

# U.S. Naval Institute 2021 Board of Directors Ballot Candidate Profiles

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**\*Mr. Thomas J. Furlong**

**Vice President of Infrastructure Data Centers, *Facebook, Inc.***

As the Vice President of Infrastructure Data Centers at Facebook, Tom Furlong is responsible for the creation and execution of the strategy to source and operate critical assets that support the company's computing and networking infrastructure. His teams are responsible for the development, design, construction, and operations of the company's data centers, as well as establishing technology standards for those facilities.

Prior to joining Facebook in 2007, Tom was Director of Data Center Strategy and Development at Yahoo!, where he architected the company's strategy to self-develop data center assets in more cost-effective markets. Prior to Yahoo!, he served as Vice President of Operations for Savvis Communications (formerly Exodus Communications). In addition, Tom has nearly two decades of experience in the execution of large capital projects, serving in client, consultant or contractor capacities with various companies including Bechtel Corporation, Sprint PCS, Coopers & Lybrand Consulting, and Ernst & Young Real Estate Consulting.

Tom served 5 years active duty in the U.S. Navy as Fire Control Officer and Main Propulsion Assistant aboard the USS ENGLAND (CG-22), completing multiple deployments to the Persian Gulf region.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the United States Naval Academy, and a Master of Business Administration in Finance from the University of San Francisco.



**\*The Honorable Kathleen H. Hicks, Ph.D.**  
**Senior Vice President; Henry A. Kissinger Chair; Director, International Security Program**

Kathleen Hicks is Senior Vice President, Henry A. Kissinger Chair, and Director of the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Dr. Hicks is also a member of the board of trustees for the Aerospace Corporation, the board of directors for the U.S. Naval Institute, the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking, and several advisory boards. She is concurrently the Donald Marron Scholar at the Kissinger Center for Global Affairs, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Dr. Hicks has an extensive security background, including as a Senate-confirmed leader on policy matters in the Pentagon, a member of the National Defense Strategy Commission, and a member of the National Commission on the Future of the Army. She holds a Ph.D. in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a master's degree from the University of Maryland, and an A.B. magna cum laude from Mount Holyoke College.



### **Mr. Mel Immergut**

Mel Immergut is the former Chairman of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, having served in the role from 1995 to 2013. He was a partner in the firm's Corporate Group beginning in 1980 specializing in corporate governance, board advisory and transactional work, including M&A transactions, financing transactions and leveraged leasing.

Mr. Immergut is currently a senior advisor to Palo Alto based venture capital firm Innovation Endeavors LLC and to Paris based investment firm Wendel. He is also an adjunct professor and adjunct senior research scholar for National Security Law at Columbia Law School. He is also a senior advisor to IHS Towers. Mr. Immergut is a member of the board of directors of ISTARI, the holding company of cyber assets of Temasek, the sovereign wealth fund of Singapore, as well as the board of directors of Crisis Prevention Institute. He is also a senior advisor to Team8 cyber security and Sygnia cyber consulting.

Mr. Immergut received his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and his J.D. and M.B.A. from Columbia University. He served as a Trustee and Past-President of the American College of Investment Counsel, a Trustee of The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc. and President of The Billfish Foundation. He served as Vice Chairman and as a Trustee of the Legal Aid Society. He is a member of the Columbia Law School Dean's Council and the Columbia Law School Board of Visitors.

Mr. Immergut is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the United States Southern Command Advisory Panel, and a former member of the United States European Command Advisory Panel. Mr. Immergut is Vice Chairman and a Trustee of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, and former member of the Defense Business Board of the United States Department of Defense. He is a recipient of The Jewish Theological Seminary Simon H. Rifkind Award, the Legal Aid Society's Servant of Justice Award and the Fund for Modern Court's John J. McCloy Memorial Award. Mr. Immergut is a recipient of the highest level award of the office of the Secretary of Defense, the Exceptional Public Service Medal.



**\*LtGen Robert S. Walsh, USMC (Ret.)**

Lieutenant General Robert Walsh retired from the Marine Corps on 1 October 2018 after more than 39 years of service, completing his career as Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration and Commanding General of the Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

A 1979 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Lieutenant General Walsh served as an F/A-18 pilot at all levels, including commanding VMFA-115, Marine Aircraft Group 31, and 2d Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was an instructor at the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TopGun). He has received several writing awards. As a general officer, his staff assignments focused on designing and building the future Navy and Marine Corps as Assistant Deputy Commandant for Aviation, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, and Director of Expeditionary Warfare, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. His operational and joint assignments included serving as commanding general, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) Iraq, and Director of Operations, U.S. Northern Command.



**\*The Honorable Robert O. Work**  
**32nd Deputy Secretary of Defense**

Secretary Work is currently the Distinguished Senior Fellow for Defense and National Security at the Center for a New American Security, Senior Counselor at Telemus Group, LLC, Senior Fellow at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, and Distinguished Visiting Fellow at MITRE Corporation.

Confirmed as the 32nd Deputy Secretary of Defense on April 30, 2014, Bob Work served for three Defense Secretaries in both Democrat and Republican administrations. In that role he was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day business of the Pentagon and developing the Department's defense program. He did significant work with leaders in the Department and the intelligence community to develop the "Third Offset Strategy," which aimed to restore U.S. conventional overmatch over its strategic rivals and adversaries.

He had previously served as Undersecretary of the Navy from 2009 to 2013.

In 2002, he joined the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA), first as the Senior Fellow for Maritime Affairs, and later as the Vice President for Strategic Studies. In these positions, he focused on defense strategy and programs, revolutions in war, Department of Defense transformation, and maritime affairs.

A distinguished graduate of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Course at the University of Illinois, Bob Work was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps in August 1974. During his 27-year military career, he held a wide range of command, leadership, and management positions.

He earned 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 of International Public Policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS).