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Mr. Kerr joined the faculty as a Professor of Executive Acquisition Management at the Defense Systems Management College. He has over 35 years leadership & experience providing demonstrated results as a warfighter; in submarine construction and ship repair; in managing the development, acquisition, support and production of large, highly complex systems; and in coaching, mentoring and leading a cornucopia of teams and organizations ranging in size from three people to over 100- from the most junior of personnel up to and including members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) at the Under Secretary level. Gib is certified DAWIA Level III in both Program Management and Production/Quality Management. His Federal Acquisition Certifications (FAC) include Program/Project Management (FAC P/PM) at the Senior level and as a Contracting Officer's Representative (FAC-COR) at level 3.

Gib's other professional certifications include: Lean Six Sigma Black Belt; Project Management Professional (PMP); Facilitator for 7 Habits of Highly Effective People<sup>®</sup>, Speed of Trust<sup>®</sup>, and Leading At The Speed Of Trust<sup>®</sup>; The *FISH!* Philosophy<sup>®</sup>; Strengths Finder<sup>®</sup>; The Leadership Challenge & Leadership Practices Inventory<sup>®</sup>, and as an Advanced Associate in Emergenetics<sup>®</sup>.

Gib served 26 years in the U.S. Navy, first as a Nuclear Submarine Officer where he was Qualified for Command, served on a Submarine Group Staff as a Readiness and Training Officer, and later as an Engineering Duty Officer. He had a plethora of roles in acquisition including building the last of the 688 Class Submarines, leading the first ever Construction IPT for Submarines to control cost on the SEAWOLF class, serving overseas as a Ship Repair Officer, being the Deputy APM for Submarine Sensor Systems, serving as the APM for the Virginia Class C3I program (the first Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) based integrated combat, fire control and sensor suite in the Navy), and as a Major Program Manager for Submarine Surveillance Systems. For his last tour, he served as the Major Program Manager responsible for the Acoustic-Rapid COTS Insertion (A-RCI) program for all Navy platforms.

Upon his retirement in 2006, Gib became the Chief Operations Officer and General Manager running a private company that produced ruggedized COTS systems for use in a variety of sensor, combat and fire control RCI systems across many platforms in DoD.

Mr. Kerr left industry in 2009 to help implement the equivalent of the DoD 5000 series for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). He served as the Executive Secretary for over 100 Acquisition Review Boards (the equivalent of the DAB in DoD). He also served in the Office of the Under Secretary for Science and Technology (USST), first as the Component Acquisition Executive for the Directorate (equivalent to the SAE in DoD) and as a Deputy responsible for the transition of technology into acquisition programs. Secondly, he served as a Senior Advisor for Team Development and Training, responsible for conducting, developing, implementing and conducting training and improving hiring practices at the Directorate.

Gib holds an M.S. in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (Distinguished Academic Graduate); an M.S. (with Distinction) in Engineering Acoustics from the Naval Post Graduate School, and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Rochester. He is a graduate of the Advanced Program Management Course (APMC 98-01), and the Executive Program Management Course (EPMC 03-05).