

Guest Speaker: Ms. Barbara Baker



Ms. Barbara Baker serves the Deputy Program Executive Officer (DPEO) for Military Communications (MilComm) & Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT), Space Systems Command, Los Angeles AFB, CA. As the DPEO, she manages and oversees development, production, delivery, and maintenance of critical and innovative MilComm and PNT systems worth more than 22.3 billion dollars. She is responsible for multiservice, multinational systems, as well as training and equipping of more than 1800 military and civilian personnel. Previously, Barbara was the Senior Materiel Leader, Command and Control Systems Division who led the development, integration and fielding of eleven Command and Control (C2) ground and mobile systems worth 8.5 billion dollars. During her tenure, she delivered 5 systems into operations.

Barbara has over 29 years of DoD experience of which 24 years is direct DoD acquisition experience. This includes 14 years within the Space Control Mission area, eight years within the Position, Navigation and Timing (PNT) mission area, three years each in Military Satellite Communication, Nuclear Detonation Detection System and Missile Warning mission areas, and four years in a key strategic staff functional position. She has also been a government employee for 21 years and a DoD support contractor for eight years. Barbara has a broad experience across the acquisition lifecycle, including acquisition planning, development and production execution, capability fielding, and disposal. She has experience on a wide breadth of programs that include space vehicle and satellite systems, space command and control, ground antenna deployables, ground mobiles, software, and information technology, with experience spanning unclassified and classified systems and organizations.

Barbara enlisted in the Air Force in April 1993 and separated in September 2000. Prior to accepting a position in May 2008 in the Civilian Service ranks, she worked in industry for BAE Systems and AT&T Government Solutions. She is a Department of the Air Force civilian and is currently assigned to the United States Space Force as of December 2019