

2018 U.S. Naval Institute Election of the Editorial Board Biographies

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Col Glen Butler, USMC (new nominee 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.

*LT Jason H. Chuma, USN (re-nomination for a 1-year term)



Lieutenant Commander Jason H. 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.

*CAPT Stephen S. Erb, USN (re-nomination 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.

*Chair, LCDR Commander Rachael A. Gosnell, USN (re-nomination for a 1-year term)



LCDR 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.

LCDR Gosnell also holds a Masters of Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. Personal awards include Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation 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 pursing doctoral studies in International Security and Economic Policy at the University of Maryland.

*Vice Chair, CAPT Holly R. Harrison, USCG (re-nomination 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.

*FLTCM Paul A. Kingsbury, USN (re-nomination 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.

MCPO 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.

Maj Michael T. Lippert, USMC (new nominee for a 1-year term)



Major 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 few 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.

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



Commander 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.

Command Smicklas has authored two influential articles concerning the Coast Guard seagoing 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.

CDR Thomas Ulmer, USN (new nominee 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.