



**Jack Nicholson, Captain, U.S. Navy**  
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Capt. Jack Nicholson was selected in June 2007 to be the Deputy Program Manager for the Navy's Communications Satellite Program Office (PMW-146) in San Diego, California. PMW-146 is acquiring the Mobile User Objective System (MUOS), a \$4B next-generation advanced satellite communications system just entering the production phase. Prior to this, Capt. Nicholson served as the Director of Operations and the Contracting Officer's Representative for MUOS, responsible for all day-to-day operations during the initial design and development.

Capt. Nicholson was previously stationed at the National Reconnaissance Office, where served as the Chief Systems Engineer for the Communications Directorate's Space line of business. In this role he also supported the NRO's portion of the Transformational Communications Architecture and was honored with the Director's Circle Award. From 1998–2001, he served his first tour in PMW 146 where he was the MUOS Chief Systems Engineer during the Concept Exploration phase.

During his fleet tours, Capt. Nicholson specialized in airborne reconnaissance missions conducting highly sensitive airborne multi-sensor surveillance operations in support of high priority naval and national intelligence requirements. He has been stationed in Spain, Hawaii, and San Diego and supported deployments throughout the European, Pacific and Central Command.

Originally from Michigan, Capt. Nicholson earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University in 1986. He earned a master's degree in astronautical engineering and the post-master's degree of aeronautical and astronautical engineer while in the Space Systems Engineering curriculum at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. He graduated with distinction and earned the annual Space Systems Engineering Award for Academic Excellence.