

U.S. NAVAL INSTITUTE 2014 BALLOT I Candidate Profiles

The profiles below are provided to inform U.S. Naval Institute members about Board of Directors and Editorial Board candidates. Each candidate was invited to provide 150 words. These lists are arranged alphabetically.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

Gen John R. Allen, USMC (Ret.)

General Allen departed active service on 1 April 2013. Prior to that, he served for 19 months as Commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan and the NATO International Security Assistance Force there, a combined force of over 150,000 troops. He previously served as Deputy Commander of U.S. Central Command. As Deputy Commanding General, Multinational Force–West in Iraq, he was a key figure in the emergence of the Anbar Awakening movement, which fundamentally changed the course of the war.

General Allen has extensive command and staff experience in war, peace, and crisis, having served in contingency operations in the Caribbean in 1994, Bosnia in 1995, Iraq from 2006 to 2008, and Afghanistan from 2011 to 2013.

General Allen is a 1976 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds several advanced degrees. He is an active, permanent member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

VADM Sally Brice-O'Hara, USCG (Ret.)

Vice Admiral 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 is one of five co-chairs of the Navy Memorial's Year of Military Women.

ADM Daniel R. Bowler, USN (Ret.)

Rear Admiral Bowler, President of the Whitehall Group LLC, is a 1970 U.S. Naval Academy graduate and served in the Navy nearly 33 years as a surface warfare officer. He commanded the USS *Leftwich* (DD-984), *Chosin* (CG-65), COMCRUDESGRU FIVE, and the National War College. Following retirement, from 2003 to 2009 he worked for Lockheed Martin Corporation's Washington Operations office as the Vice President for Naval Systems. He served on the Naval Studies Board in 2006–7. He was an Associate Member of the Naval Research Advisory Committee from 2008 to 2010. In 2009 he established The Whitehall Group LLC, a defense consulting company. Rear Admiral Bowler served on the Naval Institute's Editorial Board from 1996 to 1998. He is a former contributor to *Proceedings* and has been a member of the Institute since 1970.

VADM Nancy E. Brown, USN (Ret.)

Vice Admiral Brown retired as Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems, the Joint Staff, on 1 October 2009. She has served as an Outside Director of Systematic Software, the Board of Advisors Enlightened Inc., Kingfisher Systems Inc., and is currently the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Naval Institute.

Highlights of her career include command of the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Cutler, Maine, and Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia. She served on the NSC staff at the White House and was Deputy Director, White House Military Office. In 2004 she deployed to Iraq, becoming the first Multi-National Force–Iraq C6. Returning in April 2005 she was assigned as the J6 for both North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command.

VADM Dirk J. Debbink, USNR (Ret.)

Vice Admiral Debbink served as the 12th Chief of Navy Reserve in Washington, D.C., from July 2008 to August 2012 prior to his retirement on 30 September of that year. His service as a surface warfare officer included approximately 11 years active duty and 24 years of drilling reserve duty.

In his civilian capacity, he is Chairman and CEO of MSI General Corporation in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. The company is a medium-size design/build general contractor specializing in new construction and renovation of industrial, retail, commercial, and institutional buildings throughout southeast Wisconsin. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Cincinnati Financial Corporation in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Vice Admiral Debbink earned his BS in systems engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1977 and his MBA from the University of Chicago in 1990. He holds his registered Professional Engineer and Real Estate Broker licenses in the state of Wisconsin.

LtGen Chip Gregson, USMC (Ret.)

Lieutenant General Gregson most recently served as Assistant Secretary of Defense, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, from May 2009 to April 2011. From 2003 to 2005, he was Commanding General of Marine Corps Forces Pacific and Marine Corps Forces Central Command, where he led and managed over 70,000 Marines and sailors in the Middle East, Afghanistan, East Africa, Asia, and the United States. From 2001 to 2003 he served as Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force and all Marine Corps forces in Japan. Prior to his time in Japan he was Director of Asia-Pacific Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense from 1998 to 2000. He serves as Chair, Banyan Analytics, an ANSER institute; Director, Asia and the Pacific, Center for the National Interest; and as a Senior Fellow, Avascent International. He is a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, an infantry officer with service in Vietnam, and was a member of the Naval Institute Board and Editorial Board from 1997 to 2000.

CAPT Karl M. Hasslinger, USN (Ret.)

Captain Hasslinger is Electric Boat's Director of Washington Operations and is responsible for strategic analysis, government relations, business development, and ballistic-missile-defense activities. He joined the company in September 2002 following a 26-year career in the U.S. Navy.

A former submarine officer, Hasslinger commanded the USS *Hammerhead* (SSN-663) before moving to a series of defense -strategy billets. He served as a Fellow on the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group, as the Strategic Planning Assistant to the Director of Submarine Warfare on the Chief of Naval Operations staff, and as a Military Assistant in the Office of Secretary of Defense—Net Assessment.

Hasslinger is a 1975 graduate of Marquette University, where he earned a BS in electrical engineering. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College, where he earned a master's of science in national security and strategic studies, graduating with highest distinction.

ADM Timothy J. Keating, USN (Ret.)

Admiral Keating retired in December 2009 after serving for three years as the Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, headquartered in Honolulu, Hawaii. His area of responsibility included over 3.4 billion people and half the surface of the earth. Prior to his tour at Pacific Command, Admiral Keating was Commander of the U.S. Northern Command. Simultaneously, he was Commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, providing aerospace warning, air sovereignty, and defense for the United States and Canada.

Previous tours include service as the director of the Joint Staff in the Pentagon; command of the U.S. 5th Fleet, headquartered in the Kingdom of Bahrain; Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans, Policy, and Operations) in the Pentagon; command of the USS *Kitty Hawk* Battle Group stationed in Yokosuka, Japan; and Deputy Director for Operations (Current Operations) on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon.

Admiral Keating has held command positions at the Naval Strike Warfare Center, a carrier air wing, and an F/A-18 squadron. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and was a Chief of Naval Operations Fellow with the Strategic Studies Group in Newport, Rhode Island.

He has accumulated more than 5,000 hours of flight time in tactical jets and has landed on Navy aircraft carriers over 1,200 times. In addition to numerous awards from the United States, he has received military decorations from Great Britain, Bahrain, Canada, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Singapore, and is a proud Honorary Master Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy.

Gen Jim Mattis, USMC (Ret.)

General Mattis retired in 2013 from a 40-year Marine career. An infantry officer who commanded at all levels, he served extensively in the Pacific and Middle East. He was the Executive Secretary of the Department of Defense, the Senior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, NATO's Supreme Allied Commander for Transformation, the U.S. Joint Forces Commander, and, in his last tour on active duty, the commander of U.S. Central Command.

CAPT David M. McFarland, USN

Captain McFarland enlisted in the Navy in 1982. Commissioned through the NROTC program, he holds degrees in nuclear engineering and national security and strategic studies.

At sea, he served as a division officer in the USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV-67) and *Laboon* (DDG-58); a department head in the *Mobile Bay* (CG-53); executive officer in the *Bulkeley* (DDG-84); and commanded the *Laboon*.

Ashore, he served in the Navy Programming Division (N80), on the Joint Staff in the Program Budget Analysis Division, in the immediate Office of the Secretary of Defense as military assistant to the Executive Secretary, and as senior military assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/CFO. He served in the Surface Warfare Division as Head of Programs and Budgets (N960) and currently serves as Deputy, Director Surface Warfare Division (N86B).

Captain McFarland currently serves on the Naval Institute Board of Directors, and has served on the Naval Institute Editorial Board and on the Board of Directors for the Alexandria/Arlington Coalition for the Homeless.

ADM Richard W. Mies, USN (Ret.)

Admiral Mies completed a distinguished 35-year career in the Navy and commanded U.S. Strategic Command for four years prior to retirement in 2002. He was a senior vice president of Science Applications International Corporation from 2002 to 2007. He also served as the chairman of the Department of Defense Threat Reduction Advisory Committee from 2004 to 2010 and as the chairman of the board of the Navy Mutual Aid Association from 2003 to 2011.

He presently serves as the chairman of the Strategic Advisory Group of U.S. Strategic Command and chairman of the Naval Submarine League. He is a member of the Boards of Governors of Los Alamos National

Laboratory and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Mutual of Omaha, Babcock and Wilcox, Exelon, and the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation. He completed post-graduate education at Oxford University, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and Harvard University.

Mr. John Morton III

Mr. Morton graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1967. After completion of Admiral Rickover's Nuclear Power Schools and Submarine School, he earned dolphins while serving in a ballistic-missile submarine. Mr. Morton received an MBA from Harvard University in 1973. After a 30-year career in banking that led to positions of chairman, chief executive officer, and president of a number of large financial institutions, he retired in 2005. During this time he also served as chairman, trustee, and director of numerous business and community organizations in Kansas City, Kansas; St. Louis, Missouri; Washington, D.C.; and Baltimore, Maryland. Currently Mr. Morton serves as director of two corporate boards, chairman of the Maryland Stadium Authority, commissioner on the Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission, and is a trustee to the Athletic and Scholarship Programs of the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation. He is married with three children and resides in Annapolis, Maryland.

MCPOCG Vince W. Patton, USCG (Ret.)

Dr. Patton served as the 8th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard from May 1998 until his retirement from more than 30 years of active service in November 2002. In this position he was the senior enlisted adviser to the Commandant of the Coast Guard. Among his numerous military awards is the Distinguished Service Medal. He holds the unique distinction of earning his doctorate of education degree from American University while on active duty. From 2004 to 2009, he served as a member of the Naval Institute Editorial Board, and as chairman 2007–2009. He is currently employed as vice president for Homeland Security Programs with the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association International, headquartered in Fairfax, Virginia. He is also a member of the board of trustees for the Northeast Maritime Institute and an ordained minister.

ADM James G. Stavridis, USN (Ret.)

Admiral Stavridis attended the U.S. Naval Academy and spent over 30 years in the Navy. Among his many commands were four years as Supreme Allied Commander at NATO, where

he oversaw operations in Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, the Balkans, and antipiracy operations off the coast of Africa. He also commanded U.S. Southern Command in Miami, Florida, and was charged with military operations throughout Latin America. He led the Navy's premier operational think tank for innovation, Deep Blue, immediately after the 9/11 attacks. He won the Battenberg Cup for commanding the top ship in the Atlantic Fleet and the Navy League John Paul Jones Award for inspirational leadership, along with over 40 U.S. and international medals and decorations. Admiral Stavridis is also the chair of the Board of the Naval Institute, and has won both the *Proceedings* and Naval Institute Press Author of the Year awards. He

is currently Dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, from which he holds a PhD.

CAPT Gordan E. Van Hook, USN (Ret.)

As Senior Director, Captain Van Hook currently manages the commercial operation of Maersk Line Limited's Ship Management and Chartering business unit, which consists of two heavy lift multipurpose vessels and four product tankers. He also advises U.S. maritime services on commercial best practices and innovation in energy efficiency, sustainment, sea basing, commercial ship conversions, maritime security, and counterpiracy. In 2009 he led the Maersk crisis action team in Mombasa, Kenya, for the *Maersk Alabama* incident.

A 29-year Navy veteran, he served afloat in destroyers and frigates. He was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" for actions to save the USS *Samuel B. Roberts* (FFG-58) after being mined in the Persian Gulf. He commanded the USS *O'Bannon* (DD-987) and Destroyer Squadron 23, serving as Sea Combat Commander for the *Nimitz* (CVN-68) Strike Group. In his final job in the Navy he served as the Executive Director of the CNO Executive Panel.

Captain Van Hook has master's degrees in information systems from the Naval Postgraduate School and national security strategy from the Naval War College.

EDITORIAL BOARD CANDIDATES

LCDR Benjamin F. Armstrong, USN

Lieutenant Commander Armstrong is a naval aviator and helicopter pilot who has served as an HH-46D search-and-rescue and special-warfare pilot, an advanced flight instructor, and as the officer-in-charge of a deployed MH-60S armed helo detachment. He has also served on board ship and holds officer of the deck and command duty officer (underway) designations. He is currently serving in the Navy Secretariat.

Lieutenant Commander Armstrong holds an MA in military history from Norwich University and is a research student pursuing a master's of Philosophy/PhD in the Department of War Studies at King's College, London. He has written widely on naval irregular warfare, strategy, and naval education and training. His articles have appeared in *Proceedings* and *Naval History* and on the USNI Blog. He has also published numerous articles in academic journals including the *Naval War College Review* and *Infinity Journal* and has lectured at U.S. Special Operations Command, Navy Warfare Development Command, and the Naval War College. He was awarded the 2013 Alfred Thayer Mahan Award by the Navy League of the United States and is the 2013–14 Samuel Eliot Morison Scholar with the Naval History and Heritage Command.

Maj Warren C. Cook Jr., USMC

Major Cook is aide de camp to the Commandant, and assumed the post in July 2013. He was commissioned in May 1998 after graduating from Williams College, where he earned a BA in history. From 1999 to 2001 he served in the 1st Marine Division as a platoon and company commander in the 2d Battalion,

4th Marines. In 2001, he reported to 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, where he served as Aide to the Commanding General and Commander Task Force 58 during operations in southern Afghanistan.

In 2002, he was transferred to 1st Marine Division, where he served as aide to the Commanding General during Operation Iraqi Freedom. From 2004 to 2006, he was assigned to the School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton, California. From 2006 to 2008, Major Cook returned to the 1st Marine Division and served as a company commander with 3d Battalion, 1st Marines during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following that deployment, in 2008, he reported to 2d Battalion, 1st Marines, and deployed to Iraq as a military transition team leader, advising Iraqi security forces in al Anbar province. He commanded Marine Corps Recruiting Station Los Angeles from 2009 to 2012.

Col Douglas G. Douds, USMC

Colonel Douds, of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, currently serves as a strategist and speechwriter in the Chairman's Action Group on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He commanded a Marine fighter attack squadron in Iraq prior to earning his master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College in June 2010. As an F/A-18 pilot, he has deployed multiple times, including two carrier deployments to the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf and a western Pacific deployment. He has completed the Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Instructor's course, the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TopGun), was the top honor graduate from the Amphibious Warfare School, and received BAs in political science and history

from Wake Forest University. Colonel Douds is an avid historian and enjoys hosting educational tours of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where he resides.

CDR Stephen S. Erb, USN

Commander Erb is a 1992 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. At sea, he has served in the USS *Tortuga* (LSD-46), *Vicksburg* (CG-69), as operations officer in the *O'Kane* (DDG-77), and on the Destroyer Squadron 18 staff, where he was recognized as the Junior Officer Tactician of the Year from COMCRUDESGRU TWELVE. He served as executive officer of the USS *Carney* (DDG-64) and *Chung-Hoon* (DDG-93) and commanded the *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, Commander Erb has served at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff (J39), and FBI Headquarters. In 2004 he earned an MA in national security and strategic studies (with distinction) from the Naval War College. Commander Erb reported to the U.S. Naval Academy as 1st Battalion Officer in May 2012.

CTR1(SW) H. Lucien Gauthier III, USN

Petty Officer Gauthier joined the U.S. Navy in April of 2006. He completed Yeoman "A" School and reported to the USS *San Antonio* (LPD-17) for duty. His service on board the *San Antonio* included the ship's maiden deployment and qualifying as an enlisted surface warfare specialist.

In October 2009 he volunteered for individual augmentee duty and was subsequently assigned to U.S. Army logistics units in Afghanistan. While in Afghanistan in 2010, he was invited to blog for the Naval Institute.

While still in Afghanistan, he was invited by Admiral James Stavridis' staff to become the admiral's Special Assistant for Strategic Communications, reporting for duty at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in early 2011, and was promoted to the position of Social Media Adviser in 2012.

Also in 2012, he requested and was approved to cross-rate to Cryptological Technician (Collections). In early 2013 he reported to CTR "A" School, with follow-on orders to Navy Information Operations Command, Maryland. Most recently, Petty Officer Gauthier was accepted to become part of the Chief of Naval Operations' Rapid Innovation Cell.

LCDR Rachael A. Gosnell, USN

Originally from Accident, Maryland, Lieutenant Commander Gosnell graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2001 with a BS in political science and Spanish minor.

At sea she has served in the USS *Shiloh* (CG-67), *Harry S. Truman* (CVN-75), and as weapons officer and combat systems officer on board the *Stockdale* (DDG-106). Ashore, Lieutenant Commander Gosnell was stationed in La Maddalena, Italy, and OPNAV 513 Strategy and Policy.

She has a master's of engineering management from Old Dominion University and a master's in international security studies from Georgetown University. She is also the recipient of the Top Gunner Award and Newport Navy League Award. She is currently the speechwriter for the Chief of Naval Operations.

CMC Kevin D. Isherwood, USCG

Command Master Chief Isherwood assumed duties as command master chief for Coast Guard Personnel Service Center, Arlington, Virginia, in June 2012 and currently serves as the senior enlisted representative on the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's Board of Trustees.

An electrician's mate by trade, he joined the Coast Guard in 1982, advanced to chief petty officer in August 1992, made master chief in 1998, and became a command master chief in 2003.

Most recently, Command Master Chief Isherwood served as the command master chief for the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support. Other tours include CMC for Coast Guard Pacific Area, Fourteenth Coast Guard District, Naval Engineering Support Unit Seattle, and the USCGCs *Midgett* (WHEC-726), *Sassafrass* (WLB-401), *Rush* (WHEC-723), and *Munro* (WHEC-724).

In addition to being a proud graduate of the Chief Petty Officer's Academy, Class XXXI, Command Master Chief Isherwood graduated from the Navy Command Master Chief course, Class II, and from the Coast Guard Command Master Chief course, Class I, and attended the Joint Services Keystone course. He is a Coast Guard Wellness Program Specialist, has completed DEOMI Senior Leader Awareness Training, the Coast Guard's Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, and Critical Incident Stress Management courses.

LCDR Andre Lester, USN

Lieutenant Commander Lester is assigned to OPNAV N97 as special assistant to the Director Undersea Warfare. He attended Georgia Institute of Technology, where he received a degree in mechanical engineering, and received his commission via Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, in 1999.

Following nuclear-propulsion training and submarine school, Lieutenant Commander Lester's first assignment was the USS *Maine* (SSBN-741) (Gold). He served as reactor

controls assistant, damage control assistant, assistant engineer, tactical systems officer, and quality assurance officer.

From 2003 to 2005, Lieutenant Commander Lester was assigned to the Navy Nuclear Power Training Command in Charleston, South Carolina. While there he served as a chemistry instructor, the radiological controls officer, and the division director for chemistry and radiological controls. Upon graduating from the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in June 2006, he reported to the USS *Toledo* (SSN-769) as engineer officer in the middle of a CENTCOM deployment.

In May 2009, Lieutenant Commander Lester was assigned to COMSUBLANT as the force radiological controls officer. After completing the Submarine Command Course, he reported to the USS *Annapolis* (SSN-760) as the executive officer in June 2011 and served until December 2012.

SgtMaj David L. Maddux Jr., USMC

Sergeant Major Maddux currently serves as the director of the Senior Enlisted Academy, Quantico, Virginia. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in July 1990. Sergeant Major Maddux has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan multiple times, first as a gunnery sergeant during Operation Iraqi Freedom-2 filling the billet of 1st Marine Division Frequency Manager, then as a first sergeant with Tango Battery in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 08.01, and finally as the MACG-38 Fwd Sergeant Major for Operation Enduring Freedom 10.1 in Afghanistan. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal (6).

In addition to receiving a master's degree in business administration from Grantham University in July 2012, Sergeant Major Maddux has been a distinguished graduate of all of the Marine Corps courses.