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Mr. Miskimens joined DAU in April 2011 as a Professor of Program Management. His focus areas are Mission Assistance, Acquisition Executive Workshops, Program Management, and senior level program management courses.

Prior to joining DAU, he was the Director for Undersea Systems at the Washington Navy Yard. As a Senior Executive (SES), he reported directly to the Program Executive Officer for Submarines and provided executive oversight. He was directly responsible for the technical coordination of all PEO research, development, test, and evaluation budgets and execution. He directed five program offices responsible for undersea weapons, sonar, imaging, combat systems and countermeasures.

From May 2007 to January 2009, Mr. Miskimens was the Deputy Program Manager for the Virginia Class Submarine Program Office, ACAT 1D, a major submarine acquisition program with a total budget of over \$90B, for the design, development, construction, testing and delivery of the Navy's newest class of fast attack submarines. Under his management, the Virginia Class Submarine program successfully redesigned the baseline to lower the ship construction cost, resulting in congressional approval to increase procurement to the rate of two submarines per year.

In 2005, Mr. Miskimens became the Deputy Program Manager for the conversion of four Trident Ballistic Missile submarines to Tomahawk Guided Missile submarines in the SSGN program office. While there, he successfully delivered three SSGN submarines within cost and schedule, and provided leadership during the successful Operation Testing of this \$4B ACAT 1D program.

From 2000 to 2005 he was the Deputy Program Manager for submarine sonar, combat and weapon control systems for development, installation and certification of Commercial off the Shelf (COTS) based tactical systems for all classes of US Navy submarines. Under his direction, the Acoustic Rapid COTS Insertion (ARCI) acquisition model was expanded and ARCI has been successfully applied to other warfare systems.

His early career assignments at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Keyport, WA included; engineering and project management work on the MK48 torpedo and tracking range systems.

Mr. Miskimens was honored with the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service and three Navy Superior Civilian Service awards. He is a two-time winner of the DOD David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award as the DPM for the SSGN in 2007 and the Virginia Class Submarine in 2008.

Mr. Miskimens earned a Masters Degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University in 1996. His undergraduate degree, a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering is from Washington State University. He is also a graduate of DSMC's Advanced Program Management Course (APMC 99-2) and the Executive Program Management Course (2006-3).