

# U.S. Naval Institute 2021 Editorial Board Ballot

## Candidate Profiles

**\*Currently Serving on the Editorial Board**



### **CAPT James Caroland, USN**

Captain Caroland is the cyber science department chair and senior cryptologic warfare officer at the U.S. Naval Academy. His previous assignments over his 26 years include the USS *Denver* (LPD-9), cryptologic resource coordinator on board the USS *Tarawa* (LHA-1), electronic warfare officer on board the USS *Decatur* (DDG-73), cyber defense officer at Naval Network Warfare Command, commander's action group and cyber policy chief at U.S. Cyber Command, two tours at the National Security Agency as red team branch chief and deputy chief of computer network operations solutions, two tours at U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. Tenth Fleet as future operations director and director, joint force headquarters-cyber, and a special assignment in the IC executing interagency cyber operations and technology development. He has also taught cybersecurity as an adjunct associate professor at the University of Maryland Global Campus

since 2005.

Captain Caroland holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Duke University, master's degrees in IT management from Naval Postgraduate School and national security strategy (cyber) from National War College, and several cyber-related professional certifications.



### **LCDR Michelle Foster, USCG**

LCDR Foster graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2007 and developed broad experience as a response officer. She served two years as a deck watch officer and boarding officer on a 270-foot cutter; directed search and rescue in Virginia and North Carolina for three years; and oversaw program response for two 87-foot cutters, aids-to-navigation boats, and surf stations in California while also acting as command center chief. During this latter tour, she directed search and rescue operations, this time with aircraft (MH-65) and on-water assets in surf conditions.

From 2015 to 2018, she was commanding officer of Station Cape May, District Five's largest station with two seasonal station smalls—Fortesque and Townsend's Inlet—overseeing the advancement of 58 active-duty and 26 reserve members. She is qualified on six boat asset types, as well as coxswain of the jet-drive 45-foot response boat medium. Finally, she arrived in Seattle and oversaw small boat/station operations and pollution response across Washington and Oregon and is currently adding air operations oversight duties for three air stations. Major projects since coming to Seattle include being a board member on a major marine investigation board following the death of three fishermen off Yaquina Bay, Oregon. She has a master's degree in national security studies and is working through JPME Phase I as well as attending pollution courses.



**LT Andrea Howard, USN**

Lieutenant Howard is a blue crew division officer on the USS *Ohio* (SSGN-726). Following her graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2015, she was a Marshall Scholar at the University of Oxford and King's College London, where she focused on the intersection of technology, security, and diplomacy in weapons of mass destruction policy. She won the U.S. Naval Institute's 2019 Emerging and Disruptive Technologies Essay Contest with her essay "Fast and Furiously Accurate" about the need for the Navy's hypersonic weapons to have the precision to match their speed.



**\*SgtMaj Anthony J. Easton, USMC**

Sergeant Major Easton enlisted in July 1994 and earned the military occupation skill of combat engineer. He is currently assigned to Training and Education Command, Quantico, Virginia. His tours include 2d Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, with deployments to Cuba (Operation Sea Signal), 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Operation Decisive Endeavor), and the 26th MEU (Operations Allied Force, Shining Hope, Joint Guardian, and Avid Response); 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Pendleton, California, deploying to Iraq in 2004 and 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; 3rd Battalion 9th Marines, Camp Lejeune, deploying to Iraq again and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Sergeant Major Easton also spent time as a canvassing recruiter and the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of Recruiting Sub-Station Fargo, North Dakota, while assigned to Recruiting Station Twin Cities, Minnesota. He was also assigned to inspector-instructor duty in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and St. Paul, Minnesota. He is a graduate of the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy.



**\*CAPT Scott Smith, USN**

Captain Smith is the chairman of the Joint Military Operations Department at the U.S. Naval War College. Previously, he was commissioning commanding officer of the USS *Michael Monsoor* (DDG-1001). He has deployed from the east and west coasts on board the USS *Donald B. Beary* (FF-1085), USS *Cole* (DDG-67), USS *Stethem* (DDG-63), USS *Ramage* (DDG-61) and as embarked staff on board the USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN-69) and USS *Boxer* (LHD-4). He commanded USS *Klakring* (FFG-42) through two independent deployments to the Mediterranean, North, and Black seas and, nine months later, circumnavigated South America as part of UNITAS. Crews from these ships earned the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy and Meritorious Unit Commendations, and multiple Battle E awards.



**\*LtCol William Steinke, USMC**

Lieutenant Colonel Steinke is a strategic analyst for the Commandant's Action Group. An EA-6B electronic countermeasures officer, he deployed to Iraq in 2006 and 2008, Afghanistan in 2009, and Qatar in 2014 supporting combat operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria. His qualifications include weapons and tactics instructor, joint terminal attack controller, operations and tactics instructor, Marine air-ground task force planner, and basic information operations planner. He served as the operations officer for Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, and operations officer for Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 4. He is a graduate of the School of Advanced Warfighting and a DARPA Service Chiefs' Fellow.



**\*CDR Brendan Stickles, USN**

Commander Stickles was commissioned in 1999 and designated a naval aviator in November 2001. He is currently special advisor for defense, Office of the Vice President. Previously, he was commanding officer of the Battle E-winning EA-18G electronic attack squadron VAQ-130, after having served as a squadron department head. He served his junior officer tour flying Prowlers with VAQ-136 in Atsugi, Japan, where he was awarded an Air Medal with Combat "V" during Operation Iraqi Freedom and received the CDR Noel Greene Leadership Award. He served two tours as an instructor pilot flying Super Hornets with Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106 and Growlers with VAQ-129. He was the first EA-18G carrier qualification phase head and qualified the first 32 EA-18G pilots with 100 percent qualification rate. Commander Stickles has flown more than 3,500 flight hours and logged more than 500 carrier arrested landings in EA-6B, F/A-18E/F, and EA-18G aircraft. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from the U.S. Naval Academy and master's degrees in business administration from the University of North Carolina and in public administration from Harvard University.





**\*CAPT Joshua Taylor, USN**

Captain Taylor was designated a naval flight officer in 1999 and is now a foreign area officer. He currently is U.S. Pacific Fleet head of International Plans and Policy and was previously a Navy Federal Executive Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and the U.S. Naval Institute. His operational tours include numerous deployments to the Middle East in support of Operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom with Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 128, the USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN-74), and VAQ-131. Other assignments include U.S. Embassy Kuala Lumpur as Deputy Chief of the Office of Defense Cooperation Malaysia, where he had primary responsibility for foreign military sales and Building Partner Capacity programs, legislative affairs officer at U.S. Pacific Command, and executive assistant to the director, Maritime Headquarters, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Captain Taylor holds a bachelor's of science in history from the U.S. Naval Academy and certifications from the Naval War College, Joint Forces Staff College, and Naval Postgraduate School. He earned master's degrees in organizational management from the George Washington University and diplomacy and military studies from Hawaii Pacific University.



**\*LCDR Eric Zilberman, USN**

Lieutenant Commander Zilberman received his wings in 2008 and completed his flight training in the F/A-18 A-D Hornet at Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106. He currently is serving at the Naval Air Traffic Management Systems Program Office as the class desk officer. From 2009 to 2012, he flew with VFA-34 based out of Virginia Beach, completing two combat deployments and flying 40 combat missions in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn. He was selected to the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, after which he served as experimental test pilot/project officer at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 23. Returning to Virginia Beach to join VFA-37, he completed his department head tour and third combat deployment, flying 19 combat missions in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

Lieutenant Commander Zilberman has more than 2,000 military and civilian flight hours in 28 different aircraft types. He holds a bachelor's of science in systems engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master's of science in systems technology from the Naval Postgraduate School.