

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES**ADM Harry B. Harris Jr., USN (Ret.)**

Admiral Harry Harris served as Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, from 2013 to 2015 and then as Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, until his retirement from the Navy in 2018. He subsequently was appointed U.S. ambassador to South Korea, serving until January 2021.

A naval flight officer, he has served in every geographic combatant command region and participated in Operations Earnest Will, Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Willing Spirit, and Odyssey Dawn. His staff assignments included three tours on the Navy staff, including as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Communication Networks. He also served as the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 2011–13.

Admiral Harris has logged 4,400 flight hours, including more than 400 combat hours, in maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft. He holds a master's of public administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a master's degree in national security studies from Georgetown University.

The Honorable Ellen M. Lord

The Honorable Ellen M. Lord served as Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment from August 2017 to January 2021. Prior to her appointment, she was president and chief executive officer of Textron Systems, a multibillion-dollar company supporting defense, homeland security, aerospace, and infrastructure protection for clients around the world.

Ms. Lord is the former vice chairman of the National Defense Industrial Association and previously has served on the boards of the U.S. India Business Council and the Defense Technology Initiative. She recently was appointed to the board of AAR, a global provider of aviation services, and serves as an advisor to a number of companies.

She holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Connecticut College and a master's degree in chemistry from the University of New Hampshire.

Gen Kenneth F. "Frank" McKenzie Jr., USMC (Ret.)

General Frank McKenzie, former Commander, U.S. Central Command, is executive director of the University of South Florida's Global and National Security Institute and

executive director of the Florida Center for Cybersecurity.

A 1979 graduate of The Citadel who commissioned into the Marine Corps and trained as an infantry officer, he has commanded at the platoon, company, battalion, Marine expeditionary unit (MEU), and component levels. As commanding officer of the 22d MEU(SOC), he led the MEU on combat deployments to Afghanistan in 2004 and Iraq in 2005–6. In 2009, he was assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff for Stability with the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, Afghanistan.

General McKenzie assumed command of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Central Command, in June 2014, and in March 2019, he assumed command of U.S. Central Command. He retired from the Marine Corps in 2022, after more than 42 years of service.

General McKenzie is an honors graduate of the Armor Officer Advanced Course, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the School of Advanced Warfighting and holds a master's degree in teaching with a concentration in history. He is President of the Board of Directors of the Institute of Applied Engineering at the University of South Florida and a board member of the Warrior Legacy Ranch, a veterans' health organization focused on preventing veteran suicide.

His book *The Melting Point: High Command and War in the 21st Century* (Naval Institute Press, 2024) details his years leading Central Command.

The Honorable Sean J. Stackley

The Honorable Sean J. Stackley is the former acting Secretary of the Navy and former corporate vice president for strategic advanced programs and technology at L3 Technologies, where he oversaw growth strategies intended to synchronize the company's technology investments with pursuit planning, mergers, and acquisitions efforts.

Before stepping in as acting Secretary of the Navy in 2017, he had served as Assistant Secretary for Research, Development, and Acquisition for more than eight years. His four-decade career also includes time as a professional staff member at the Senate Armed Services Committee, where he reviewed Navy and Marine Corps programs.

As a Navy surface warfare officer, Mr. Stackley served on board the USS *John Young* (DD-973), as program manager of LPD-17, production officer for the USS *Arleigh Burke* (DDG-51), and project naval architect for the Canadian patrol frigate HMCS *Halifax*.

Matice Wright-Springer

Ms. Matice Wright-Springer began her career in 1988 as the nation's first African American female naval flight officer and has logged thousands of flight hours in both the EC-130 and E-6 aircraft. After serving in the Navy, she was presidentially appointed as a White House Fellow at the Department of the Treasury and later as a member of the Senior Executive Service at the Department of Defense.

Her private-sector experience has been with General Dynamics, Lockheed Martin, L3Harris, and ManTech International. Currently, she is a senior vice president and partner in Booz Allen Hamilton's Aerospace account, leading the Integrated Missions Solutions subaccount with a focus on digital integration, next-generation data solutions, and digital transformation efforts for the U.S. Air Force.

Ms. Wright-Springer holds a bachelor of science degree in physical science and general engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy, a master's in public administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and an MBA with a finance concentration from Johns Hopkins University's Carey Business School. She serves on the U.S. Naval Academy's Distinguished Graduates selection panel and on the Advisory Council of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. She also is an active member of CHIEF, a private network of women executive leaders.

EDITORIAL BOARD CANDIDATES**CAPT Craig Allen, USCG**

Captain Craig Allen is a career cutterman, former commanding officer of the USCGC *Steadfast* (WMEC-623), and coauthor of the 9th edition of *Farwell's Rules of the Nautical Road* (Naval Institute Press, 2020). He was a 2022–23 National Security Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and now serves as the Chief of Emerging Policy at Coast Guard Headquarters. He is a frequent contributor to *Proceedings* and five-time winner of the Naval Institute's Coast Guard Essay Contest.

CAPT Sharif Calfee, USN

Captain Sharif Calfee is a surface warfare officer who has commanded the USS *McCampbell* (DDG-85) and *Shiloh* (CG-67), both forward deployed in Yokosuka, Japan. He currently is Deputy Director, Navy Plans and Policy, and special assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans, and Strategy.



Captain Calfee holds a bachelor of science degree in computer science from the U.S. Naval Academy, a master's degree in computer science from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a master's degree in public policy (international relations concentration) from Princeton University. He is a frequent contributor to *Proceedings*.

CAPT DeVere J. Crooks, USN

Captain DeVere Crooks is a surface warfare officer and former director of the prospective commanding officers' course at Surface Warfare Schools Command in Newport, Rhode Island. He now teaches in the Joint Military Operations Department at the Naval War College.

Captain Crooks previously served as commanding officer of the USS *Halsey* (DDG-97) and as special assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations and Navy liaison officer to the U.S. Senate. He is a *Proceedings* contributor.

LT Lucinda Ford, USN

Lieutenant Lucinda Ford is an instructor in the Political Science Department at the U.S. Naval Academy. After commissioning in 2017 and completing nuclear power training in 2019, she served on board the USS *Florida* (SSGN-728/Blue) as chemistry and radiological controls assistant during a major maintenance period and assistant operations officer while deployed. She has deployed twice to Fifth Fleet and twice to Sixth Fleet.

Lieutenant Ford holds a bachelor's degree in ocean engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and, as a Rhodes Scholar, attended Oxford University, studying for a master's degree in environmental change and management and a master's degree in public policy with focuses in energy, water, and national security policy. She has published on optimizing freshwater infrastructure in Bangladesh, written on deep sea mining, and worked with the Air Force on creating a governance structure for appropriating operational energy-saving incentives.

Capt Walker D. Mills, USMC

Captain Walker Mills is an MQ-9A Reaper pilot with Marine Unmanned Vehicle Squadron 3 in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. He previously served as an infantry officer with Second Battalion, First Marine Regiment, and as an exchange officer with the Colombian Navy and Marine Corps.

Captain Mills is a senior editor at the Center for International Maritime Security and cohost of the Sea Control podcast. He is the codirector of the Irregular Warfare Initiative's (IWI's) Project Maritime and was

previously a fellow with IWI. He also has been a fellow with Marine Corps University's Brute Krulak Center for Creativity and Innovation as well as the WSD-Handa Fellow with Pacific Forum.

Captain Mills has been published in *Proceedings*, *War on the Rocks*, the *Marine Corps Gazette*, *Military Review*, and *Defense News*. In 2020, he was recognized as the U.S. Naval Institute's *Proceedings* Author of the Year, and in 2023, he was recognized as a Distinguished Author by the Marine Corps Association and Foundation. He holds a bachelor's degree in history and archaeology from Brown University, a master's degree in international relations and contemporary war from King's College, London, and a master's degree in homeland security and defense from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Col Eric Reid, USMC

Colonel Eric Reid is the Senior Marine Representative and Dean of the School of Humanities & Social Sciences at the U.S. Naval Academy. As an infantry officer, he commanded Marines at the company and battalion levels and served as special assistant to the Secretary of Defense.

Colonel Reid holds master's degrees from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Boston University, and Kansas State University.

GySgt Abigail Seitz, USMC

Gunnery Sergeant Abigail Seitz enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2012 as a Pashto linguist. She was stationed at 1st Radio Battalion at Camp Pendleton, California, and worked as an analyst on the watch floor. In 2016, she deployed with the 11th MEU as the detachment senior analyst. On returning in 2017, she volunteered for recruiting duty in Denver, Colorado. After one year of enlisted recruiting, she was selected to be the officer selection assistant. The remaining two years of her assignment were spent selecting, training, and commissioning Marine Corps officers.

In 2021, Gunnery Sergeant Seitz returned to 1st Radio Battalion, deploying as a signals intelligence chief to Baghdad in support of Commander Joint Task Force–Operation Inherent Resolve. In July 2023, she was selected to serve on the staff of the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps and is currently the protocol chief. Gunnery Sergeant Seitz has authored numerous articles for online magazines, blogs, and podcast episodes. She has been published in *Proceedings* and was the lead author for MCTP 6-10A: *Sustaining the Transformation*.

LCDR Tiffany White, USN

Lieutenant Commander Tiffany White enlisted in the Navy in January 1998 as a cryptologic technician collections. In 2010, she transitioned into the Reserve and received a direct commission as a cryptologic warfare officer. Her operational tours include counterpiracy operations on board the USS *Porter* (DDG-78) and Operations Resolute Support and Freedom Sentinel in Kabul, Afghanistan, where she was the airborne intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance collection management chief for the Combined Joint Operating Area–Afghanistan.

Her shore assignments include Naval Security Group Activities Denver, Colorado, and Kunia, Hawaii; Naval Information Warfare Activity Suitland, Maryland; U.S. Cyber Command; Navy Information Operations Command Maryland as Reserve Operational Support Officer; and Commander, Tenth Fleet, as Deputy Reserve Program Director. In 2023, she was indefinitely recalled to active duty at Cryptologic Warfare Activity (CWA) 67 in the Cybersecurity Directorate. She is currently assigned to CWA 66 working computer network operations.

Lieutenant Commander White holds master's degrees from American Military University and Argosy University in intelligence studies with an emphasis in information warfare and forensic psychology, respectively.

CAPT Matt Wright, USN

Captain Matt Wright is the prospective deputy commander of Carrier Air Wing Three in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

He has deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and New Dawn and on multiple occasions to the Indo-Pacific area of responsibility. He previously was commanding officer of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadrons 22 and 2, flying the MH-60S and MQ-8B. His other assignments include service at seven different H-60 commands, an air wing staff, the Joint Staff, and Navy Personnel Command.

Captain Wright holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the U.S. Naval Academy and an executive master's degree in business administration from the Naval Postgraduate School. He won the 2022 CNO History Essay Contest (Rising Historian category) and was named the 2023 *Proceedings* Author of the Year.



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