

Paul A. Polski

Summary Biography

Paul A. Polski is the Senior Advisor to the Chief Technology Officer of the Transportation Security Administration. He has a broad array of responsibilities in establishing and coordinating business operations and processes for this vital technology management enterprise. The primary office effort is major development and deployment of security technology to all 450 U.S. commercial airports. His Division also supports requirements for transformation to the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NGATS). Previously, Mr. Polski directed the RDT&E of aviation security technology for 12 years at the FAA Aviation Security Laboratory. His Division developed over 40 successful major security systems including explosives detection systems, aircraft hardening systems and other counterterrorist equipment. Mr. Polski was a Senior Associate with Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc. managing aviation programs. As a Navy Captain, he was Program Manager for the Navy T-45 Aircraft Program and Deputy Director of Naval Aviation Test and Evaluation. Earlier, Captain Polski was Program Manager of the Navy A-4 Skyhawk Aircraft program and led the Navy engineering team in completing the successful design and development of the Tomahawk Cruise Missile System. He also led the Navy engineering team in completing the successful design and development of the F-18 Hornet fighter aircraft and directed fleet support of the F-14 Tomcat fighter aircraft and the A-7 Corsair II attack aircraft. Polski was a Navy carrier fighter and attack pilot flying alert missions over Europe, Cuba and South East Asia. He flew 96 combat missions from the USS America during the 1968 Tet Offensive in Viet Nam. He also served test pilot tours at Point Mugu, CA and Patuxent River, MD. He has flown over 40 aircraft types and logged over 6,000 hours of flight time including 580 carrier landings. Polski is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the George Washington University, the Empire Test Pilots' School, the U.S. Naval Academy and Mesabi College. He was awarded the 2003 Service to America Medal, Homeland Security Category, for directing the development of aviation security technology used to combat terrorism.