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Gerard A. "Duke" Dufresne is sector vice president and general manager of Unmanned Systems at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems, a premier provider of manned and unmanned aircraft, space systems and advanced technologies critical to our nation's security.

In this role, Dufresne oversees major programs, including the RQ-4 Global Hawk unmanned reconnaissance system, MQ-4C Broad Area Maritime Surveillance Unmanned Aircraft System, NATO Alliance Ground Surveillance, Firebird Optionally Piloted Vehicle, MQ-8 Fire Scout and Euro Hawk. He also leads advanced development programs to offer innovative future solutions that meet emerging customer needs.

During his more than 20 years with Northrop Grumman, Dufresne has held a variety of key positions, most recently as sector vice president of Aerospace Systems' former Strike and Surveillance Systems Division. He has also served as vice president for the Airborne Early Warning and Electronic Warfare business unit, vice president and deputy for Air Combat Systems (ACS) and vice president and Long Range Strike program manager at the former Integrated Systems sector.

His earlier service included 11 years on the B-2 program as manager of Flight Line and Delivery Operations and vice president of Operations at the company's site in Palmdale, Calif. Dufresne also served as vice president of Operations and Quality for ACS, program manager on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program and vice president for Unmanned Systems.

Dufresne holds a Bachelor of Science in aeronautical engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and a Master of Business Administration from the University of West Florida. He is a 1995 graduate of Harvard's Program for Management Development.

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