



Kalmen I. Leikach

Current Position: Senior Strategic Advisor, Sabre Systems, Inc.

Kal serves as a senior strategic advisor providing corporate business development and operations teams with knowledge, expertise and support across all company capability and solution domains. He currently is the Sabre Capability Lead for Autonomous Systems and represents the state of Maryland as the industry voice to the Mid Atlantic Aviation Partnership in support of the FAA initiative to integrate unmanned vehicles into the National Airspace System.

Experience:

Kal joined Sabre in July, 2013 after 42 distinguished years of federal civilian service with the United States Navy. In his last assignment, he served as the Deputy Commander, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) with responsibilities for organizational planning, efficiency, and effectiveness; leadership and management of a 37000 person workforce; execution of \$40B/yr budgets; and implementation/oversight of NAVAIR's five core processes (acquisition management, engineering research and development, test and evaluation, in-service support, and repair/modification) that underpin the success of all Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs. Previously, as a member of the Navy's Senior Executive Service, he was assigned as the NAVAIR Deputy Assistant Commander for Logistics and Industrial Operations (2005-2010) and as the NAVAIR Air Vehicle Engineering Department Head (1999-2004).

Education:

Bachelor of Science Aerospace Engineering, high honors, University of Maryland (1971)
Master degree credits completed in Mathematics/Statistics, Villanova University (1977)

Professional Affiliations and Accomplishments:

Tau Beta Pi, National Engineering Honor Society (Inactive)
Sigma Gamma Tau, National Aerospace Engineering Honor Society (Inactive)
AUVSI Member, Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International
SES Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive Service, 2006 and 2011
Department of the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award, 2012

Community Involvement:

Southern Maryland Navy Alliance - Mid Atlantic Aviation Partnership Industry Representative
Strategic Roundtable- Sabre Representative