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Mr. Frank Pappano was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in September 2026 as the Army Test and Evaluation Command's Senior Test and Evaluation Official. In this capacity, he is responsible for agile and timely decision-making supporting all Portfolio Acquisition Executives, the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology), and the Transformation and Training Command. He approves continuous evaluation campaigns to produce risk-informed test and evaluation strategies prioritizing speed and effectiveness. Mr. Pappano is a principal technical advisor to ATEC's Commanding General, representing the command and providing test and evaluation expertise to senior leaders across the Army, Department of War, other services, and international partners.

Mr. Pappano formerly served as the Technical Director of the Aviation and Fires Evaluation Directorate within the Army Evaluation Center overseeing the technical execution of all the test and evaluation strategies and products from the Air and Missile Defense, Future Vertical Lift, Long-Range Precision Fires, Uncrewed Aerial Systems, and Counter-Uncrewed Aerial Systems portfolios. He later became the Offensive Fires Division Chief when the Army Evaluation Center and Operational Test Command merged into the Operational Evaluation Command in 2026.

His previous assignments include the Division Chief for Long-Range Precision Fires, ATEC Integrator for the Long-Range Precision Fires Cross Functional Team, Test Lead for Product Manager Precision Navigation and Timing, ATEC System Team Chair for Paladin and field artillery systems, Operations Research Analyst for U.S. Army Europe and Africa G35, Developmental Test Command Test Manager for tactical missile systems, and Reliability Evaluator for air defense systems.

Mr. Pappano earned a master's degree in engineering from the University of Maryland and a mathematics degree from Mercyhurst University. He also holds a Test & Evaluation Practitioner Certification from the Warfighting Acquisition University.

His awards include the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, and the Civilian Service Achievement Medal. Additionally, he is a recipient of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara in recognition for his contributions to the Army Artillery branch.

Mr. Pappano is married to his wife Brooke and has three daughters Vivienne, Gwyneth, and Adriana.