

Darin Nielsen

Darin W. Nielsen earned his Naval Flight Officer wings in July 1992. He completed Bombardier/Navigator (BN) training and was assigned to VA-95 at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington. He transitioned to the EA-6B Prowler and was assigned to VX-9. There, he was the AGM-88 HARM Project Officer, also participating in various EA-6B and F/A-18C/D test programs. Darin became a Drilling Reservist in 1999 and began working as a services contractor at NBVC Point Mugu, California, supporting the Electronic Warfare Database System (EWDS) lab as a Sensor Engineer. He then became the Jammer Technique Optimization (JATO) Fleet Liaison Team Lead and stood up a nation-wide team to support EA-6B (and eventually EA-18G) tactical jamming operations.

After retiring from the Navy, in 2009, Darin moved into positions of progressively greater responsibility on the company side, eventually being made the Engility Navy Western Region Business Director, responsible for all Navy programs in the Western Region.

In 2018, Darin accepted a position as Vice President/Site Lead for Elbit Systems of America, running M7 Aerospace/San Antonio Operations in San Antonio, TX. He was responsible for operations and P&L, overseeing three business lines: OEM support for the Metroliner Aircraft, Contractor Logistics Support/Mx, and a full-platform MRO.

In 2023, Darin joined Air Combat Effectiveness Consulting Group (ACE Group) as their CEO. ACE is an SDVOSB services contractor supporting the DOD in modeling and simulation, operations analysis, electronic warfare, systems engineering and other technical services. Darin received an MBA from Pepperdine University's Graziadio School of Business Management in 2014.