



**Dr. Raymond D. O'Toole, Jr.  
Acting Director,  
Operational Test and Evaluation  
Office of the Secretary of Defense**

Dr. Raymond D. O'Toole, Jr., was appointed Acting Director of DOT&E on January 10, 2025. During his time at DOT&E he has served two previous stints as Acting Deputy Director, from Jan 2021 to December 2021, and again from December 2023 until April 2024.

Dr. O'Toole joined DOT&E on March 3, 2019, when he was appointed Deputy Director of Naval Warfare. On February 16, 2020, he was promoted to Principal Deputy Director, Operational Test and Evaluation.

Prior to becoming Principal Deputy Director, Dr. O'Toole was DOT&E's Deputy Director for Naval Warfare. In this capacity, he oversaw the operational and live-fire testing of ships and submarines and their associated sensors, combat and communications systems, and weapons. Dr. O'Toole also was responsible for overseeing the adequacy of test infrastructure and resources to support operational and live-fire testing for all acquisition programs across the Defense Department.

Before joining DOT&E, he was the Deputy Group Director of Aircraft Carrier Design and Systems Engineering at Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). Prior to that, Dr. O'Toole was the Director of Systems Engineering Division (Submarines and Undersea Systems), where he led a diverse team of engineers who supported all submarine program managers. His other NAVSEA assignments included ship design manager and Navy technical authority for USS VIRGINIA Class submarines during the design and new construction phases, and for amphibious ships, auxiliary ships, and command and control ships during in-service operations.

Dr. O'Toole's other previous positions within the Defense Department include Deputy Program Executive Officer (Maritime and Rotary Wing) at U.S. Special Operations Acquisition Command. He also served on the staff of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development & Acquisition (Ship Programs), and was Deputy Director of Regional Maintenance for COMPACFLT (N43).

Dr. O'Toole has more than 30 years of experience as a naval officer (active and reserve), retiring at the rank of captain. His significant tours included five as commanding officer.

Dr. Raymond D. O'Toole, Jr. is a native of Long Island, NY, and a graduate of the State University of New York - Maritime College, where he earned a Bachelor of Engineering in marine engineering. He also holds a Master of Engineering in systems engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a Master of Science in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and a Doctorate in Engineering in the field of engineering management from The George Washington University where he taught as a professional lecturer of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering until April 2024.

Dr. O'Toole was awarded the U.S. Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive in FY2024. He also has received the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award twice and the Department of the Navy Meritorious and Superior Civilian awards.