

Jack O'Banion

Jack O'Banion is Vice President, Strategy & Customer Requirements for Advanced Development Programs (ADP), also known as the Skunk Works®. In this capacity, Mr. O'Banion is responsible for engagement with DoD customers to understand the operational challenges they face throughout the battlespace and the identification of innovative solutions to address those challenges. Mr. O'Banion duties include alignment of ADP's vision and strategy with current and emerging customer requirements, identification of the necessary technology investments to meet those requirements and formulation of new product initiatives at ADP.



Mr. O'Banion's work at the Skunk Works includes projects ranging from new Air Dominance and Strike platforms and capabilities, C4ISR and Distributed Battle Management solutions, Next-Generation Air Mobility Aircraft, Advanced Un-manned Aerial Systems, Autonomy and Human/Machine Teaming, Hypersonics, Directed Energy and advanced power generation solutions such as Compact Fusion Power. Mr O'Banion's efforts also include enhancements to current weapon systems to enhance their effectiveness and maintain their relevance in the face of rapidly changing operational needs.

Prior to his current role, Mr. O'Banion served as the Director of the Air Mobility Improvements and Derivatives Team for ADP, where he was responsible for providing new capability solutions for the C-130, C-5, P-3 and S-3 aircraft. Mr. O'Banion also served as the Director of C-130 Special Mission Programs where he was responsible for development, production, fielding and sustainment of the Air Force Special Operations Command's new MC-130J Combat Commando II Special Operations Aircraft, Air Combat Command's new HC-130J Combat King II Search and Rescue Aircraft and initiation of the AC-130J Ghost Rider Gunship Program.

Prior to leading Special Mission Programs, Mr. O'Banion was Program Director of U.S. Government C-130 Programs. In this role, he was responsible for the development, certification and introduction to operational service of the USAF C-130J Combat Delivery aircraft, USAF C-130J-30 stretch version of the C-130J model, and the WC-130J Hurricane Hunter weather reconnaissance aircraft. He was also responsible for leading Air Mobility Programs strategic planning efforts and for the development of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics' long-term vision for Air Mobility. His responsibilities included strategic planning and formulation of technology roadmaps for Aeronautics C-5M, C-130J and C-130B-H product lines as well as the definition and launch of new products to meet emerging air mobility requirements.

Prior to his selection for Program Management development in 1995, Mr. O'Banion served as Aeronautics' advanced design lead for new product development in the Navy Programs & Surveillance line of business. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1987 receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering with honors and graduated from Emory University in 1995 receiving a Master of Business Administration degree and the Most Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Mr. O'Banion and his wife Tammy have two sons, Austin and Brandon. His hobbies include general aviation flying and cattle ranching.