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GP is a Navy Reserve (NR) Engineering Duty Officer assigned to the Defense Innovation Unit's space portfolio, where his focus is on operationalizing commercial space technologies for national security space. Previously he led the innovation efforts of the Tenth Fleet's Navy Cyber Warfare Development Group's reserve team. From 2017-2019, he led the reserve team supporting the acquisition and life cycle support of naval platforms at Naval Sea Systems Command. He also led and provided operational and technical support for the National Reconnaissance Office/Space and Naval Warfare Systems Commands' Space Field Activity HQ reserve unit. From 2009-2012, GP was the lead of the Navy Reserve detachment under the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. GP is a member of U.S. Navy's' Space Cadre with expertise in space operations (VS8) and acquisition (VR2).

GP started his career in the Navy after serving as a Platoon Sergeant in 2nd Medical Battalion during operations Desert Shield and Storm. In 1992, he was commissioned as an Engineering Duty Officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve. GP holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland, an M.S. in Space Systems, a D.Sc. in Aeronautics, Astronautics and Propulsion from George Washington University, an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from the Johns Hopkins University, and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. He is 2016-2017 Fellow of the MIT Seminar XXI.