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Mike Novak is the Corporate Director for Naval Aviation Programs for Northrop Grumman's Government Relations team located in Falls Church, Virginia. He serves as the company's primary liaison for senior level customer engagement with the Navy and Marine Corps.

He joined Northrop Grumman in 2019 following a career in the Navy and Civil Service where he was most recently the Deputy Director, Warfare Integration on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. Mike's first SES assignment was as Director, Program Assessment and Evaluation Division, Programs and Resources Department, HQMC.

Mr. Novak joined the Navy in 1978, and was designated a Naval Flight Officer, and assigned as a Bombardier/Navigator to operate the A-6E Intruder aircraft. He reported to the Green Pawns of VA-42 and after successful CQing with a nugget pilot he was assigned to VA-85, the Black Falcons. After 3 workups and two cruises it was time for shore duty. Showing poor headwork he reported to the garden spot of China Lake and to VX-5. After 3-years, and successfully avoiding major sunburn, he went back to sea as the Assistant Strike Operation Office on COMCARGRU-3 out of NAS Alameda. After two cruise and an imgerent surge to the USS Midway for an Annuaalex Exercise, Mike (showing better headwork) reported to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. Unforortunately, he signed up for Aeronautical Engineering and got to relive all those math and engineering classes that he slept through in college. Just as he was settling in the Loma Linda earthquake arrived to literally keep him jumping. Manging to somehow finish his Masters Thesis, he thought it best to go to more stable ground and reported to NAS Whidbey Island. After remembering how put a g-suit on he was allowed to join the Silver Foxes of VA155 for their last operational deployment and the Last Ride of the Ranger. After winning the Battle"E" and te McCluskey award there was nothing left to do in Whidbey. Mike then reported to NAVAIR to learn some acquision and budeting credentials. As he was doing that the Navy decided to retire the A-6. Thus set free from duties involving flying, Mike started his civilian career earlier than planned.

Mr. Novak is a graduate of University of Maryland, College Park, MD (BS, Chemistry) and from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA (MS, Aeronautical Engineering).

Mr. Novak's personal awards include the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Medals for Meritorious and Exceptional Civilian Service Award; the Department of the Navy's Meritorious and Distinguished Civilian Service Awards; and the Air Medal.