



# John S. McCain Strategic Defense Fellowship Program



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**Organization:** Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation

**Education:**

- Johns Hopkins University, Master of Science in Applied Economics (2025)
- University of Virginia, Bachelor of Arts in Applied Statistics (2020)

Paul Franklin serves as an Operations Research Analyst with the Department of the Navy, where he provides cost analysis for major defense acquisition programs and supports data driven decision making across the Department of War. He brings a strong technical background in applied statistics and economics, paired with a long-standing commitment to military readiness and public service. As a McCain Strategic Defense Fellow, Paul aims to strengthen his leadership skills and broaden his impact by contributing independent, analytically rigorous insights to senior defense leaders. Paul has earned multiple performance awards for excellence, including recognition for identifying a \$40 million overbilling that enabled significant funding realignment. He has presented original research on military construction cost modeling at national conferences and developed an artificial intelligence model that outperformed published approaches in detecting foreign influence campaigns online. Paul enjoys raising his Shih Tzu and fostering dogs with his wife, Kathryn.

