 and then technical director of Naval Test Wing Pacific. He provided strategic guidance to the test squadrons in operating, testing, and evaluating manned and unmanned aircraft and weapon systems. Schuett was chosen to be the deputy director of Integrated Systems Engineering, Evaluation and Test Department, leading a national organization in identifying program critical test elements, designing experiments, developing and executing test programs, and analyzing data. In March 2020, Schuett was selected to a Department of the Navy Senior Scientist and Technical Manager position. He served as the NAWCWD director of Software and Mission Systems Integration, leading a 650-person team to acquire, develop, and sustain software solutions on weapon and warfare systems.

Schuett earned a Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Illinois and a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Test Pilot School (Class 131) and recipient of numerous awards including the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award and NAVAIR award for Outstanding Contributions to Naval Aviation Flight Test Experimentation.