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Mr. Rathke spent six years as a mechanic in the US Navy submarine force, onboard the USS Dallas (SSN 700). After the US Navy he attended The Ohio State University where he graduated in 1998. After graduation Mr. Rathke spent nearly 6 years working at Lockheed Martin Skunkworks, supporting aerospace programs like the F-22, U-2, F-117, and X-35. In 2004, he began civilian service at NASIC, where he eventually became one of the US Air Force's leading authority on foreign fixed wing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs).

EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, The Ohio State University

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. August 1985 – August 1991, US Navy Submarine Force
2. June 1998 – January 2004, Quality & Aerospace Engineer, Lockheed Martin Skunkworks
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