

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

### **ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG (Ret.)** **(Nominated for a three-year term)**

Admiral Thad W. Allen is an executive vice president in Booz/Allen/Hamilton's Departments of Justice and Homeland Security business. He completed his distinguished career in the Coast Guard career as its 23rd Commandant, having served previously as Coast Guard Chief of Staff. In 2005, he was designated principal federal official for the U.S. government's response and recovery operations in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita throughout the Gulf Coast region. In 2010, President Barack Obama selected him to serve as the national incident commander for the unified response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Admiral Allen is a fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. A 1971 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, he holds a master's in public administration, The George Washington University, and a master's in management, the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

### **MajGen Charles F. Bolden Jr., USMC (Ret.)** **(Nominated for a three-year term)**

Major General Charles F. Bolden was selected as an astronaut in 1980 and logged more than 680 hours in space during four space shuttle missions. He retired from the Marine Corps in 2003, after 34 years of service, and in 2009 was confirmed as the 12th NASA administrator, retiring from that position in January 2017.

Major General Bolden was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1968 and flew more than 100 combat missions in North and South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. After completing training at Naval Test Pilot School, he tested a variety of ground attack aircraft until his selection as an astronaut candidate. He returned to operational duty in 1994, and his subsequent assignments included Commanding General, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Forward in support of Operation Desert Thunder; Deputy Commander of U.S. Forces in Japan; and Commanding General, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

A 1968 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, General Bolden holds a bachelor's in electrical science and a master's in systems management from the University of Southern California.

### **Thomas Furlong** **(Nominated for a one-year term)**

Thomas Furlong is the vice president of infrastructure data centers at Facebook, with responsibility for the creation and execution

of the strategy to source mission critical assets that support the company's computing and networking infrastructure. Additionally, his teams are responsible for the installation, maintenance and operations of the company's data center, network and computing infrastructure.

Prior to joining Facebook, Mr. Furlong was director of data center strategy and development at Yahoo!, where he was the architect of that company's strategy to self-develop data center assets. He previously served as vice president of operations for Savvis Communications (formerly Exodus Communications). In addition, he has more than 15 years experience in the execution of large capital projects, serving in client, consultant, or contractor capacities with various companies including Bechtel, Sprint PCS, Coopers & Lybrand Consulting, and Ernst & Young Real Estate Consulting.

Mr. Furlong holds a bachelor's in engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master of business administration in finance from the University of San Francisco.

### **ADM Jonathan W. Greenert, USN (Ret.)** **(Nominated for a three-year term)**

Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert attended the U.S. Naval Academy, majored in ocean engineering, and was graduated and commissioned in June 1975. He completed studies in nuclear engineering and entered the nuclear submarine force.

His Navy career gave him the opportunity to serve as Commander, U.S. Forces Micronesia; Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet; Chief Financial Officer of the Navy (OPNAV N8); Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command; Vice Chief of Naval Operations; and Chief of Naval Operations.

Admiral Greenert has been recognized for his leadership and distinguished performance with numerous awards and citations, including recognition from eight international navies. He considers his greatest reward and to be the privilege of serving with and leading the hundreds of thousands of sailors and civilians from around the United States who volunteer to protect and serve their nation.

### **Kathleen H. Hicks** **(Nominated for a one-year term)**

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. She served in the Obama administration as Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Forces. She led the devel-

opment of the 2012 Defense Strategic Guidance and the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review.

Dr. Hicks is concurrently the Donald Marron Scholar at the Kissinger Center for Global Affairs, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. She serves on the Boards of Advisors for the Truman Center and SoldierStrong and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She also served on the National Commission on the Future of the Army and currently serves on the Commission on the National Defense Strategy.

Dr. Hicks holds a doctorate in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a master of public administration from the University of Maryland, and a bachelor's from Mount Holyoke College. In 2011, she received the 2011 DoD Senior Professional Women's Association Excellence in Leadership Award.

### **ADM William F. Moran, USN (Ret.)** **(Nominated for a three-year term)**

Admiral William F. Moran served as the Navy's 39th Vice Chief of Naval Operations from 2016 to 2019. His other assignments as a flag officer included Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group; Director, Air Warfare (N98); and Chief of Naval Personnel.

His operational tours spanned both coasts, commanding Patrol Squadron (VP) 46 and Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2. He served as an instructor pilot in two tours with VP-30 and as a staff member for Commander, Carrier Group 6 on board the USS *Forrestal* (CVA-59). Ashore, his assignments included executive assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations; executive assistant to Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; deputy director, Navy staff; and assistant Washington placement officer and assistant flag officer detailer in the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Admiral Moran is a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds a master's from the National War College.

### **ADM Scott H. Swift, USN (Ret.)** **(Nominated for a three-year term)**

Admiral Scott Swift served as Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, from May 2015 until his retirement in May 2018. Previously, he was assigned as the director, Navy Staff.

His operational assignments include Attack Squadrons 94 and 97; Carrier Air Wing 11 staff; Commander, Strike Fighter Squadron 97; Commander, Carrier Air Wing 14; Deputy Commander, Naval Forces, U.S. Central Command; Commander, Carrier Strike Group 9; and Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet. During those tours he participated in Operations



Praying Mantis, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

Ashore, Admiral Swift's assignments included the Naval War College; Commander, Strike Fighter Weapons School, Pacific; Commander, Strike Fighter Squadron 122; Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics staff; and Director of Operations, U.S. Pacific Command.

Admiral Swift was commissioned through the Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate program and holds a master's from the Naval War College.

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### LCDR Natalia Best, USCG

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Lieutenant Commander Natalia Best is a permanent cutterman serving as the military assistant to the Secretary of Homeland Security. Her previous assignments include commanding officer, USCGC *Sturgeon* (WPB-87336); living marine resources program manager at U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area; commanding officer, USCGC *Adak* (WPB-1333); and administration and standards development division chief at the Coast Guard Office of Cutter Forces.

Lieutenant Commander Best holds a bachelor's in marine and environmental science from the Coast Guard Academy and a master's in marine affairs from the University of Washington's School of Marine and Environmental Affairs.

### SgtMaj Anthony J. Easton, USMC

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Sergeant Major Anthony Easton, a combat engineer, is assigned to Training and Education Command. His tours include 2d Combat Engineer Battalion, with deployments to Cuba (Operation Sea Signal) and with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Operation Decisive Endeavor) and 26th MEU (Operations Allied Force, Shining Hope, Joint Guardian, and Avid Response); 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, deploying to Iraq in 2004 and 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and 3rd Battalion 9th Marines, deploying to Iraq again and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Sergeant Major Easton is a graduate of the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 165.

### CDR Ryan Mewett, USN

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Commander Ryan Mewett is a U.S. Naval Academy permanent military professor selectee currently studying for a doctorate in history at Johns Hopkins University. His previously served on board the USS *Columbus* (SSN-762), *San Francisco* (SSN-711), and *Helena*

(SSN-725) and in various shore assignments, including most recently as executive officer of the Undersea Warfighting Development Center Tactical Analysis Group.

Commander Mewett holds a bachelor's in history from the U.S. Naval Academy and masters' degrees in international relations from Waseda University (Japan) and in naval history from the University of Portsmouth (UK).

### CWO4 Carl T. Shipley, USCG

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Chief Warrant Officer Carl Shipley has a warrant officer specialty in maritime law enforcement and security and is assigned to the Office of Specialized Capabilities at Coast Guard Headquarters, where he is the equipment configuration control program manager for the Coast Guard's Armed Deployable Specialized Forces. Previous assignments include program manager, Maritime Law Enforcement Policy Standards and C Schools; Maritime Security Response Team West assistant force manager; and Maritime Law Enforcement and Force Protection division chief at Maritime Safety and Security Team Honolulu.

Chief Warrant Officer Shipley holds a bachelor's in homeland security from Excelsior College.

### CAPT Scott M. Smith, USN

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Captain Scott M. Smith is chairman of the Joint Military Operations Department at the Naval War College. Previously, he served as commissioning commanding officer of the USS *Michael Monsoor* (DDG-1001). He has deployed on board the USS *Donald B. Beary* (FF-1085), *Cole* (DDG-67), *Stethem* (DDG-63), and *Ramage* (DDG-61) and as embarked staff on board the USS *Eisenhower* (CVN-69) and USS *Boxer* (LHD-4). He commanded the USS *Klakring* (FFG-42) through two independent deployments to the Mediterranean, North, and Black Seas, and circumnavigated South America as part of UNITAS.

### LtCol William Steinke, USMC

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Lieutenant Colonel William 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. He has served as a weapons and tactics instructor, joint terminal attack controller, operations and tactics instructor, Marine air-ground task force planner, basic information operations planner, and as operations officer for Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, and operations officer for Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 4.

Lieutenant Colonel William Steinke is a graduate of the School of Advanced Warfighting and a DARPA Service Chiefs' Fellow.

### CDR Brendan Stickles, USN

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Commander Brandan Stickles is special advisor for defense, Office of the Vice President. Previously, he was commanding officer of EA-18G electronic attack squadron VAQ-130, after having served as a squadron department head. He served two tours as an instructor pilot flying Super Hornets with Strike Fighter Squadron 106 and Growlers with VAQ-129. He 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.

Commander Stickles holds a bachelor's in history from the U.S. Naval Academy and masters' in business administration from the University of North Carolina and in public administration from Harvard University.

### CAPT Joshua P. Taylor, USN

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Captain Joshua P. Taylor is a foreign area officer serving as U.S. Pacific Fleet head of international plans and policy. 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 Squadrons 128 and 131 and the USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN-74). Other assignments include Deputy Chief of Office of Defense Cooperation Malaysia and legislative affairs officer at U.S. Pacific Command.

Captain Taylor holds a bachelor's in history from the U.S. Naval Academy and masters' in organizational management from the George Washington University and diplomacy and military studies from Hawaii Pacific University.

### LCDR Eric Zilberman, USN

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Lieutenant Commander Eric Zilberman is serving at the Naval Air Traffic Management Systems Program Office as the class desk officer. Flying with with Strike Fighter Squadron 34, he completing two combat deployments in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn. He also has served as experimental test pilot/project officer at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 23, and flown 19 combat missions in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

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