

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

### **ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG (Ret.)** **(Nominated for a 2-year term)**

Admiral Thad Allen is an executive vice president in Booz/Allen/Hamilton's Departments of Justice and Homeland Security business. He completed his distinguished career in the U.S. Coast Guard as its 23rd Commandant, having served previously as Coast Guard Chief of Staff. In 2005, he was designated principal federal official for the U.S. government's response and recovery operations in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita throughout the Gulf Coast region. In 2010, President Barack Obama selected him to serve as the national incident commander for the unified response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Admiral Allen is a fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. A 1971 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, he holds a master's in public administration, The George Washington University, and a master's in management, the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

### **Mr. Philip M. Bilden** **(Nominated for a 3-year term)**

Philip Bilden is a co-founding member of HarbourVest Partners (\$42 billion in private equity assets). He established and managed the firm's Asian business for 15 years in Hong Kong and served in the senior leadership of firm management. Mr. Bilden retired as a Senior Advisor in 2016 after 25 years.

His non-profit service includes: Vice Chairman, Naval War College Foundation Board; Chairman, Center for Cyber Conflict Studies Task Force, NWC; Board of Directors, U.S. Naval Academy Foundation; Asia Pacific Advisory Board, Dean's Board of Advisors, Harvard Business School; Board of Visitors, Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

Mr. Bilden graduated magna cum laude, BS Foreign Service, 1986, Georgetown University, as Distinguished Military Graduate, Army Reserve Officer Training Corps. Mr. Bilden served in the U.S. Army Reserve, Military Intelligence, 1986–1996. Mr. Bilden received his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1991.

### **VADM Sally Brice-O'Hara, USCG (Ret.)** **(Nominated for a 3-year term)\***

Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara retired from the U.S. Coast Guard in July 2012. During 37 years of active duty, she achieved several firsts

for women, but is most proud to have been a role model and inspiration to all members of the service.

At the time of her retirement she was the 27th Vice Commandant, second in command, and Chief Operating Officer of the Coast Guard. Other flag assignments included: Deputy Commandant for Operations; Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District; Director of Reserve and Training; Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District; and Director of Personnel Management.

An Annapolis, Maryland, native, she graduated from Goucher College in 1974. She holds advanced degrees from the Harvard Kennedy School and the National War College.

Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara serves on the Board of the Coast Guard Foundation and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Board of Trustees. She also serves on the Military Advisory Board of First Command Financial Services.

### **ADM Jonathan W. Greenert, USN (Ret.)** **(Nominated for a 2-year term)**

Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert attended the U.S. Naval Academy, majored in Ocean Engineering, and was graduated and commissioned in June 1975. He completed studies in nuclear engineering and entered the nuclear submarine force.

His Navy career gave him the opportunity to serve as: Commander, U.S. Forces Micronesia; Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet; Chief Financial Officer of the Navy (OPNAV N8); Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command; Vice Chief of Naval Operations; and Chief of Naval Operations (2011–2015).

Admiral Greenert has been recognized for his leadership and distinguished performance with numerous awards and citations, including recognition from 8 international navies. He considers his greatest reward and to be the privilege of serving with and leading the hundreds of thousands of Sailors and civilians from around the U.S. who volunteer to protect and serve their nation.

### **RADM Margaret "Peg" Klein, USN (Ret.)** **(Nominated for a 1-year term)**

Rear Admiral Margaret Klein serves as the Dean of Leadership and Ethics for the Naval War College, also charge with supporting the Navy's leader development strategy.

She completed a 35-year Navy career in March 2017. Rear Admiral Klein's last active duty assignment was as the Secretary of Defense's Advisor for Military Professionalism. Prior to

her ODS tour, Klein served as Chief of Staff for the Joint Staff J5 and United States Cyber Command. In 2011, she commanded an Expeditionary Strike Group of three ships, 30 aircraft, and over 3,300 Sailor and Marines in combat operations in the Mediterranean Sea.

From 2008–2010, she served as Director of Operations for the Navy Network Warfare Command, the pre-cursor to Fleet Cyber Command. Klein served at the 82nd Commandant of Midshipman at the US Naval Academy, responsible for 4,400 midshipmen. Klein commanded an E-6 squadron and the Navy's nuclear command and control wing.

### **Mr. Kenneth O. Klepper** **(Nominated for a 3-year term)\***

Kenneth O. Klepper is Co-Founder, Chairman and CEO of ReactiveCore, an advanced technology company that facilitates innovation and business transformation by extracting critical information assets from legacy silos and arraying them in a modern big data platform to enable advanced analytics, business process automation and master data management.

Prior to Co-Founding ReactiveCore, Mr. Klepper served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Medco a fortune 35 pharmacy benefits provider, and is a twenty-year veteran of the managed care industry specializing in large-scale organizational change. Mr. Klepper oversaw Medco's sales and account market groups and all business operations, including Medco's world-class automated pharmacies and information technology group.

Prior to joining Medco, Mr. Klepper served in executive management positions at WellChoice, Inc. (formerly Empire BlueCross BlueShield) and Cigna Healthcare. Mr. Klepper is formerly a member of the United States Navy Corporate Executive Panel (CEP) providing advice and counsel to 5 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), and the Defense Business Board (DBB), which provides independent advice that reflects private sector perspective on proven and effective best business practices for application to the Department of Defense (DoD).

### **ADM Richard W. Mies, USN (Ret.)** **(Nominated for a 3-year term)\***

Admiral Richard Mies is the CEO of The Mies Group, Ltd. and provides strategic planning and risk assessment advice and assistance to clients on international security, energy, defense, and maritime issues. A distinguished graduate of the Naval Academy, he completed a 35-year career as a nuclear submariner in the US Navy and commanded US Strategic Command for four years prior to retirement in 2002.

Admiral Mies served as a Senior Vice President of Science Applications International Corporation and as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Hicks and Associates, Inc, a subsidiary of SAIC from 2002–2007. He also served as the Chairman of the Department of Defense Threat Reduction Advisory Committee from 2004–2010 and as the Chairman of the Boards of the Navy Mutual Aid Association from 2003–2011 and the Naval Submarine League from 2007–2016.

He presently serves as the Chairman of the Strategic Advisory Group of US Strategic Command and is a member of the Committee on International Security and Arms Control of the National Academy of Sciences, the Boards of Governors of Los Alamos National Laboratory and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and the Board of Directors of BWX Technologies, Exelon, the US Naval Academy Foundation and the US Naval Institute.

He also serves on numerous advisory boards. Admiral Mies completed post-graduate education at Oxford University, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and Harvard University. He holds a Master's degree in government administration and international relations.

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#### **CDR Guy M. Snodgrass, USN (Nominated for a 1-year term)**

At sea, Commander Guy Snodgrass served with the Wildcats of Strike Fighter Squadron ONE THREE ONE (VFA-131), Diamondbacks of VFA-102, and as Commanding Officer for the Dambusters of VFA-195.

Ashore, he served as a TOPGUN Instructor, Speechwriter to Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Jonathan Greenert, and Executive Assistant to Commander, U.S. Naval Air Forces Atlantic.

Commander Snodgrass' awards include 2008 CSFWP Pilot of the Year, 2009 CSFWP Tactical Aviator of the Year, 2010 CNAF Michael G. Hoff Attack Aviator of the Year, 2010 Navy – Marine Corps Leadership Award, and 2012 Admiral William Sims Award from the Naval War College.

A 1998 graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy, Commander Snodgrass holds two Masters degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Master's degree from the Naval War College.

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#### **The Honorable Robert O. Work, Col, USMC (Ret.) (Nominated for a 3-year term)**

Robert Work was the 31st Deputy Secretary of Defense, serving under three different Secretaries across two administrations. Previously, he served as chief executive officer of the Center for a New American

Security. From 2009 to 2013, he served as the Under Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Work served on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps for 27 years, retiring as a Colonel in 2001. He joined the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments in 2002, where he wrote and spoke extensively on maritime affairs. He also was an adjunct professor at The George Washington University.

Mr. Work holds a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Illinois; a master of science in systems management from the University of Southern California; a master of science in space system operations from the Naval Postgraduate School; and a master in international public policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

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### **EDITORIAL BOARD CANDIDATES**

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#### **Col Glen Butler, USMC (Nominated for a 1-year term)**

Colonel Glen Butler is the Force Marine Officer for Commander, Naval Air Force, Atlantic. A 1990 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, he flew UH-1Ns with HMLA-367, HMLA-169, HMM-262 and HMM-166, and has deployed to Okinawa, to Iraq, and with the 31st MEU(SOC) and 11th MEU(SOC).

From 1998–2002, Colonel Butler led the Presidential Helicopter Contingency Plans Department and served as one of five designated Marine One aircraft commanders at Marine Helicopter Squadron 1.

He commanded MCAF Kaneohe Bay from 2006–2008, and led MCB Hawaii's Directorate of Operations and Training before serving at NORAD and U.S. Northern Command. He was the Deputy Commander of the Naval Safety Center from 2013 to 2016.

Colonel Butler holds a master's degree in military studies, and is a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School, the USMC Command and Staff College, and the USAF Air War College.

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#### **LCDR Jason H. Chuma, USN (Nominated for a 1-year term)\***

Lieutenant Commander Jason Chuma graduated from The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, in 2007 with a bachelor of science in physics and was commissioned into the Navy through the NROTC program. Following commissioning, he completed studies in nuclear power for service as a submarine officer.

Lieutenant Commander Chuma's at-sea assignments have included a Division Officer

tour in the USS *Newport News* (SSN-750) deploying to the U.S. 4th Fleet and U.S. 6th Fleet areas of responsibility and as Navigator and Operations officer in the USS *Springfield* (SSN-761) deploying to the U.S. 6th Fleet area of Responsibility.

Ashore he has served at the Navy Warfare Development Command (NWDC) in the Future Concepts Directorate. His current assignment is as Operations Officer at Submarine Squadron Six in Norfolk, VA.

Lieutenant Commander Chuma holds a master's degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University.

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#### **CAPT Scott Erb, USN (Nominated for a 1-year term)\***

Captain Scott Erb is a 1992 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. At sea, he has served in the USS *Tortuga* (LSD-46) and USS *Vicksburg* (CG-69), as operations officer in the USS *O'Kane* (DDG-77), and on the Destroyer Squadron 18 staff.

He served as executive officer in the USS *Carney* (DDG-64) and USS *Chung-Hoon* (DDG-93) and commanded Chung-Hoon from May 2010 through November 2011. He has deployed to the Mediterranean, Persian Gulf, western Pacific, Indian Ocean, and South America, including two independent western Pacific deployments in command.

Ashore, Captain Erb has served at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, FBI Headquarters, Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic, and at the U.S. Naval Academy. In 2004, he earned a master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College.

Captain Erb is commanding officer, Center for Security Forces.

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#### **Chair, LCDR Rachael A. Gosnell, USN (Nominated for a 1-year term)\***

Lieutenant Commander Rachael Gosnell graduated from the US Naval Academy with a BS in Political Science, with honors. At sea, she served onboard USS *SHILOH* (CG-67), USS *HARRY S. TRUMAN* (CVN-75) and USS *STOCKDALE* (DDG 106).

Ashore, she was first stationed in La Maddalena, Italy. Selected for the Political-Military Master's Program, she earned a MA in International Security Studies from Georgetown University. She then served in OPNAV 513 Strategy & Policy and as Speechwriter for the Chief of Naval Operations.

Lieutenant Commander Gosnell also holds a Masters of Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. Personal awards include Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commenda-

tion Medal (four awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), City of Newport Navy League Award, and Top Gunner Award, as well as various campaign and unit awards. She currently teaches Political Science at the US Naval Academy and is pursuing doctoral studies in International Security and Economic Policy at the University of Maryland.

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**Vice Chair, CAPT Holly R. Harrison, USCG (Nominated for a 1-year term)\***

Captain Holly Harrison is the Executive Assistant to the Director of the Coast Guard Investigative Service.

A 1995 Coast Guard Academy graduate, she has served over ten years at sea as commanding officer of USCGC Northland (WMEC-904), executive officer of USCGC Legare (WMEC-912), commanding officer of USCGC Aquidneck (WPB-1336), executive officer of USCGC Kiska (WPB-1309), and deck watch officer on USCGC Storis (WMEC-38).

Her staff tours include: drug and migrant interdiction chief in the Office of Law Enforcement, program examiner in the Office of Management and Budget's National Security Division, National Security Affairs Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, Senior advisor to the Administrator at NASA as a White House Fellow, program reviewer in the Office of Budget and Programs, and executive officer of the Coast Guard's Maritime Law Enforcement Academy.

She has master's degrees in public policy from Princeton University and educational technology leadership from The George Washington University.

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**FLTCM Paul A. Kingsbury, USN (Nominated for a 1-year term)\***

Master Chief Paul Kingsbury, a native of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in 1987.

Since enlisting in 1987, his assignments have included the USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN-69); nuclear instructor duty; the USS *Mississippi* (CGN-40), USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65), USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN-76), and USS *Juneau* (LPD-

10); Strike Fighter Squadron 211; Joint Region Marianas; Navy Region Japan/U.S. Naval Forces Japan; the Naval Safety Center; and as Fleet Master Chief, U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

Master Chief Kingsbury is a graduate of the Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, National Defense University's Keystone course, and the Navy Senior Leader Seminar. He holds a B.S. from Excelsior College and has been awarded numerous personal and military campaign awards. His essays have been published in several military journals, and he is a second and third place award winner in two U.S. Naval Institute essay contests.

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**Maj Michael T. Lippert, USMC (Nominated for a 1-year term)\***

Major Michael Lippert is a native of Winnsboro, SC. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2005, where he majored in Aerospace Engineering. After completing flight training, Major Lippert served as an AV-8B Harrier pilot as a member of Marine Attack Squadron (VMA) 311.

Following a subsequent tour as a forward air controller with 3d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, he again flew the AV-8B with VMA-211. Following his attendance of the USAF Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB, CA, he was assigned to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 23 at NAS Patuxent River where he serves as a test pilot in the F/A-18 and F-35.

Major Lippert is a graduate of the MAWTS-1 Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, Expeditionary Warfare School, and Air Command and Staff College. He is married to Navy Lieutenant Commander Amanda Lippert, who is stationed with him at NAS Patuxent River.

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**CDR Brian A. Smicklas, USCG (Nominated for a 1-year term)\***

Commander Brian Smicklas, a 2000 USCGA grad, has served over 10 years at sea conducting counterdrug operations throughout Central and South America, enforcing fisheries laws in the Bering Sea, interdicting undocumented aliens and smugglers, and deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While ashore, he has served as the drug interdiction specialist in Havana, Cuba, and has earned graduate degrees from Norwich University, Naval War College (Command and Staff), and is currently enrolled at Naval Post-Graduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

Commander Smicklas has authored two influential articles concerning the Coast Guard sea-going career path and his experiences working with the Cuban government, both of which were published by *Proceedings*, ultimately leading to his selection as *Proceedings* Author of the Year for 2015.

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**CDR Thomas Ulmer, USN (Nominated for a 1-year term)\***

Commander Thomas Ulmer is a 1996 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University and was commissioned through Naval ROTC.

He served aboard USS *SHREVEPORT* (LPD 12) and USS *RAMAGE* (DDG 61), as operations officer aboard USS *FORT MCHENRY* (LSD 43), conducting humanitarian assistance operations in Indonesia following the Tsunami, and on the Amphibious Squadron 4 staff, supporting Hurricanes Katrina/Rita humanitarian relief and Lebanese assisted departure operations.

He served as Executive Officer onboard FORT MCHENRY and assumed command in May 2014. He commanded FORT MCHENRY during its deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and the Middle East, including Yemen contingency operations.

Ashore, he served at the Naval Aviation Schools Command, CNO Strategic Studies Group, USNAVCENT/FIFTH Fleet, USCENTCOM, and Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy (Policy). He has earned master's degrees at the Naval War College and Florida State University. CDR Ulmer is a military fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and U.S. Naval Institute.

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