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Mr. Steve Blasch joined DAU in 2017 after a 23 year career in the United States Navy and four years as a DoD contractor. He is an instructor for six modules in RQM 3100; the course manager for RQM 4030V (Requirements Executive Overview); and Navy Customer Liaison, responsible for the development of capability requirements workforce. He works closely with the Joint Staff, OSD, Services, and Agencies to comply with Section 801 of the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Act and holds a Level C in Requirements Management Certification Training.

On active duty, he served as a Naval Flight Officer on the S-3B Viking with over 2000 hours and 700 arrested landings on nine different carriers. Key assignments included S-3B Flight Instructor, multiple division officer tours, Squadron Maintenance Officer, and Squadron Executive Officer. He deployed in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, DELIBERATE FORCE, DENY FLIGHT, ENDURING FREEDOM-AFGHANSISTAN, and IRAQI FREEDOM. His last operational tour was USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN-73) where he served as the Mini Boss and Air Boss.

He has twelve years of Joint and Navy requirements experience. As the ISR Capabilities Division Chief for the Battlespace Awareness Functional Capabilities Board (J28), he reviewed applicable requirements documents, resolved stakeholder issues, and prepared evaluations for senior leaders for capability requirements validation. His portfolio included RQ-4 Global Hawk, UCLASS (now CBARS), MQ-1 Predator, MQ-9 Reaper, RC-135 Rivet Joint, MQ-4C Triton, MQ-8 Fire Scout, SEWIP, DCGS-A, and DCGS-N.

He served four years as a Senior Program Analyst for Aircraft Carrier Requirements, addressing requirements and resourcing of in-service and future aircraft carrier fleets for the Director Air Warfare, Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV N98). He led and attained FORD Class Aircraft Carriers requirements revalidation for the contract award of USS KENNEDY (CVN 79) and evaluated air-ship integration requirements for F-35C and CMV-22B. He was the lead analyst for a CVN 79 Cost Control Team which examined requirements, phasing, and suitability of 120 capabilities, critical to stabilizing / reducing cost over the ship's construction.

Mr. Blasch holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the Virginia Military Institute, MA in National Strategy and Security from the Naval War College and MS in National Strategy and Resource Management from the Eisenhower School. His other interests include civilian aviation and coaching sports where he holds several licenses and certifications for each.