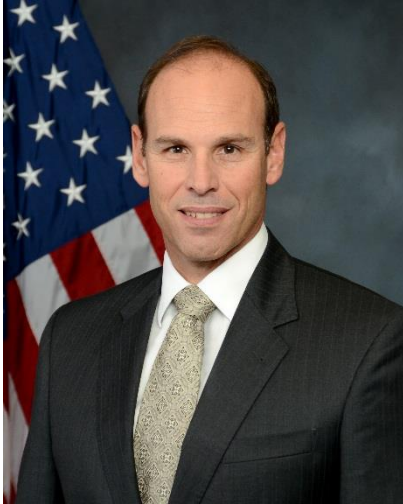




## TeCMEN Industry Day – Keynote Speaker

### The Next Generation of Test at Eglin



### Steven Dietzius 96<sup>th</sup> Test Wing

Steven C. Dietzius is the Technical Director, 96<sup>th</sup> test Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. The 96<sup>th</sup> Test Wing supports the development and acquisition of war-winning weapons through testing and evaluating state-of-the-art weapons, providing superior installation support and being a responsible steward of the largest element of the DoD Major Range and Test Facilities. Mr. Dietzius guides and advises the wing's technical execution of its mission as well as ensuring the wing is positioned strategically to meet the future war-fighting systems' testing requirements.

Mr. Dietzius received his commission through Embry Riddle Aeronautical University ROTC program in 1986. In a military career approaching 22 years, Mr. Dietzius' assignments were in F-111 and F-15E fighter operations, fighter flight test as well as operations and acquisition support roles at the command and headquarters levels. He is a graduate of both the USAF Fighter Weapons School and USAF Test Pilot School. He

supported Operation Provide Comfort II leading F-15E flights over Northern Iraq. He also commanded an operations support squadron. In support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he deployed to Baghdad, Iraq and served as the operations officer, Air Component Coordination Element-U.S. Forces-Iraq located at the U.S. Embassy, Baghdad, Iraq. In this position he supported combat planning efforts of Multi-National Force – Iraq as well as air support of Iraq's first free national election. Mr. Dietzius entered civilian service in September 2008, following retirement from active duty. Mr. Dietzius served as a project engineer in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Technology Integration Office. Prior to assuming his current position, he served in the Air Force Research Laboratory as the Deputy Capability Lead for Global Precision Attack ensuring Air Force Science and Technology met the needs of the warfighter and that the warfighter accounted for future capabilities the laboratory was maturing. He assumed his current position in November 2016.

#### EDUCATION

1986 Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, FL; 1992 USAF Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Cannon AFB, NM; 1993 Masters of Science degree in Computer Information Systems, Boston University, MA; 1993 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL; 1999 USAF Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, CA; 2000 Air Command and Staff College, in correspondence - Maxwell AFB, AL; 2003 Air War College, in correspondence - Maxwell AFB, AL

#### CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. 1987 - 1988, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather AFB, CA
2. 1989 - 1993, Weapons Officer, 77th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Upper Heyford, United Kingdom
3. 1993 - 1997, Weapons Officer, 391st Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID
4. 1997 - 1998, Chief Air-to-Surface Inspections, Inspector General, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA
5. 1998 - 1999, Student, USAF Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, CA
6. 1999 - 2005, Director of Operations, Operational Flight Program Combined Test Force and Commander, 46th Operations Support Squadron, Eglin AFB, FL
7. 2005, Director of Operations, Air Component Coordination Element, U.S. Forces-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq
8. 2005 - 2008, Deputy Chief, Power Projection Division, Secretary of the Air Force-Acquisition, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
9. 2008 - 2014, Program Engineer, Technology Integration Office, Office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Washington, D.C.
10. 2014 - 2016, Deputy Capability Lead-Global Precision Attack, Air Force Research Laboratory, Eglin AFB, FL
11. 2016 - Present, Technical Director, 96<sup>th</sup> Test Wing, Eglin AFB, FL

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND HONORS

Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Air Medal; Aerial Achievement Medal four oak leaf clusters; Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster; Air Force Achievement Medal; Iraqi Campaign Medal Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Meritorious Civilian Service

#### PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

DAWIA Level 3: Engineering, Program Management, and Test and Evaluation