Robert F. Leduc  
2020 Aviation Week Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient and Retired President  
• Pratt & Whitney  

Mr. Robert F. Leduc is the former President of Pratt & Whitney, a role he held from January 2016 to February 2020. Mr. Leduc previously held a number of senior executive roles over 38 years at United Technologies Corporation, including President of Sikorsky in 2015. He began his career in aerospace engineering at Pratt & Whitney, holding roles in program management, strategy and customer support, including serving as Senior Vice President, Engine Programs & Customer Support, President of Large Commercial Engines and Chief Operating Officer, President of Flight Systems and Classified Programs at Hamilton Sundstrand, President of Boeing 787, Space Systems & U.S. Government Classified Programs, and as President of Boeing Programs & Space. Mr. Leduc holds a Bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from Southeastern Massachusetts University and an honorary doctorate degree in Business from the University of Massachusetts.

Wes Kremer  
President, Raytheon Missiles & Defense • Raytheon Technologies  

Mr. Wes Kremer is responsible for a broad portfolio of air and missile defense systems, precision weapons, radars, command and control systems and advanced defense technologies. Mr. Kremer, an electrical engineer and U.S. Air Force veteran, has decades of executive experience in aerospace and defense, an has held multiple leadership positions at Raytheon Company prior to its merger with United Technologies Corporation in 2020, including president of both the Raytheon Missile Systems and the Integrated Defense Systems businesses. In the U.S. Air Force, he served as a weapon systems officer on F-111 and F-15E aircraft and flew more than 90 combat sorties in Iraq and Bosnia. Mr. Kremer holds a Bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Montana State University and an MBA in engineering technology from City University of Seattle.

Mike Madsen  
President and CEO • Honeywell Aerospace  

Mr. Mike Madsen is responsible for our aerospace products and services, which are found on virtually every commercial, defense and space aircraft. Prior to his current role, he served as Vice President of Integrated Supply Chain for Aerospace with broad responsibility for the global supply chain and manufacturing facilities. Previously, he was President of Aerospace Defense and Space and Vice President of the Airlines Customer Business team within Air Transport and Regional. Mr. Madsen holds a Bachelor’s degree in aerospace engineering from Arizona State University and an MBA from Duke University.
R. John Stack  
Managing Director, Head of A&D Investment Banking • Canaccord Genuity  
Mr. John Stack leads Canaccord Genuity's aerospace and defense investment banking practice in New York with nearly 30 years' global experience working with publicly-traded and privately-held companies. During his career, he has worked across the aerospace and defense value chain, helping clients with growth, acquisitions and company sales. Given his strong industry knowledge, strategic and operational perspectives, vast global network of executives, business owners and investors, and extensive transaction experience, he is a respected and trusted advisor to company owners and leadership teams. Prior to investment banking, he was VP, Strategy & Business Development and part of the senior leadership team at Cessna Aircraft Company, where he led the Columbia Aircraft acquisition, and Director, Strategy Development & International at Textron, where he helped reshape the company’s business portfolio. During his career, he has led teams in more than 15 countries in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia, and lived in Switzerland for more than four years. Mr. Stack holds a degree in Business Administration from Bryant University and an MBA from Fordham University.

Byron K. Callan  
Managing Director • Capital Alpha Partners  
Mr. Byron Callan joined Capital Alpha Partners, a Washington DC-based policy research firm, in December 2010 as a Director to cover the defense sector, and is also responsible for related NASA and other aerospace issues. Capital Alpha’s primary goal is to provide superior research to institutional investors. Prior to Capital Alpha, he was a Portfolio Manager at Lion’s Path Capital and was an analyst and co-founder of Perella Weinberg Partners’ Aerospace Defense Security investment fund from 2007-2010. Mr. Callan is also noted for having been a top sell-side analyst at Merrill Lynch and Prudential Securities covering defense, defense electronics and engineering/industrial stocks between 1984 and 2007. During that period, he earned a ranking on Institutional Investor’s All-America Research Team a total of 15 years. Mr. Callan holds an MBA from Columbia University and a BA with Special Honors from George Washington University.

Steven Grundman  
Principal & Senior Fellow • Grundman Advisory and Atlantic Council  
Mr. Steve Grundman is the Founder and Principal of Grundman Advisory, a consultancy firm that guides strategic management in public, private, and non-profit organizations, and is also the Lund Fellow at the Atlantic Council in Washington, DC where his practice addresses over-the-horizon challenges facing the transatlantic defense establishment, its militaries, ministries and industries. Before that, he was Director of Aerospace and Defense Consulting and of Transportation Consulting at Charles River Associates, a global business consultancy. In the 1990s, he served in a succession of appointments at the U.S. Department of Defense culminating in his assignment as Deputy Under Secretary for Industrial Affairs and Installations. In the first decade of his professional career, he served in the U.S. Army’s First Armored Division as a consular and diplomatic officer in the U.S. Foreign Service and in the executive office, and on the research staff of the Center for Naval Analyses. Mr. Grundman holds academic degrees from Georgetown University and Harvard University.
**Pierre Chao**  
Founding Partner • Renaissance Strategic Advisors

Mr. Pierre Chao is a Founding Partner at Renaissance Strategic Advisors, bringing over three decades of management consulting, investment banking and policy expertise in the aerospace/defense industry. Throughout his career, he has been a trusted advisor to senior corporate, government and financial decision makers on key strategic issues - from major investments to mergers and acquisitions to strategic and policy choices. Prior, he was a Senior Fellow and Director of Defense-Industrial Initiatives at CSIS, a non-partisan defense and foreign policy think tank. Before joining CSIS, Mr. Chao was a Managing Director and Senior Aerospace/Defense Analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston, responsible for following the U.S. and global aerospace/defense industry. Prior to joining CSFB, he held positions at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Smith Barney, JSA International and in the New York and London offices of Prudential-Bache Capital Funding. Mr. Chao holds dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Political Science and Management Science from M.I.T.

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**John Luddy**  
Vice President, National Security Policy • Aerospace Industries Association

Mr. John Luddy is responsible for developing AIA’s national security agenda, and for planning and executing advocacy efforts to support it. Most recently, Mr. Luddy directed Aerojet Rocketdyne’s government relations efforts as Vice President of Washington Operations. Prior to joining Aerojet, he ran his own consulting practice for nine years, providing business development, market analysis and legislative advocacy services to clients ranging from America’s largest aerospace companies to technology startups. During 2001 and 2002, he served the Secretary of Defense as a special assistant for legislative affairs, spearheading Department of Defense efforts within Congress on missile defense, strategic weapons and international security policies and programs. Mr. Luddy served for six years in the United States Senate, as a senior defense aide to two subcommittee chairmen on the Armed Services Committee and as Senior Policy Advisor to a member of Senate leadership. Mr. Luddy holds a Master’s degree in International Relations from Tufts University’s Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, a Bachelor’s degree in history from Bates College, and is a graduate of the U.S. Army’s Ranger and Airborne Schools.

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**Patrick H. Mason**  
Deputy Program Executive, Aviation • U.S. Army

Mr. Mason assumed supports the Program Executive Officer in leading the development, integration, testing, acquisition, fielding, sustainment, and modernization for Army Aviation. This includes oversight of an annual appropriation of more than $7 billion and a workforce of approximately 2,500 military, civilian, and contract personnel Previously, Mr. Mason served as Chief of Staff for the Aviation Development Directorate of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center. Earlier, he was the Director of the U.S. Army Redstone Test Center (RTC) and oversaw a 1200 person reimbursable workforce in the execution of developmental testing for aviation, missile, and sensor systems. His success leading RTC’s organizational and business transformation was cited by the U.S. Army Office of Business Transformation as “best in class.” Mr. Mason’s education includes a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology; a Master of Aeronautical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, and the U.S. Army War College.
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Jennifer Bisceglie
Chief Executive Officer • Interos
Ms. Jennifer Bisceglie has 25 years of industry experience managing risk in the global economy. In 2018, she recognized the emerging power of artificial intelligence and machine learning, transforming the company into a product-driven organization and establishing the Interos Platform – a technology that automates the discovery and response to third party risk in every tier of global supply chains. A much sought-after expert on third-party and supply chain risk, and the development of new technologies that foster business intelligence, she has been called on to share her expertise with numerous professional organizations and congressional committees, including the Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus, the Homeland Security Governmental Affairs Committee, and the U.S.–China Economic Security Review Commission.

Ryan Elliott
Partner • Kearney
Mr. Ryan Elliott has more than 20 years of management consulting experience, focusing on aerospace and defense supply chain challenges. Mr. Elliott works with the government, prime contractors, and tier suppliers to improve operations and reduce waste. He also often advises private equity clients on strategy and operations and leads US private equity in A&D for Kearney. Recently, he led development of the INSITE methodology, which combines the power of Interos artificial intelligence, and the Kearney’s deep supply chain expertise, to accelerate clients’ understanding of supply chain risk. Mr. Elliott joined Kearney from the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia, and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Washington and Lee University.

Kenneth Herbert
Managing Director • Canaccord Genuity
Mr. Kenneth Herbert is a Managing Director and Senior Aerospace & Defense analyst at Canaccord Genuity. As the US Industrial sector research team leader, he is responsible for global A&D research at Canaccord. Prior to Canaccord, he was the senior A&D analyst at Imperial Capital and Wedbush Securities. From 2003-2009, he ran the A&D consulting practice at Frost & Sullivan and was an associate to the No.1-ranked machinery analyst at Salomon Smith Barney from 2000-2003. Mr. Herbert received his MBA from the University of Michigan.
Rick Nagel  
Managing Partner • Acorn Growth Companies

Mr. Rick Nagel leads Acorn’s strategic direction and its portfolio assets and first served as its Advisory Board Member. In 2004, he joined as a partner, launching the firm’s private equity practice. Also, he leads and is responsible for Acorn’s current geographic footprint, fund operations, fundraising activity, investment deal generation, portfolio integrations and performance improvement initiatives. Prior to joining Acorn, he was with Platinum Equity as part of their operating team where he led several revitalization and transformation strategies that spanned high growth enterprises and successful turnarounds. Mr. Nagel is a current member of the Board of Governors for the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), the Oklahoma Aerospace Association and the U.S. Air Force Association.

Chris Celtruda  
Managing Principal • Destiny Equity Partners

Mr. Chris Celtruda is a long tenured senior executive with extensive public and private company operating leadership experience in the Aerospace and Defense market. Recently he served as the CEO for Kellstrom Defense Holdings and completed the sale of the business in Q1 of 2020. During his tenure at Kellstrom, he led a global team that focused on the operational turnaround of the business and establishing a balanced growth strategy. Sales growth initiatives included the acquisition of a number of specialty defense manufacturing businesses and connecting the portfolio of aftermarket solutions to a global customer base. Mr. Celtruda has returned to a leadership role at Destiny Equity Partners, an independent advisory firm that he established in 2012. Previous executive leadership roles include serving as President and Corporate Officer for the $1.2 Billion Gardner Denver Industrial Products business unit and as the Group Executive and Corporate Officer who led the formation of the global Aerospace & Defense division of CIRCOR International. His formative career was spent in a variety of roles of increasing responsibility in the aerospace, defense and power generation market verticals with Honeywell International and the former AlliedSignal. Mr. Celtruda holds a Bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maine and an MBA from the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University, with studies in International Management at École Superiere de Commerce in Toulouse, France.

Sheila Kahyaoglu  
Managing Director, Equity Research • Jefferies

Ms. Sheila Kahyaoglu joined Jefferies in March 2012, covering the Aerospace and Defense sector. Ms. Kahyaoglu was ranked Rising Star by Institutional Investor’s All-America Research poll in 2015 and 2014. Prior to Jefferies, she was a research analyst at Credit Suisse covering the Electrical Equipment and Multi Industry space, and was also previously a Leveraged Finance analyst at JPMorgan. Ms. Kahyaoglu holds a Bachelor’s degree in Economics from New York University.
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Shawn A. Barnes
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration • USAF

Mr. Shawn Barnes, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Space Acquisition and Integration until the President nominates and the Senate confirms an individual to this position. Mr. Barnes is responsible for carrying out Air Force space missions and integrating space policy, guidance, coordination and synchronization of space-related activities, and issue resolution for the Department of the Air Force. Mr. Barnes initiated his civil service with the U.S. Department of Agriculture where he assisted with research on, and vaccine development for, some of the world’s most dangerous infectious animal diseases. In 1985, he left the USDA to join the Air Force and retired from the service in 2013 as a colonel. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Deputy Principal Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force for Space, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Virginia. Mr. Barnes holds a Bachelor’s degree in Marine Biology from Long Island University in New York and a Master’s degree in Political Science from Auburn University in Alabama.

Raanan Horowitz
President & CEO • Elbit Systems of America

Mr. Raanan Horowitz sets the strategic and operational direction of the company, and serves as a member of its Board of Directors. During his tenure, he has been instrumental in leading the company’s organic growth and strategic acquisitions, resulting in its evolution as a leader in providing capabilities for defense, homeland security and medical diagnostics applications. The company operates in six major geographical locations in the U.S. and is involved in developing, manufacturing and sustaining innovative solutions for critical missions and needs. Mr. Horowitz serves on the Board of Governors of the Aerospace Industries Association, the Board of Directors for the National Defense Industrial Association, and is a member of the Walls Street Journal CEO Council and Business Executives for National Security. Mr. Horowitz received an MBA from the Seidman School of Business at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. Also, he was awarded a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tel-Aviv University in Israel.

Mark C. Cherry
Vice President & General Manager Phantom Works • Boeing Defense, Space & Security

Mr. Mark Cherry oversees an advanced research and development organization that is responsible for engaging customers through cutting-edge visual modeling and simulation; innovating cross-cutting concepts and technologies; prototyping solutions to extend current products and win new programs; and developing new businesses and entering new markets. Mr. Cherry joined the company in November 2017 from Aurora Flight Sciences where he served as president and chief operating officer for the past five years. In this role, he was involved in the development of autonomous systems that include perception, machine learning and advanced flight-control systems. Mr. Cherry holds an MBA from Stanford University and a Master’s degree in Systems and Aeronautical Engineering from the Air Force.
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**Jeff A. Babione**  
Vice President and General Manager, Skunk Works • Lockheed Martin  
Mr. Jeff Babione is responsible for leading all activities and personnel across the Aeronautics enterprise. Prior to leading the Skunk Works, he was the Executive Vice President and General Manager, F-35 Lightning II Program, at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. In this role, he led all areas of the F-35 Lightning II fighter aircraft program to include development, production, sustainment and modernization supporting three F-35 aircraft variants for three U.S. military services, eight international partner nations and multiple foreign military sales customers. Mr. Babione served as Vice President and Deputy General Manager, F-35 Lightning II Program, from March 2013 to December 2015. Prior to joining the F-35 program, he served as Vice President and General Manager, F-16/F-22 Integrated Fighter Group, where he led all aspects of the development, manufacture and sustainment of the F-16 Fighting Falcon and the F-22 Raptor. His career began with the Boeing Company in Seattle as a structural engineer. Mr. Babione holds a bachelor's degree in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering from Virginia Tech, a Master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Washington, and an MBA from the University of Tennessee.

**James F. Geurts**  
Undersecretary for Acquisition • US Navy  
Mr. James F. Geurts has oversight of an annual budget in excess of $100 billion and is responsible for equipping and supporting the finest Sailors and Marines in the world with the best platforms, systems and technology as they operate around the globe in defense of the Nation. Previously, he served as the Acquisition Executive, U.S. Special Operations Command, at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, where he was responsible for all special operations forces acquisition, technology and logistics. Prior to Senior Executive Service, Mr. Geurts began his career as an Air Force officer where he served as an acquisition program manager with engineering and program management leadership positions in numerous weapon systems including intercontinental ballistic missiles, surveillance platforms, tactical fighter aircraft, advanced avionics systems, stealth cruise missiles, training systems and manned and unmanned special operations aircraft. Mr. Geurts is a distinguished 1987 ROTC graduate from Lehigh University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He holds a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB and in National Security Resourcing from Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, Washington.

**Barry Chapman**  
Vice President, A&D, Federal & Marine Industries • Siemens Digital Industries Software  
Mr. Barry Chapman and his team at Siemens Digital Industries Software provide industry expertise on how to leverage digital twin and digital thread technologies to transform organizations. His responsibility covers the customer facing organization including sales, marketing and consulting service within the aerospace and defense, U.S. federal and marine industries in North America. Mr. Chapman has spent his career working collaboratively with innovative companies to provide software solutions that help companies design, manufacture and support their products in a way to gain a competitive advantage through product and process innovation. Prior to working in enterprise software, he started his career at United Technologies, Otis Elevator. Mr. Chapman has a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Marquette University and an MBA from DePaul University.
Timothy J. Sweitzer
Director, Digital Shipbuilding • Huntington Ingalls Industries Newport News Shipbuilding

Mr. Timothy Sweitzer is responsible for the budget, schedule, and execution of full value stream digitalization across multiple ship design and construction programs. The effort includes defining, integrating, deploying, and sustaining applicable business processes, workforce development, and supporting software tools. Since joining the company, he has held numerous leadership positions including Manager of Production Engineering, Manager of Planning, Director of Quality and Process Excellence and Director of Material Engineering. Mr. Sweitzer holds a Bachelor’s degree in Aerospace Engineering from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and graduated from the Leaders for Manufacturing program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with Master’s degrees in Management and Mechanical Engineering.

Jeffrey Reed
Director, Engineering - Model Based Tool Development • Northrop Grumman

Mr. Jeffrey Reed is responsible for leading the digital transformation within Engineering at Northrop Grumman through the implementation of enterprise systems, business architecture and new engineering software tools deployed throughout the Sector. Mr. Reed and his team support over 6000 engineers throughout the Aeronautics Sector and he leads the Model Based Engineering Community of Practice establishing the next generation of digitally connected engineering tools while ensuring affordable implementation for programs. In addition, he is responsible for all engineering initiatives within the NG Integrated Digital Enterprise where the Team is expanding the Digital Thread throughout the Product Lifecycle. Previously, he was Department Manager for the Air Vehicle Systems Engineering organization providing Engineering support personnel to all programs at the MAD COE. Mr. Reed earned a Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a Master’s degree in Business Management from Florida Tech.

Dan Hendrickson
Vice President, Business Development • Astrobotic

Mr. Dan Hendrickson leads Astrobotic’s lunar payload delivery sales and corporate sponsorships for the company’s robotic missions to the Moon. Prior to Astrobotic, he served as the Director of Civil and Commercial Space Systems at the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA). During his time at AIA, he was a consensus builder among a council of 50 U.S. space companies to provide the U.S. Government guidance on key civil space industry views. Mr. Hendrickson developed more than 25 AIA industry consensus-based position papers for input to NASA, NOAA, FAA, OSTP, and Congress. Prior to his time at AIA, Mr. Hendrickson served as a civilian mission assurance engineer at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station where he was a U.S. government representative for the checkout, assembly, and launch of five successful Atlas V launch campaigns.
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Greg Stonesifer  
Program Director - One EVA • Collins Aerospace  
Mr. Greg Stonesifer is responsible for delivering on the over $1 billion sustaining engineering and hardware effort for the Extravehicular Mobility Unit, or spacesuit, and EVA Tools and Crew Aids for NASA’s International Space Station. Prior to this position, he served as the chief engineer for the EVA Systems Contract which integrated several contracts that supported EVA functions and combined them under one prime contractor. This contract provided sustainment of all EVA hardware used on the Space Shuttle and ISS. Mr. Stonesifer has also previously served as the Houston Program Manager for the Extravehicular Mobility Unit Contract. Prior to joining Collins Aerospace, he supported various space initiatives for Boeing and Lockheed Martin. Mr. Stonesifer earned his Bachelor’s degree in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, and earned his MBA from Tulane University.

Kim B. Doering  
Vice President, Space Division • Dynetics  
Ms. Kim Doering is responsible for managing advanced space projects for NASA, the Department of Defense, and commercial customers. Ms. Doering is a 36-year aerospace veteran with 13 years’ experience at NASA, including serving as deputy program manager of the Space Shuttle Program. Ms. Doering came to Dynetics in April 2012 from United Space Alliance (USA) where she was vice president of Business Development and Huntsville Site Manager, leading USA’s support of NASA’s Space Shuttle, International Space Station, and Constellation Program work in Alabama. Prior to joining USA in 2001, Ms. Doering served as NASA’s deputy manager of the Space Shuttle Program. Ms. Doering holds a Bachelor’s degree in metallurgical engineering from the University of Notre Dame.

Joe Anselmo  
Editor-in-Chief, Aviation Week & Space Technology • Aviation Week Network  
Mr. Joe Anselmo became Editor-in-Chief of Aviation Week & Space Technology in 2013, leading a team of more than two dozen aerospace journalists in the U.S., Europe and Asia-Pacific. Mr. Anselmo has 28 years of experience as a Washington, D.C. based editor and reporter, covering a wide array of business, political, military, space and technology issues at Aviation Week, Congressional Quarterly and the Washington Post Co. Under his leadership, Aviation Week has won numerous accolades for its in-depth reporting and deep dives into aerospace technology, including eight Jesse H. Neal Journalism Awards and numerous Aerospace Media Awards. In 2015, he helped spearhead a digital initiative that provides subscribers with fresh content every day via mobile phones, tablets or desktop computers. To mark Aviation Week’s 100th anniversary in 2016, the publication’s entire archive — more than 440,000 pages of covers, articles and advertisements — was digitized into a searchable online archive. During his reporting career, he has won three Aerospace Journalist of the Year awards. A graduate of Ohio University, he was elected three times to the National Press Club’s Board of Governors, including one term as board chairman.
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Carole Rickard Hedden
Executive Editor-Program Excellence and AWIN • Aviation Week Network
Ms. Carole Rickard Hedden joined Aviation Week in 1996 and provides leadership on the annual Program Excellence initiative and Aviation Week Network’s custom content and Executive Intelligence product lines. Prior to joining Aviation Week, Hedden worked for 20 years in the news media and as a corporate communications leader for Austin Peay State University, Honeywell Defense Avionics, and Corning Incorporated.

Michael Bruno
Senior Business Editor & Content Manager • Aviation Week Network
Based in Washington, Mr. Michael Bruno is Aviation Week’s Senior Business Editor and he covers aviation, aerospace and defense businesses, their supply chains and related issues. Since joining Aviation Week in 2005, he also has covered U.S. federal budgets, regulatory issues and congressional affairs. Besides reporting, he regularly hosts or helps organize Aviation Week’s conferences and events. For six years through 2012, he was managing editor of a unique team of defense and space reporters and freelancers that garnered three Jesse H. Neal business journalism awards, called “the Pulitzer Prize of business media.” Mr. Bruno further has received two Neals and has been a finalist for other awards including the annual media awards at the Paris and Farnborough airshows and is also a founding author of Aviation Week & Space Technology’s Going Concerns business column. Before Aviation Week, he was a staff writer for the Washington Post and Bloomberg BNA. Mr. Bruno has a Master’s in Print Journalism from Syracuse University and a Bachelor’s from Vanderbilt University.

Jen DiMascio
Executive Editor, Defense & Space • Aviation Week Network
Ms. Jen DiMascio manages Aviation Week’s worldwide defense, space and security coverage. Prior to taking on her current role, she was Aviation Week’s Congressional Editor. Ms. DiMascio came to Aviation Week in March 2011 from Politico, where she covered the intersection of defense and politics, and has also worked as a reporter and editor for Defense Daily, Inside the Army, The Other Paper and The Columbus Dispatch. Ms. DiMascio graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in history and journalism from the University of Michigan, and received a Master’s degree in journalism as a Kiplinger Fellow at the Ohio State University.
Lee Hudson
Pentagon Editor, Aviation Week & Space Technology • Aviation Week Network

Ms. Lee Hudson covers the Pentagon for Aviation Week. Prior to joining Aviation Week in June 2018, she was Managing Editor for Inside the Navy at Inside Defense and has covered national security since 2011, reporting at the Pentagon, Capitol Hill, aboard ships and military facilities around the U.S. Previously, she worked as a staff reporter at The Daily Review in Morgan City, LA, covering local government and crime. Ms. Hudson holds a Bachelor’s degree in Mass Communication and Marketing from Loyola University New Orleans.

Guy Norris
Senior Editor • Aviation Week Network

Mr. Guy Norris was educated at King Williams College, Isle of Man and the University of Liverpool, UK. He started his career in aerospace journalism as a London correspondent for Swiss-based Interavia, before working for Jane’s Information Group and later joined Flight International as Technical Editor and was posted to Los Angeles as US West Coast Editor. In 2007 he joined the staff of Aviation Week & Space Technology as Senior Editor and Los Angeles Bureau Chief. Mr. Norris has published 17 aviation books, and written in the aerospace section of an educational encyclopedia making him the recipient of several journalism awards including the American Aerospace Writers Association and Royal Aeronautical Society’s journalist of the year awards and was also honored with the RAeS’s Decade of Excellence award in 2006, and in 2009 and 2013 he won the Jesse H. Neal National Business Journalism Award for best technical content. Mr. Norris won the Aerospace Media Award in 2015 for the best military aviation submission and was the recipient of the Aerospace Industries Association Lauren D. Lyman Award for outstanding achievement in aerospace communications. In 2016 he was elected an honorary Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Joanna Speed
Managing Director, A&D and SpeedNews Conferences • Aviation Week Network

In 1979, Gilbert Speed, one of the aviation industry’s respected entrepreneurs, launched SpeedNews, along with his wife Ann Speed, which quickly became the aviation industry’s most innovative newsletter. Under the tutelage of her father Gil, Joanna Speed began her informal education in aerospace and aviation at SpeedNews and studied business in the Pepperdine University graduate program. Ms. Speed then took on an executive management role with greater responsibility within the company, streamlined the company to increase revenue and reduce costs, led the effort toward online distribution and created new marketing programs for large corporate subscribers. When SpeedNews Conferences emerged as the nation’s most influential forecasting and intelligence forums, Ms. Speed refined and expanded marketing strategies for the Aviation Suppliers Conferences. As Managing Director, she introduced four successful forecasting and intelligence forums for the Aerospace & Defense Industry. In 2006, SpeedNews was purchased by Penton and following Penton’s acquisition of Aviation Week in 2013, Ms. Speed was promoted to Managing Director, Aerospace & Defense Events for the Aviation Week Network, with an expanded portfolio including DefenseChain, featuring Program Excellence Awards Banquet, A&D Mergers & Acquisitions Conference, Laureate Awards, and Executive Roundtables. Penton was acquired by Informa in 2016. In 2020, Ms. Speed received the Service to the Flag Award for Industry, by Women in Defense, a subsidiary organization under the National Defense Industrial Association.
Graham Warwick
Executive Editor, Technology • Aviation Week Network

Graham leads Aviation Week’s coverage of technology, focusing on engineering and technology across the aerospace industry, with a special focus on identifying technologies of strategic importance to aviation, aerospace and defense. Born and educated in Scotland, he graduated in aeronautical engineering and worked in advanced design at Hawker Siddeley Aviation in the U.K. before becoming an aerospace journalist. Before joining Aviation Week in April 2008, he spent almost 30 years with weekly aerospace news magazine Flight International, most recently as Americas Editor based in the U.S. Graham is a winner of the Decade of Excellence award for aviation journalism, and a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. He was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2018 Aerospace Media Awards. In 2013 the Jesse H. Neal award for Best Technical Content was awarded to Graham Warwick and Guy Norris for their Advanced Propulsion feature.