



**Rear Admiral Daniel B. "Brian" Hendrickson
Military Deputy
Defense Innovation Unit – Experimental (DIUx)**

Rear Adm. Daniel “Brian” Hendrickson was recently named Military Deputy, Defense Innovation Unit –Experimental, by the Department of Defense. DIUx is a Silicon-Valley based initiative that will serve as a conduit between leading edge innovators and the Department of Defense.

He received his commission from the United States Naval Academy in May 1987. After a tour as a division officer aboard the USS Aquila (PHM-4), he transferred to Naval Special Warfare and completed Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL in 1990.

Hendrickson’s tours in Naval Special Warfare included assignments to SEAL Team 1, SEAL Team 3, Naval Special Warfare Support Activity 1, Naval Special Warfare (NSW) Unit 4, NSW Group 1, NSW Group 10, and NSW Command. Joint assignments include United States Military Group Colombia, Joint Special Operations Task Force (CJSOTF) - Horn of Africa, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Arabian Peninsula, CJSOTF-Afghanistan, JSOTF-Philippines and United States Operations Command. His service overseas includes Operations Restore Hope, Desert Shield, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Hendrickson holds a Bachelor of Science in English from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master of Business Administration from Harvard University. In addition, he has completed courses at the Air Command and Staff College and Joint Forces Staff College.