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Mr. Mark D. Meno is the chief engineer at Fleet Readiness Center East (FRC-E) in Cherry Point, NC. He and his team—comprised of over 900 engineers, scientists, technicians and support staff—provide sustainment, maintenance and fleet operational support engineering for all assigned Navy and Marine Corps aircraft, equipment and support systems. The multiple type/model/series Navy and Marine Corps aircraft (with a special focus on helicopters, vertical lift and short take-off and landing aircraft) assigned to



their team include the AV-8B, C-130, F-35B, H-1, H-53, H-60, MQ-8, RQ-21, VH-92 and the V-22. They cover a broad range of aviation specialty areas within disciplines that include systems engineering, quality engineering, reliability, materials & process engineering, composites, structures, rotors, engines, drives, starters, mechanical systems, avionics, automated test equipment, test program set development, and support equipment.

Mr. Meno earned a B.S. in chemical engineering from Virginia Tech in 1994. Upon graduation, he was employed at FRC-East (which was then Naval Aviation Depot Cherry Point) and served as a materials engineer responsible for organic coating removal, corrosion control, and aircraft and hot section engine cleaning technologies deployed in the FRC production environment. He then moved into management serving as the analytical chemistry and composites supervisor. He moved into command leadership soon after, first as the engineering sciences department head followed by the air vehicle department head. He spent a year serving as the command's first Senior Civilian and has been the head of research and engineering as the chief engineer at the location since 2015.