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Teams: Defense & Aerospace, Government Relations, Naval & Missile Defense

Expertise Areas

- Naval Aviation, Weapons Systems, and Multi-Domain Autonomous and Manned Platforms
- Operational Analysis, Modeling & Simulation (M&S), and Live Virtual Constructive Environments
- Congressional and Military Government Relations

Professional Experience

Admiral Browne supports clients with his decades of experience in naval-focused domains, with expertise in modeling and simulation, aviation, weapons systems, and platforms, together with associated program strategy, implementation, leadership, and organizational culture. He holds an active TS/SCI clearance.

Prior to joining The SPECTRUM Group, Admiral Browne served as Director, Assessment Division, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Staff, leading advanced M&S efforts for integrated systems and Navy budget-determining evaluation of multi-domain autonomous and manned platforms, integrated readiness, and posture. Previously, as Director, Navy's 21st Century Sailor Office, CNO Staff, he led development, management, and oversight of 32 Navy-wide Sailor and family programs, including implementation of Navy Task Force One (TF1N), focused on diversity, equity and inclusion (DE&I) improvements, and the Navy Office of Women's Policy, addressing female Sailor-focused matters.

Admiral Browne also served as the Executive Officer, Air Warfare Branch for the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E) in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). There, he led analysis and reporting on major defense acquisition programs, and provided key insights on the effectiveness and suitability of weapons systems to Congress and senior Department of Defense (DoD) leadership. His command roles included serving as Commanding Officer of the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72), USS GREEN BAY (LPD-20), and STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 34 (VFA-34), and as Executive Officer, USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70).

Key Positions

- CNO Staff: OPNAV N81, Director of Assessments Division, and OPNAV N17, Director of the 21st Century Sailor Office
- Commanding Officer, CVN-72, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Education

- M.A., National Security and Strategic Studies, U.S. Naval War College
- B.S., Systems Engineering, U.S. Naval Academy

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