

General Atomics Opens Office in Patuxent River, Maryland



An F/A-18E Super Hornet landed aboard USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) flight deck marking the 1,000th recovery of a fixed-wing aircraft using Ford's Advanced Arresting Gear (AAG) in March 2020. GA-EMS' new office in Patuxent River, Maryland, will serve as a customer engagement center for the AAG and other programs. *U.S. NAVY / Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Gary Prill*

SAN DIEGO – General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems (GA-EMS) has opened an office in Patuxent River, Maryland, to serve as a customer engagement center supporting maritime and naval aviation programs and business growth initiatives in the region, the company announced May 3.

James Donnelly, GA-EMS' director of Maritime Program Operations, will be responsible for leading office operations and providing program support for GA-EMS' Aircraft Launch and Recovery Systems delivered to the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) for Ford-class aircraft carriers. Donnelly will also serve as a point of interface for other maritime programs in GA-EMS' growing portfolio of business activities on the Eastern Seaboard, including nuclear submarine construction support and unmanned undersea vehicle programs.

"We are excited to join the Pax River community, and have the convenience of proximity to our NAVAIR customer and an industry base that provides world-class technologies in support of the Navy," said Scott Forney, president of GA-EMS. "For nearly two decades, we've worked from our San Diego headquarters, Tupelo, Mississippi, center of excellence for manufacturing, and our Lakehurst, New Jersey, operations site to support NAVAIR's procurement and delivery of our Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System and Advanced Arresting Gear system for all Ford-class carriers. Now, our Pax River

office literally opens the door to our customers to help improve communication and collaboration at the local level. We look forward to strengthening existing partnerships and forging new relationships within the community to continue delivering technology innovations supporting the warfighter.”

Naval Air Station Patuxent River is the home of several tenant commands, including the Fleet Readiness Center Mid-Atlantic, the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, Naval Test Wing Atlantic, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division and NAVAIR headquarters. NAVAIR is the primary acquisition command for naval aviation.