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### CDR Craig Allen, USCG

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Commander Craig Allen is a career cutterman, commanding officer of the USCGC *Steadfast* (WMEC-623), regular *Proceedings* contributor, 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 the Harvard Kennedy School. He is a frequent contributor to *Proceedings*.

### CAPT Sharif Calfee, USN

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Captain Sharif Calfee is a surface warfare officer who has commanded the USS *McCampbell* (DDG-85) and the USS *Shiloh* (CG-67), both forward deployed in Yokosuka, Japan. He currently serves as the Deputy Director, Navy Plans & Policy (OPNAV N5B), and special assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans & Strategy (OPNAV N3/N5).

Captain Calfee holds a bachelor's 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*.

### CDR DeVere J. Crooks, USN

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Commander DeVere Crooks is a surface warfare officer and director of the prospective commanding officers' course at Surface Warfare Schools Command in Newport, Rhode Island.

Commander 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

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Lieutenant Lucinda Ford commissioned from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in ocean engineering. As a Rhodes Scholar, Lieutenant Ford 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 completed nuclear power training in 2019 and served on board USS *Florida* (Blue) SSGN-728 as the chemistry and radiological controls assistant during a major maintenance period and the assistant operations officer while being forward deployed. Lieutenant Ford has deployed twice to Fifth Fleet and twice to Sixth Fleet.

Lieutenant Ford 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. She is currently an instructor in the Political Science Department at the U.S. Naval Academy.

### Capt Walker D. Mills, USMC

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Captain Walker Mills is currently a 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 (CIMSEC) and co-host of the Sea Control podcast. He is the co-director of the Irregular Warfare Initiative's (IWI) Project Maritime and was previously a fellow with IWI. He has also 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 a range of places including *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 from Brown University in history and archaeology, a master's degree from King's College, London, in international relations and contemporary war, and a master's degree from the Naval Postgraduate School homeland security and defense.

## **Col Eric Reid, USMC**

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Colonel Eric Reid is the Senior Marine Representative and Dean of the School of Humanities & Social Sciences at the U.S. Naval Academy. He holds master's degrees from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Boston University, and Kansas State University. As an infantry officer, Colonel Reid commanded Marines at the company and battalion levels and served as special assistant to the Secretary of Defense.

## **GySgt Abigail Seitz, USMC**

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Gunnery Sergeant Abigail Seitz enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2012 as a Pashto linguist. She was stationed at 1st Radio Battalion in Camp Pendleton, California, and worked as an analyst on the watch floor. In 2016, she deployed on 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, where she deployed again as a signals Intelligence chief to Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Commander Joint Task Force–Operation Inherent Resolve. In July 2023, Gunnery Sergeant Seitz 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 also been published in *Proceedings* and was the lead author for the newly published MCTP 6-10A: *Sustaining the Transformation*.

Gunnery Sergeant Seitz is married to Captain Scot Seitz, a Marine Corps communications officer, and they have a three-year-old son.

## **LCDR Tiffany White, USN**

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Lieutenant Commander Tiffany White enlisted in the Navy in January 1998 from Cheyenne, Wyoming, as a cryptologic technician collections. Twelve years later she transitioned into the Reserves and received a direct commission as a cryptologic warfare officer. LCDR 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.

White's 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 ISR Collection Management Chief for the CJOA-A.

White's shore assignments include Naval Security Group Activity (NSGA) Denver, Colorado; NSGA Kunia, Hawaii; Naval Information Warfare Activity Suitland, Maryland; U.S. Cyber Command; Navy Information Operations Command Maryland as the Reserve Operational Support Officer; and Commander, Tenth Fleet as the Deputy Reserve Program Director.

In 2023, Lieutenant Commander White was indefinitely recalled back to active duty at Cryptologic Warfare Activity 67 in the Cybersecurity Directorate.

## **CAPT Matt Wright, USN**

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Captain Matt Wright is the prospective deputy commander of Carrier Air Wing Three (CVW-3) 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 served as commanding officer of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadrons 22 and 2, flying the MH-60S and MQ-8B. His other assignments include service in seven different H-60 commands and on an air wing staff, the Joint Staff, and at Navy Personnel Command.

He 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 Competition (Rising Historian category) and was named the 2023 *Proceedings* Author of the Year.

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