



U.S. Naval Institute 2024 Board of Directors Ballot Candidate Profiles



Thomas Furlong

Mr. Furlong is Vice President of Infrastructure Data Centers at Facebook, responsible for creating and executing the strategy to source and operate critical assets that support the company's computing and networking infrastructure.

Prior to joining Facebook in 2007, he was Director of Data Center Strategy and Development at Yahoo! He also has served as Vice President of Operations for Savvis Communications (formerly Exodus Communications) and has nearly two decades of experience executing large capital projects.

Mr. Furlong served five years in the Navy on board the USS *England* (CG-22), completing multiple deployments to the Persian Gulf region. He holds a bachelor of science in engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master of business administration in finance from the University of San Francisco.



Mr. William J. Hannigan

Mr. William Hannigan is the former president and chief operating officer of AT&T. Joining the firm in late 2003, he helped lead AT&T through a challenging time in its and the industry's history.

Previously, he served as chairman and CEO at Sabre Holdings, an S&P 500 company and a world leader in travel commerce, distribution, and technology. He also served as chairman of the board of Travelocity.com and as a senior corporate officer with Sprint, Pacific Bell, and SBC Communications.

Mr. Hannigan enlisted in the Navy in 1977, serving on board the USS *Jack* (SSN-605). He holds a master of business administration from the University of Colorado.



Mel Immergut

Mr. Mel Immergut is the former Chairman of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP. He was a partner in the firm's Corporate Group specializing in corporate governance, board advisory and transactional work.

He is a senior advisor to the venture capital firm Innovation Endeavors LLC and investment firm Wendel. He also serves as an adjunct professor and adjunct senior research scholar for national security law at Columbia Law School and is a senior advisor to Team8 cybersecurity and Sygnia cyber consulting.

Mr. Immergut is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the U.S. Southern Command Advisory Panel, a former member of the Defense Business Board, and a recipient of the Exceptional Public Service Medal. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a juris doctor and master of business administration from Columbia University.



VADM Fred M. Midgette, USCG (Ret.)

Vice Admiral Fred Midgette retired in 2018 after 36 years of service. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Military Officers Association of America and as a senior advisor with The Chertoff Group.

His active-duty assignments included Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area and Defense Forces West; Deputy Commandant for Operations; Commander, 9th Coast Guard District; and senior military advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security. A career cutterman, he served in seven cutters (commanding four) and the USS *Fife* (DD-991), earning designation as a Navy surface warfare officer.

Vice Admiral Midgette holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, a master of science in management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and a master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College.



C. Michael Petters

Mr. C. Michael Petters is Executive Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors at Huntington Ingalls Industries, where he previously served as president and CEO. Before that, he was president of Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding and president of Northrop Grumman's Newport News sector.

He also held a number of positions at Newport News Shipbuilding, including production supervisor for submarines, marketing manager for submarines and carriers, and vice president of aircraft carrier programs.

Mr. Petters served on board the USS *George Bancroft* (SSBN-643) and spent five years in the Naval Reserve. He holds a bachelor of science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master of business administration from William & Mary.



LtGen Lori E. Reynolds, USMC (Ret.)

Lieutenant General Lori Reynolds has commanded at every rank. As a general officer, she commanded Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island/Eastern Recruiting Region, was Principal Deputy to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense South and Southeast Asia, and commanded Marine Corps Forces Cyberspace Command.

She deployed with the 9th Communication Battalion to Fallujah during Operation Iraqi Freedom II, and, in 2009, assumed command of I Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group and deployed to Helmand Province Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Lieutenant General Reynolds is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds master's degrees from the Naval War College and Army War College.



ADM Charles Richard, USN (Ret.)

Admiral Charles "Chas" Richard is Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, responsible for the global command and control of U.S. strategic forces.

Previous assignments have included Commander, Submarine Forces, Norfolk, Virginia; Director of Undersea Warfare; command of Submarine Group 10; and commanding officer of the USS *Parche* (SSN-683) and the deep-submergence submarine *NR-1*. He also has served as executive assistant and naval aide to the Under Secretary of the Navy; Chief of Staff, Submarine Force Atlantic; Commander, Submarine Squadron 17; and on the Chief of Naval Operations' Strategic Studies Group XXVIII, studying the integration of unmanned systems.

A 1982 graduate of the University of Alabama, he holds master's degrees with honors from the Catholic University of America and U.S. Naval War College.



MCPON Russell L. Smith, USN (Ret.)

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Russell Smith has served in myriad sea duty assignments, including SEAL Team 4, the USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN-72), and command master chief on board the USS *Momsen* (DDG-92). Ashore, his assignments include operations noncommissioned officer at the U.S. Defense Attaché Office in Moscow, Command Master Chief for the Office of Naval Intelligence and U.S. Naval Academy, and Fleet Master Chief, Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education.

He has deployed in support of Operations Desert Storm and Desert Fox, completed a 292-day combat deployment during Operations Enduring Freedom and

Iraqi Freedom, and participated in disaster relief operations in Indonesia and counterpiracy operations in the Horn of Africa.

Master Chief Smith is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy and Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat Course.



LtGen Robert S. Walsh, USMC (Ret.)

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

A 1979 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he 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).

As a general officer, his staff assignments included 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 Director of Operations, U.S. Northern Command.