

2022 DMSMS Individual Achievement Award Winner

Ms. Alissa (Rese) Meikus

Ms. Rese Meikus is the Army's Combat Capability Develop Command project manager assigned to the Navy's PMA-265 and works hand in hand with the PMA-265 DMSMS lead. Ms. Meikus leads a team of eight that are all assigned to specific systems under the PMA, and works with her team to cover training, caseload, road map development, predictive analytics, and more.

Over the course of fiscal year 2022, Ms. Meikus was instrumental in helping to establish the DMSMS management process for the Navy's F/A-18 and EA-18G program office (PMA-265). The work that Ms. Meikus has completed has helped the PMA avoid schedule slippages and avoid costs. An example of this is with the avionics IPT, where Ms. Meikus has assisted with research on multiple systems avoiding costly and time-consuming re-designs as standardized solutions were able to be found. This allows the IPT more time to complete a search for funding and for the mission to continue without a break.

Thanks to Ms. Meikus' efforts, the number of parts managed went from 57,000+ to over 80,000 part numbers. One area in particular helped PMA-265 avoid a 40-million-dollar re-design. The research and efforts completed for this example led to additional parts found that needed to complete qualification testing before use – leading to a cost avoidance of over 39 million dollars.

She has begun working with other PMAs as the work completed for PMA-265 has been noticed by other organizations and has proven to be effective – therefore making her expertise extremely valuable to the Navy.

Overall, Ms. Meikus has been a major asset to PMA-265 and NAVAIR. While the workload has expanded, she has accepted the challenges and excelled. The team she leads continues to learn under her leadership and grows stronger every day. Fiscal Year 2022 had many challenges, but Ms. Meikus never backed down. The new DMSMS management plan is in place for PMA-265 and is starting to show results.