

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

RADM Daniel R. Bowler, USN (Ret.)

President, The Whitehall Group, LLC

Rear Admiral Bowler 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), USS *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, is on the Armed Forces and Electronics Association Executive Committee, the Board of Advisors Enlightened, Inc., The Edge Innovation Center, 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, ME, and Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Atlantic, Norfolk. 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 United States Northern Command.

VADM Dirk J. Debbink, USN (Ret.)

Vice Admiral Debbink served as the 12th Chief of Navy Reserve in Washington, DC, from July 2008 to August 2012 prior to his retirement on 30 September 2012. 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 & CEO of MSI General Corporation in Oconomowoc, WI. The company is a medium-size design/build general contractor specializing in new construction and renovation of industrial, retail, commercial and institutional buildings throughout south-east Wisconsin. He also serves on the board of directors of Cincinnati Financial Corporation of Cincinnati, OH.

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 Wallace “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 more than 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 is a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, an infantry officer with service in Vietnam, and a member of the Naval Institute Board and Editorial Board from 1997 to 2000.

CAPT Karl Hasslinger, USN (Ret.)

Karl M. 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 of science in national security and strategic studies, graduating with highest distinction.

Dr. J. P. “Jack” London, CAPT USNR (Ret.)

Dr. London is Executive Chairman and Chairman of the Board of CACI International Inc, a \$3.8-billion information technology corporation (NYSE: CACI) in its 51st year of operations (www.caci.com). Under London's leadership, CACI has grown from a 50-person consulting firm to become a worldwide corporation (14,500+ employees/100+offices). London joined CACI in 1972: President/CEO 1984–2007, Chairman 1990 (board member since '81). Graduate U.S. Naval Academy ('59), U.S. Naval Postgraduate School ('67). Doctorate “with distinction” George Washington University ('71). Twenty-four years USN (active/reserve), naval aviator, aeronautical engineering duty officer, retired captain ('83). Cuban Missile Crisis ('62). Aide to Admiral Jackson D. Arnold, Chief Naval Material, Vietnam War ('69–'71). C.O. NAVAIRSYSCOM Units ('82). Awards include: U.S. Navy League's (National) Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Award ('07); Washington, D.C. Business “Hall of Fame” (inducted '10); USN Postgraduate School “Hall of Fame” (inducted '11). Boards: U.S. Naval Institute; Navy Memorial Foundation; Naval Historical Foundation; others, charities.

CAPT David “Dave” 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 USS *Laboon* (DDG-58); a department head in the USS *Mobile Bay* (CG-53); executive officer in the USS *Bulkeley* (DDG-84); and commanded the USS *Laboon* (DDG-58).

Ashore, he served in the Navy Programming Division (N80), on the Joint Staff in the Program

Budget Analysis Division (PBAD), in the 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 currently serves in Surface Warfare Division (N86).

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

Master Chief Vince Patton, USCG (Ret.)

Dr. Vince 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 advisor to the Commandant of the Coast Guard. His numerous

military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal. He holds the unique distinction of earning his doctorate of education degree from American University, Washington, DC, while on active duty. From 2004–2009, he served as a member of the USNI 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 (AFCEA) International, headquartered in Fairfax, VA. In addition he is a member of the board of visitors for the National Intelligence University, and also an ordained minister.

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

Senior Director, Maersk Line, Limited

Gordan Van Hook currently advises U.S. maritime services on commercial best practices and innovation in energy efficiency, sustainment, sea

basing, commercial ship conversions, maritime security, and counter-piracy. 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 USS *Samuel B. Roberts* (FFG-58) after she was mined in the Persian Gulf. He commanded 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.

He 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 “BJ” Armstrong, USN

Lieutenant Commander Armstrong is a naval aviator and helicopter pilot who has served as an HH-46D search & rescue and special warfare pilot, an advanced flight instructor, and as the officer-in-charge of an MH-60S Armed Helo Detachment deployed in 2011–12 with USS *Bataan* (LHD-5) and 22d MEU. He has also served on board ship and holds OOD and CDO (under way) 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 his MPhil/PhD in the Department of War Studies at King’s College, London. He has published widely on naval irregular warfare, strategy, and naval education & training. His articles have appeared in *Proceedings*, *Naval History*, and the USNI Blog. He has also published numerous articles in the *Naval War College Review* and *Infinity Journal*. He currently serves as the book review/contributing editor with *Rotor Review*, the journal of The Naval Helicopter Association.

CDR Anthony J. “Tony” Ceraolo, USCG

Commander Ceraolo is the Director for Maritime Security and Director for Arctic Region Policy on the National Security Staff at the White House. He has 18-plus years of experience in maritime safety and security operations, with emphasis on maritime law enforcement, and search and rescue. His prior service includes command of two Coast Guard cutters; an 82-foot patrol

boat in Santa Barbara, California; and a 140-foot domestic icebreaking vessel on the Great Lakes. He also served as senior military adviser, and as policy assistant for maritime affairs and intelligence, security, and emergency response to the Secretary of Transportation from 2006 to 2008. Most recently, Commander Ceraolo served as the Chief of Coast Guard Sector New York’s Command Center, and later as Chief of Response/Chief of Operations for the Port of New York and New Jersey and surrounding offshore waters. A graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, he also holds master’s degrees in public administration from Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, and in national security and strategic studies with distinction from the U.S. Naval War College.

Sergeant Major Joseph M. Davenport III, USMC

Sergeant Major Davenport was slated to Marine Corps Logistics Command, Albany, Georgia on 1 October 2012 as the senior enlisted adviser to the commanding general. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in December 1983. Sergeant Major Davenport has deployed to Iraq multiple times, first as Sergeant Major, Combat Logistics Battalion 2, 2d Marine Logistics Group from February 2005–March 2006, and then in August 2009–August 2010 as the Senior Enlisted Adviser for the Multi-National Security Transition Command Iraq (MNSTC-I)/Iraq Security Assistance Mission (ISAM). He later transferred to Iraq Training and Advisory Mission (ITAM) as part of the restructuring of MNSTC-I under

United States Forces-Iraq (USF-I). His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (with gold star in lieu of second award), Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with gold star in lieu of second award), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

LtCol Douglas G. Douds, USMC

Lieutenant Colonel Douds, of Stroudsburg, PA, 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 (Top Gun), was the top honor graduate from the Amphibious Warfare School, and received two bachelor of arts degrees, in political science and history, from Wake Forest University. Doug is an avid historian and enjoys hosting educational tours of Gettysburg, PA, 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), USS *Vicksburg* (CG-69), as operations officer in the USS *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 the USS *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 Officer of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff (J39), and FBI Headquarters. In 2004 he earned a master of arts degree 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.

LCDR Rachael A. Gosnell, USN

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

She reported to the USS *Shiloh* (CG-67) as gunnery officer and deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. After completing Naval Nuclear Power training, she reported to the USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN-75), deploying in support of OIF and earning her tactical action officer qualification.

In 2009 she reported aboard the newly commissioned USS *Stockdale* (DDG-106) as the weapons officer and combat systems officer through the maiden training cycle and 7th Fleet deployment.

While ashore, Lieutenant Commander Gosnell was stationed in La Maddalena, Italy, as operations officer and base closure team member.

Awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (3), Navy Achievement Medal (2), Top Gunner Award, Navy League Award, and various campaign and unit awards. 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 currently assigned to OPNAV 153 Strategy and Policy.

Capt David B. Hagner, USMC

Captain Hagner enlisted in the Marine Corps in April 1998 and served six years as a Marine infantryman, earning the rank of sergeant before obtaining his commission on 17 December 2004 through the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program. He graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, with a major in government and politics. Following The Basic School, he attended the Infantry Officer Course in Quantico, VA.

As a rifle platoon commander, he deployed in March 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Ar-Ramadi, Iraq, and later with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) in July 2007. During this deployment he participated in humanitarian assistance missions in Bangladesh as well as Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Upon return from the 26th MEU in January 2008 he served as the commanding officer India 3/8 until he received orders to MARSOC. In late July 2010 Captain Hagner took over 3d Platoon, 2d Force Reconnaissance Company. In January 2011 his platoon joined the 26th MEU on the USS *Kearsarge* (LHD-3).

Captain Hagner assumed command of Charlie 1/6 in Marjah, Afghanistan, in early August 2011 and returned in January 2012. In May 2012 he reported to the U.S. Naval Academy for duty as a student in the LEAD program.

His personal awards include the Bronze Star w/V and gold star, Navy Commendation w/V, Navy Achievement w/V and four gold stars, the Combat Action Ribbon with gold star, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Good Conduct Medal with bronze star. He has six combat deployments, two to OIF and four to OEF.

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, FL, 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, SC. 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.

Command Master Chief Kevin D. Isherwood, USCG

Command Master Chief Isherwood assumed duties as Command Master Chief for Coast Guard Personnel Service Center, Arlington, VA, in June 2012 and currently serves as the senior enlisted representative on the 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, 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, Coast Guard District 14, Naval Engineering Support Unit Seattle, and the CGCs *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, 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 (ASIST) and Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) courses.