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Dear Attendees at the 2019 Service Academies Global Summit (SAGS),

On behalf of the SAGS Organizing Team, it gives us great pleasure to welcome you to SAGS 2019!

Now in its fifth year, this endeavor started in 2015 with the vision of a historic and seminal gathering that would bring graduates of all five U.S. service academies together as a “super-community” once a year for professional and leadership development; networking and engagement; sharing experiences and learning from peers and renowned global leaders; and advocating service to society throughout one’s lifetime. Over time, this vision crystallized into the purpose of the SAGS, which is “to develop, inspire and promote fellowship, leadership/professional development and service for the ‘super-community’ of graduates worldwide from the five U.S. Service Academies.”

The SAGS Summit, with this year’s theme of “Courage and Leadership,” is not a conference! It is a gathering of service academy graduates as a community of mutual support - a gathering that provides an annual professional refresher, reunions with friends and colleagues, opportunities to form friendships with alumni from sister academies, and a respite from our busy lives wherein we can pause, reflect, recharge and be inspired. The five trademark qualities that we seek to embody for SAGS Summits are informality, curiosity, fun, respect, and content that is relevant and actionable. The SAGS Summit gathering seeks to strengthen our shared bonds and to help each of us, and each other, to become better leaders and members of society.

The SAGS Summit is a nonprofit endeavor organized by volunteers and made possible by our partners, sponsors and technical assistance advisors. While you are here, please take a moment to thank them and to share your impressions and suggestions with them. **Our sponsors are as follows: Boeing, USAA, Chick-fil-A, Johnson & Johnson, PenFed, MassMutual, RallyPoint, With Honor, and Miles & Stockbridge.** I would especially like to thank our Advisors and recognize the extraordinary contributions made to organizing this year’s event by the graduates who volunteered to be part of the Organizing Team - they’re listed on the following page. Our partner organization is AcademyWomen. SAGS is organized in cooperation with the U.S. Air Force Academy Association of Graduates, U.S. Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association, West Point Association of Graduates, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Foundation - Washington, D.C. Chapter and the U.S. Naval Academy Association - Greater Washington Chapter.

Welcome to the 2019 Service Academies Global Summit!

On behalf of the Organizing Team,

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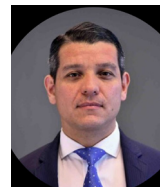
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Agenda

Time	Location	Event
Tuesday - June 11, 2019		
Throughout the Summit	Westin, Annapolis (WA)	<i>For Spouses, Partners and Guests - Information will be available at the Registration Desk for Sightseeing, Shopping and Area Attractions</i>
1:30pm - 5:30pm	Westin, Annapolis (WA)	<p>(Optional) Deal Huddle Host: Mr. Ron Steptoe (USMA '87), CEO, Warrior Centric Health LLC Moderator: Mr. Kempten Schwab, STS Capital Partners</p> <p>Facilitated event for purposeful business networking and deal facilitation focusing on participants' "needs and leads." There will be a max of 20 participants per Deal Huddle.</p>
5:30pm - 7:00pm	WA	<p>Opening Summit Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted Bar
7:00pm	WA	<p>Summit Welcome, Dinner & Opening Keynotes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome & Summit Overview from Organizing Team Video Welcome by U.S. Senator Todd Young (USNA '95) Welcome Remarks by The Honorable Gavin Buckley, Mayor of Annapolis Recognition of Sponsors & Partner Organizations Welcome Remarks from Presidential Sponsor Boeing by BG (Ret.) Leo Brooks (USMA '79), Vice President, Enterprise Subsidiary Integration, Government Operations, Boeing Welcome Remarks from Presidential Sponsor USAA by VADM (Ret.) John Bird (USNA '77), Senior Vice President for Military Affairs, USAA Recognition of Presidents of Alumni Societies/Chapters Recognition of USAFA AOG, USCGA AA, USMMA AA, USNA AA, WPAOG SAGS Announcement: July 19th All-Service Military Officer Job Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Carl Savino (USMA '78), President, Corporate Gray; Chairman of West Point Society of DC's Career Transition Services <p>A Fireside Chat with:</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Robert Gordon (USMA '79), Chief Global Officer, Connected Living

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		<p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admiral Charles W. Ray (USCGA '81), 31st Vice Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard <p>Dinner</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Luis Corzo (USMMA '00), Client Advocate - Corporate Risk & Broking, Willis Towers Watson <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Carl Liebert (USNA '87), CEO, AutoNation
Wednesday - June 12, 2019		
7:30am - 8:30am		Transportation available from Westin Annapolis to Naval Academy from 7:30am - 8:30am
8:00am - 9:00am	USNA Dahlgren Hall	<u>Registration with Continental Breakfast Available</u>
8:30am - 9:00am	USNA Dahlgren Hall	<p>Remembrance Ceremony - Honoring The Fallen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Travis Manion Foundation - Ms. Amy Looney Heffernan, VP The Travis Manion Foundation - Mr. Hugo Lentze (USMA '91), Director of Strategic Partnerships
9:00am - 9:05am	USNA Dahlgren Hall	<u>Welcome and Day 2 Overview</u>
9:05am - 10:30am	USNA Dahlgren Hall	<p><u>Plenary Session #1 - So Much Has Changed In the World! What Do We Need to Know?</u></p> <p>This panel will bring together a diverse group of subject matter leaders and experts to share and engage with audience on the changing geopolitical, economic and security landscape of today.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BG (Ret.) Mike Meese (USMA '81), EVP & Secretary, AAFMAA; Visiting Distinguished Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies, NDU; Adjunct Professor, Security Studies Program, Georgetown Univ.; Former Head, Department of Social Sciences, USMA <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEN (Ret.) Vince Brooks (USMA '80), Director, Gary Sinise Foundation; Former Commander of U.S. Forces Korea, U.N. Command and ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command RADM (Ret.) Pete Gumataotao (USNA' 81), Director, Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) LtGen Lori Reynolds (USNA '86), Deputy Commandant for Information and Commander of Marine Forces Strategic Command, USMC; USMC's 3rd 3-Star General and 1st female LtGen in almost a decade The Honorable Mark Buzby (USMMA '79), Administrator, Maritime Administration, U.S. Dept. of Transportation; Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy, Retired
10:30am - 11:00am	USNA Dahlgren Hall	<u>Break</u>
11:00am - 1:00pm	USNA Midway/ Coral Sea Room, Naval Academy Club	<p><u>Breakout Sessions / Workshops</u></p> <p><u>Breakout #1 - All about the Money: Wealth Creation and Life Goals</u> A primer on personal finance and wealth creation</p>



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	Dahlgren Hall	<p>Workshop Organizers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VADM (Ret.) John Bird (USNA '77), Senior Vice President for Military Affairs, USAA Mr. Joseph "JJ" Montanaro (USMA '88), Relationship Director, Military Advocacy, USAA Mr. Chris O'Keefe (USNA '10, '12), Founder, Restless Creation; Editor in Chief, The Navalist <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COL (Ret.) John Tien (USMA '87), Managing Director, Citigroup <p><u>Breakout #2 - Entrepreneurship & Start-ups</u></p> <p>Workshop Organizers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Doug Doan (USMA '79), Founder, Hivers & Strivers Mr. James Schenck (USMA '88), President and CEO, PenFed <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Scott Borgerson (USCGA '97), CEO, CargoMetrics Technologies Mr. Reichen Kuhl (USAFA '96), CEO & Founder, LeaseLock - TBI Ms. Ronalee Balog (USMA '08), COO, Dore Partnership
	Leyte Gulf Room, Naval Academy Club	<p><u>Breakout #3 - All About Corporate Boards - How to Become a Corporate Board Director and Succeed in this Role</u></p> <p>Workshop Organizer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Rochelle Campbell, Director, Board Services Group, NACD (National Association of Corporate Directors) <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Herman E. Bulls (USMA '78), International Director & Vice-Chairman, Americas, Jones Lang LaSalle; Board Director for USAA, Comfort Systems USA, West Point Association of Graduates, American Red Cross, N.Y. State Teachers' Retirement System Real Estate Advisory; Former Boards are: Tyco, Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), Exelis, Rasmussen. Vice Admiral (Ret.) Jan Tighe (USNA '84), Board Director, Goldman Sachs; Former Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare and 66th Director of Naval Intelligence
1:00pm - 1:45pm	USNA Dahlgren Hall	<u>Networking Lunch</u>
1:45pm - 2:00pm	USNA	<u>Movement to Mahan Hall</u>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	USNA Mahan Hall	<p><u>Plenary Session #2 - A Fireside Chat with General (Ret.) Stanley McChrystal</u> "Living a Life of Courage and Ethical Leadership, and how do we prevent these golden threads from fraying"</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Rodney Bullard (USAFA '96), Vice President of Community Affairs and Sustainability at Chick-fil-A, Inc. and Executive Director of the Chick-fil-A Foundation <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEN (Ret.) Stanley McChrystal (USMA '76) President, The McChrystal Group
3:30pm - 5:30pm	USNA Mahan Hall	<p><u>Plenary Session #3 - "The Supes & Comms Panel"</u> The "Superintendents Panel" will focus on how each academy is developing leaders to achieve that academy's' mission, what the Service Academies' challenges and opportunities are today as they develop future leaders for our nation, and what each Superintendent's personal journey as a "Supe" has been like (e.g. highs, lows, inspiring moments).</p>

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		<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BG (Ret.) Leo Brooks (USMA '79), Vice President, Enterprise Subsidiary Integration, Government Operations, Boeing <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lt. Gen. Jay B. Silveria (USAFA '85), 20th Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy • LTG Darryl A. Williams (USMA '83), 60th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy • RADM Jack Buono (USMMA '78), 13th Superintendent of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy • RADM William G. Kelly (USCGA '87), 42nd Superintendent of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy • CAPT Thomas R. Buchanan (USNA '92), 88th Commandant of Midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy
5:30pm - 6:00pm	USNA Mahan Hall	<p>Special Recognitions and Remembrances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remembrance Ceremony for the Capital Gazette's Five Fallen Journalists on June 28, 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ CDR (Ret.) Scott J. Shepard (USNA '91), President, USNA Chapter of Annapolis ▫ Mr. Fred Latrash (USNA '87), President, USNA Alumni Association - Greater Washington Chapter ▫ Mr. Chris O'Keefe (USNA '10, '12), Founder, Restless Creation; Editor in Chief, The Navalist
6:00pm - 7:00pm		Transportation available from Naval Academy to Westin Annapolis from 6:00pm - 7:00pm
6:00pm		<p><u>AOG/AA/Alumni Receptions & Dinner "On Your Own"</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Point AOG Reception Location: Fado's Irish Pub, One Park Place #7, Annapolis, MD 21401. Ph: (410) 626-0069. • U.S. Air Force Academy AOG Reception Location: Westin Annapolis Host: Mr. Marty Marcolongo (USAFA '88), President, USAFA AOG • Joint-Academy Maritime Reception • Location: McGarvey's Saloon & Oyster Bar, 8 Market Space, Annapolis, MD 21401. Ph: (410) 263-5700 Hosts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ CAPT (Ret.) Bob McKenna (USCGA '89), Vice President, USCGA Alumni Association ▫ Mr. Fred Latrash (USNA '87), President, USNA Alumni Association - Greater Washington Chapter ▫ Ms. Laila Linares (USMMA '06), President, U.S. Merchant Marine Alumni Association - Washington, DC Chapter ▫ CDR (Ret.) Scott J. Shepard (USNA '91), President, USNA Chapter of Annapolis
Thursday - June 13, 2019		
8:00am - 9:00am	Westin Annapolis (WA)	<u>Registration with Continental Breakfast Available</u>
9:00am - 9:05am	WA	<u>Welcome and Day 3 Overview</u>
9:05am - 10:30am	WA	<p><u>Plenary Session #4 - Serving in Public Office as an Elected or Appointed Leader</u></p> <p>Firestarter: The Honorable Debra Wada, Vice Chair for Military Service, former Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs</p>



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		<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Robert Gordon (USMA '79), Chief Global Officer, Connected Living <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Emily Cherniack, Founder and Executive Director, New Politics The Honorable Matthew S. Collier (USMA '79) President & CEO, VetAccel, Inc. The Honorable Robert McDonald (USMA '75), 8th U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Retired Chairman, President and CEO of Procter & Gamble
10:30am - 11:00am	WA	Break
11:00am - 11:30am	WA	<p>Plenary Session #5 - Unique Career Paths</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Laila Linares (USMMA '06), President, U.S. Merchant Marine Alumni Association - Washington, DC Chapter <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LT Jesse Iwuji (USNA '10), NASCAR driver and Officer in the United States Navy Reserve
11:30am - 12:30pm	WA	<p>Plenary Session #6 - Peak Performance for Leaders: How to Maximize Our Brain's Fitness & Functioning</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Brad Drummond (USNA '84), COO, Aramark <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Louis Gagnon, CEO, Total Brain; Former Chief Product Officer (CPO) and Chief Marketing Officer (CMO), Amazon
12:30pm - 3:00pm	WA	<p>SAGS - AcademyWomen Luncheon with Keynote Speakers</p> <p>Opening Remarks & Videos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Jacqueline Stennett (USMA '90), Vice President, AcademyWomen - invited <p>Lunch</p> <p>A Fireside Chat with Speakers:</p> <p>Firestarter: 2LT Simone Askew (USMA '18), Rhodes Scholar, 1st Female African American First Captain and Brigade Commander</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Alaina Love, Creator of The Passion Profiler; Former Global Executive Director of Human Resources for Merck <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RDML Bette Bolivar (USNA '85), Commander, Navy Region Southwest Ms. Janie Mines (USNA '80), Author and Executive Management Consultant. First African American women graduate of USNA Ms. Kathy Widmer (USMA '83), Company Group Chairman, North America Consumer, Johnson & Johnson

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3:00pm - 3:30pm	WA	Break
3:30pm - 5:30pm	WA	<p><u>Plenary Session #7 - "Space & Its Many Dimensions: Military, Exploratory & Commercial"</u></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDML Michael Johnston (USCGA '90) Commandant (CG-93) - Assistant Commandant for Acquisition & Chief Acquisition Officer <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jim Chilton, Senior Vice President, Space and Launch, Boeing Defense, Space & Security • Mr. Scott Henderson (USFA '85), Vice President, Test and Flight Operations & Florida Site Director, Blue Origin • CAPT (USN) Kathryn Patricia "Kay" Hire (USNA '81), Astronaut (retired) • LCDR (USNR) Dustin L. Wallace (USMMA '06), Member, NASA Human Exploration Research Analog (HERA) mission
5:30pm - 6:00pm	WA	Break
6:00pm - 7:00pm	WA	<p><u>Closing Summit Reception</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted Bar with heavy Hors d'Oeuvres
7:00pm	WA	<p>Closing Summit Dinner with Keynote Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks & Special Recognitions • Video Live Streaming - Greetings from LTG (Ret.) Robert Caslen (USMA '75), 57th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy • Welcome Remarks from Presidential Sponsor Boeing by Mr. Mike Manazir (USNA '81), Vice President, Navy Systems, Boeing • Welcome Remarks from Presidential Sponsor USAA by VADM (Ret.) John Bird (USNA '77), Senior Vice President for Military Affairs, USAA <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Alaina Love, Creator of The Passion Profiler; Former Global Executive Director of Human Resources for Merck <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Montel Williams (USNA '80) American Television Personality, Talk Show Host • Introduced by: Mr. Mark "Ranger" Jones, CEO, Ranger Group; MSG (Ret.) U.S. Army <p>Dinner</p> <p>A Fireside Chat</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RADM (Ret.) Frank Thorp IV (USNA '81), President and CEO, U.S. Navy Memorial <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VADM Walter E. "Ted" Carter (USNA '81), 62nd Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy <p>Close of SAGS 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summit Wrap-Up with Recognitions & Summit Thank You's



VADM Walter "Ted" Carter (USNA '81)
62nd Superintendent, United States Naval Academy

VADM Carter became the 62nd superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy on July 23, 2014. His career as an aviator includes extensive time at sea, deploying around the globe in the F-4 Phantom II and the F-14 Tomcat. His commands are numerous and diverse to include command of the Enterprise Carrier Strike Group (CSG-12). He served as the 54th president of the U.S. Naval War College. VADM Carter awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with Combat V, Bronze Star, Air Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal. He was awarded the Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale Leadership Award and the U.S. Navy League's John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership. In April of 2015, VADM Carter was inducted into the prestigious Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame.

He is a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, the Navy Fighter Weapons School, Top Gun, in 1985, and completed the Air Command and Staff College course, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Navy's Nuclear Power Program.



Lt. Gen. Jay Silveria (USAFA '85)
20th Superintendent, United States Air Force Academy

Lt. Gen. Silveria is the 20th Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy. Prior to assuming his current position, General Silveria served as the Deputy Commander, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, and Deputy Commander, Combined Air Force Air Component, U.S. Central Command, Southwest Asia. He has previously served as Commander, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, and Vice Commander, 14th Air Force, Air Forces Strategic at Vandenberg AFB, California, as well as Director, Security Assistance in the Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq. He completed undergraduate pilot training in 1986. He is a command pilot with more than 3,900 hours in the T-37, T-38, F-15C/E, HH-60 and F-35A aircraft. He has flown combat sorties over the Balkans and Iraq and served as Vice Commander at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. Lt Gen. Silveria

grew up in an Air Force family and is a 1985 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy.



LTG Darryl Williams (USMA '83)
60th Superintendent, United States Military Academy at West Point

LTG Williams assumed duties as the 60th Superintendent of the USMA in July 2018. A career Field Artillery officer, he most recently served as the Commander, NATO Allied Land Command. Prior to this, he served as the Commander, U.S. Army Africa; the Deputy Chief of Staff G3/5/7 of U.S. Army in Europe; the Deputy Commanding General for Support for the 2nd Infantry Division; and Commanding General for the U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command and Assistant Surgeon General for Warrior Care and Transition. LTG Williams also served in numerous key leadership positions at the tactical, operational and strategic levels. His awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal,

the Parachutist Badge, Presidential Service Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge. LTG Williams is a native of Alexandria, Virginia. He holds Masters' degrees in Leadership Development, Military Art and Science, and National Security and Strategic Studies. LTG Williams is a 1983 West Point graduate.



RADM Jack Buono (USMMA '78)

13th Superintendent of the United States Merchant Marine Academy

RADM Buono is the 13th Superintendent of the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Prior to his appointment, he served as President and CEO of SeaRiver Maritime, Inc., an ExxonMobil marine subsidiary. He chaired the Board of International Marine Transportation Limited, an ExxonMobil subsidiary and chaired the ExxonMobil Global Marine Center providing operations guidance to ExxonMobil affiliates worldwide. In 1978 he joined the Marine Department of Exxon Company USA, a predecessor organization of SeaRiver Maritime, Inc. Between 1978 and 1986 he served as deck officer aboard various sized crude and chemical tankers before being promoted to Master Mariner. In 1991, Buono transferred ashore where he progressed through the management ranks before retiring as President and CEO of SeaRiver Maritime in 2016. He currently serves as a member of

the Board of Trustees of the Coast Guard Foundation. RADM Buono has received numerous awards and citations. RADM Buono is a 1978 graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy and was he was simultaneously commissioned into the United States Navy Reserve where he served for eleven years, rising to the rank of Lieutenant.



RADM William Kelly (USCGA '87)

Incoming Superintendent, United States Coast Guard Academy

RADM Kelly will assume duties as the 42nd Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy this summer. He is currently the Coast Guard's assistant commandant for Human Resources, a position he has held since April 2016. In this capacity, he is responsible for implementing the vision for human capital management; to recruit, develop, and retain a diverse, proficient, and effective workforce to meet the current and future needs of the Service's nearly 60,000 member active duty, reserve, and civilian workforce. He serves as Chair of the Coast Guard Academy Board of Trustees, Diversity and Inclusion Chief, Warranting Officer Human Systems Engineering, and President of the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Board. His previous Flag assignment was as the Commander, Personnel Service Center. RADM Kelly is a Cutterman with over ten years of service at

sea, including two command tours in CCG SENECA and CGC MONOMOY. Rear Admiral Kelly is a 1987 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy and he earned his Master's Degree in Instructional Systems Design from Florida State University and a Certificate in Human Resource Management.



CAPT Thomas Buchanan (USNA '92)

88th Commandant, United States Naval Academy

CAPT Buchanan, was recently selected to be the 88th Commandant of Midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. He currently serves as the Executive Assistant to the Director of the Joint Staff. He has served in both attack and ballistic missile submarines including: USS ASHEVILLE (SSN 758), USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728) (Gold), and USS NORFOLK (SSN 714), and commanded USS ALBANY (SSN 753) from October 2009 until December 2011. He also commanded Submarine Squadron TWENTY from March 2016 to August 2017 and was responsible for the training and certification of all operational Atlantic based Strategic Ballistic Missile Submarines (SSBNs). Ashore, he served on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations; on the Joint Staff; as Aide to the Director, Naval Reactors; and as a Special Assistant to Commander, US Joint Forces Command. He also

served overseas as the Officer-in-charge and submarine operations officer for Commander, Task Force 54 Detachment Bahrain. From June 2014 to February 2016, he was the Lead Shipbuilding Program Analyst in the Programming Division (OPNAV N80). He is 1992 USNA graduate and holds a Masters from GWU.



RDML Bette Bolivar (USNA '85), Keynote Speaker

Commander, Navy Region Southwest

RDML Bolivar is the Commander of Navy Region Southeast, which provides support and guidance for 18 installations within the Southeastern United States as well as the Caribbean. She has served in various leadership positions aboard five Navy ships, as well as Commanding Officer of Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1. Most recently, she served as Commander of Joint Region Marianas. Her decorations include the Legion of Merit Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various campaign, unit, and service awards including recognition as the CNO's Pacific Fleet Finalist for the VADM James Stockdale Leadership Award. She was also inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame. Rear Admiral Bolivar was born in Hawaii and raised in various locations in the Western Pacific. Bolivar graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in oceanography. She also holds a Master of Science in management from Troy University.



Mr. Louis Gagnon, Keynote Speaker

Chief Executive Officer, Total Brain

Louis, is the CEO of Total Brain, a Mental Health and Fitness Platform powered by the world's largest standardized neuroscientific database. He is Advisor to TPG Capital, a top-tier US private equity firm who named him CEO of Ride, a portfolio company that he restructured. As a corporate executive, Louis held dual chief product officer and chief marketing officer roles at Audible/Amazon, Yodle and Monster Worldwide. As an entrepreneur, Louis created and led five business and social enterprises on four continents, many of which in the field of reproductive health. His career has been awarded by his alma maters and his work has been featured in a number of management books and magazines including The Economist. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Laval University in Quebec City and a Masters of Science in Marketing from HEC-Montreal.



Mr. Carl Liebert (USNA '87), Keynote Speaker

CEO and President, AutoNation

Carl is as AutoNation's new Chief Executive Officer and President. It's America's largest automotive retailer. Carl previously currently served as CEO and EVP of USAA, a Fortune 100 full-service financial services company, serving nearly 13 million members. He was responsible for the overall business strategy and delivering a seamlessly integrated omnichannel customer and member experience. Mr. Liebert also led the company's Property & Casualty Insurance Company, Federal Savings Bank (FSB), Investment, Life and Real Estate companies, which drive \$28 billion in annual revenue. Mr. Liebert also served as Executive Vice President, Stores for The Home Depot, where he was responsible for international sales, strategy, execution, and operations, including future supply chain and global sourcing strategy, for the more than 2,000 stores and 250,000 employees. While at The Home Depot, Carl implemented strategies that grew the business and improved the customer's shopping experience. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Science, and he obtained his MBA from Vanderbilt University, Owen Graduate School of Management.



Mr. Jesse Iwuji (USNA '10), Keynote Speaker

NASCAR driver and Officer in the United States Navy Reserve

Jesse is currently the only NASCAR driver that is racing at the national series levels that has ever served our country. He owns an auto racing events company and trucking & logistics company. His journey from Navy to NASCAR is historic. He's been featured on NBCSN, Fox News, FS1, ESPN, and soon this summer ABC. While attending college he played football and ran track earning letters all 4 years in both sports. After serving for 7 yrs of active duty including two deployments to the Arabian Gulf, Jesse transitioned to the US Navy Reserves. He's currently the Face of the Fleet on Navy.com. We Are The Mighty named Jesse onto their Top 25 list "Mighty 25: Veterans poised to make an impact"; a list which also included General Stanley McChrystal. Task and Purpose named Jesse and six other veterans to their Top 6 list of "Service members that kick ass and take names daily". He's been named to HillVets 100 class of 2018 as one of the most influential service members of the year. Jesse Iwuji is a Class of 2010 US Naval Academy graduate.

Speaker Information Biographies



GEN (Ret) Stanley McChrystal (USMA '76), Keynote Speaker *Co-founder and Partner, McChrystal Group*

A retired four-star general, he is the former commander of U.S. and International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) Afghanistan and the former commander of the premier military counter-terrorism force, Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC). He is best known for developing and implementing the current counter-insurgency strategy in Afghanistan, and for creating a comprehensive counter-terrorism organization that revolutionized the interagency operating culture. General McChrystal is a senior fellow at Yale University's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs. He sits on the board of the Yellow Ribbon Fund and JetBlue Airways. He is also the chair of Service Year Alliance, a project of Be The Change and the Aspen Institute. Over the course of his career, he held several leadership and staff positions in the Army Special Forces, Army Rangers, 82nd Airborne Division and the XVIII Army Airborne Corp and the Joint Staff. He is a graduate of the US Naval War College and he completed fellowships at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1997 and at the Council on Foreign Relations in 2000. GEN McChrystal graduated from West Point in 1976.



Ms. Janie Mines (USNA '80), Keynote Speaker

President, Custom Messages Inc & Common Cents Business Services Inc.

Janie is President of Custom Messages, Inc & Common Cents Business Services, Inc. She is the author of "No Coincidences - Reflections of the First Black Female Graduate of the United States Naval Academy." Janie held management and executive positions in P&G, Frito-Lay, Hershey, and Bank of America. She served as the Sr. Advisor, Business Process, Senior Executive Service in the Office of the Secretary of the Navy. She continues her service as a member of the SECDEF's Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. During her rewarding military career, she served as a Supply Corps Officer holding several positions including a tour at the Naval Training Center, the Pentagon, and aboard the USS Emory S. Land. Since, Janie has served as a member of the Rotary Club International, the Board of Directors of the Founders Federal Credit Union, and the Board of the Springs Close Foundation. Janie is also a National Women of Color in Business Award Winner and founded a non-profit organization, Boyz to Men Club, Inc. She is a 1980 USNA graduate and holds an MBA from MIT.



ADM Charles W. Ray (USCGA '81), Keynote Speaker

Vice Commandant, United States Coast Guard and Chief Operating Officer

ADM Ray is the Coast Guard's 31st Vice Service Chief and Chief Operating Officer. He has held several key flag assignments. After an assignment as a deck watch officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter ACUSHNET (WMEC-167), he was selected for Naval Flight Training and earned his wings in 1984. Admiral Ray has served at six Coast Guard Air Stations. He was designated an Aeronautical Engineer in 1988 and has served as Engineering Officer at three stations and at the Aviation Logistics Center as the Program Manager for the development of the Coast Guard's Aviation Logistics Management System. He commanded Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen, Puerto Rico from 2002 through 2005. Admiral Ray's awards include the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal, five Legion of Merit Medals, one Bronze Star Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, one Coast Guard Air Medal, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal. ADM Ray is from Newport, Arkansas, and is a 1981 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy. He also holds Masters Degrees from Purdue University and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.



Ms. Kathy Widmer (USMA '83), Keynote Speaker

Chairman, Company Group for Consumer North America

Kathy is Company Group Chairman for Consumer North America, which has provided health and wellness solutions to consumers for more than 125 years through well-known and trusted brands, including NEUTROGENA, LISTERINE, TYLENOL, AVEENO, ZYRTEC, JOHNSON'S, BAND-AID, OGX, and ZARBEE'S NATURALS. Kathy began her corporate career in the Consumer division at Johnson & Johnson where she advanced through many roles in Supply Chain and Marketing. She spent five years with Elizabeth Arden, where she was Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer. She then returned to Johnson & Johnson as President of the US Self Care division. In 2017, she joined the Board of Directors for Wounded Warrior Project and was appointed Vice Chairman in 2018. She serves as Co-Chair for Johnson & Johnson's Veterans Leadership Council. Kathy is a Board Director for Texas Roadhouse, a publicly traded casual dining restaurant chain. She is also an Executive Board Director for the Consumer Healthcare Products Association. Kathy is 1983 graduate from the United States Military Academy, and she holds an MBA from Oklahoma City University.



Mr. Montel Williams (USNA '80), Keynote Speaker

Talk Show Host, Actor, MS Foundation Advocate

Montel is a former American television personality, radio talk show host, and actor. He is best known as host of the long-running daytime talk show *The Montel Williams Show*, which ran in syndication from 1991 to 2008. Montel is active with the nonprofit MS Foundation, which he founded after being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1999. Additionally, Montel is noted for his service in both the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Navy, from which he was honorably discharged after 15 years of service. Montel is a 1980 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.



2LT Simone M. Askew (USMA '18)

Rhodes Scholar, 1st Female African American First Captain and Brigade Commander

Simone Askew, of Fairfax, Virginia, is currently a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Simone was West Point's first African-American female First Captain and was also the first African-American female Rhodes Scholar chosen from West Point. The role of First Captain gave her the opportunity to lead over 4,400 cadets and act as the liaison between the student body and the officers in charge. To date, she is reading for her MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies at Oxford University. Simone looks forward to reading for a Master's in Public Policy during her final year at Oxford and putting that knowledge to good use as an Engineer Officer in 2020. Simone graduated from West Point in 2018 as a Rhodes Scholar.



Ms. Ronalee Balog (USMA '08)

Chief Operating Officer at Dore Partnership

Ronalee is the COO for a global executive search firm specializing in the financial services industry. Prior to this, she served as the Director of Operations for Movable Ink, a marketing technology company. She joined Movable Ink from the Corporate Audit Staff of General Electric (GE) where she led teams and executed on strategic business priorities in the areas of Cyber Security, Robotics, Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), and the Internet of Things (IoT). Ronalee also completed General Electric's leadership program for veterans in the Oil & Gas business in Houston, Texas. While there, Ronalee led efforts for veteran recruiting and community service. She established strategic partnerships with the Habitat for Humanity, Houston public schools, and the Houston Food Bank. Ronalee's career in service began as an Army officer, where she served six years and achieved the rank of Captain. She serves as a board member for Sustainable Initiatives in Africa, and volunteers for Team RWB and Lean In. Ronalee attended the Helmut Schmidt Universitaet der Bundeswehr in Hamburg, holds an MPA from Bowie State University and a B.S. from West Point.



VADM (Ret) John Bird (USNA '77)

SVP Military Affairs at USAA

A retired Vice Admiral, John has spent over 30 years leading operational units of up to 20k personnel. He has extensive experience in Asia as well as in financial and legislative affairs. John is an expert in strategic and operational planning. He is recognized for maximizing results and achieving peak efficiency. Proven record of team building and personnel management, with both small and large staffs. As a career submarine officer, Bird has served on both fast attack and ballistic missile submarines in both the Pacific and Atlantic Fleets. From July 2008 to September 2010 he served as the 46th commander of the U.S. 7th Fleet. Following command of the 7th Fleet, Bird served as the Director of the Navy Staff from September 2010 to July 2012. In 1977, he graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He holds a Master of Science in Engineering Management from the Catholic University of America and has completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI in Foreign Affairs, International Relations and National Security.

Speaker Information Biographies



Dr. Scott Borgerson (USCGA '97) *CEO, CargoMetrics Technologie*

Scott is the CEO of CargoMetrics which runs a patented system to produce intelligence on the 90% of global trade transported by sea. Before co-founding CargoMetrics, Scott was a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). An expert on shipping, he advises the White House on maritime policy; and he is a co-founder of The Arctic Circle, a global NGO headquartered in Iceland. He is the author of *The National Interest and the Law of the Sea*, and most recently he served on CFR's Arctic policy task force. A former Coast Guard officer, he also commanded a coastal patrol boat conducting search and rescue and law enforcement missions in the Gulf of Mexico. He was the founding Managing Director of the Academy's Institute for Leadership. He recently joined the Board of Hivers and Strivers, an angel fund dedicated to financing veteran-led startups. Scott is a 1997 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He also holds a M.A.L.D. and Ph.D. degrees in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.



BG (Ret) Leo Brooks (USMA '79) *Vice President, Enterprise Subsidiary Integration, Government Operations, Boeing*

Leo is VP at Boeing. In this capacity, he has responsibility to ensure optimal enterprise integration of Boeing subsidiaries, joint ventures, and investment partners for Government Operations as well as leverage government, community, and enterprise resources to empower subsidiaries' achievement of business goals and objectives. Prior to this assignment, he was VP, Defense, Space and Security and served as the liaison with the Pentagon, NASA, and the Department of Homeland Security. He joined the company in August 2006, after serving in the Army for 27 distinguished years and retiring as a brigadier general. He commanded units in virtually every echelon of the Army. He is a Senior Fellow of the Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Government, National Security Studies Program. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the District of Columbia College Access Program, the National Defense Industrial Association and the Advisory Board of Directors of the Association of the United States Army. He is also a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He graduated from USMA in 1979 and has Masters from the University of Oklahoma.



GEN (Ret) Vince Brooks (USMA '80) *Director, Gary Sinese Foundation*

Vincent is a retired United States Army general who commanded United States Forces Korea, United Nations Command and ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command. He previously served as commanding general of the United States Army Pacific and before that as the commanding general of Third Army. He was the United States Central Command Deputy Director of Operations during the War in Iraq, and frequently briefed the media, which raised his public profile. He also served as the Chief of Army Public Affairs. He was the deputy commander of 1st Cavalry Division in Baghdad during the 2006-2008 "surge" and upon returning to the US became the commanding general of the same division. He later was commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division. He assumed command in Korea on April 30, 2016 and was succeeded by Robert B. Abrams in November 2018. Brooks retired from the Army after over 38 years of service. While at West Point, he was the academy's first African-American Cadet First Captain, the highest position a cadet can hold, an appointment that brought much public visibility at an early age in life. He graduated from West Point in 1980.



The Honorable Gavin Buckley *Mayor, Annapolis, MD*

Elected Mayor of Annapolis in November 2017, Gavin is committed to bringing together business owners, community leaders, and residents to develop innovative ideas and economic opportunities for Main Street, Maryland Ave, West Annapolis and all parts of the city. These include 21st century transit solutions, a more transparent development process, strong community policing, and greater focus on the needs of the local community. From his first job as a server at Middleton Tavern, Gavin showed the vision and entrepreneurial spirit for which he is so well known. He quickly learned the basics of business, raised capital, and navigated bureaucracy to open Annapolis' first coffee shop, The Moon, in 1993. In time, Gavin began to see potential in West Street - then considered the "wrong part of town," where drug deals and prostitution were common. He opened pan-Asian restaurant, Tsunami, in 2000. A diverse group of residents, passionate about their community, responded to his vision and Tsunami soon became "the place" to be. Tsunami's success encouraged Gavin to establish new restaurants, including Lemongrass and Metropolitan in 2005 and Sailor Oyster Bar in 2016. All of his business ventures are located on West Street in Annapolis.



Mr. Rodney Bullard (USAFA '96)

Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility for Chick-fil-A; Executive Director of the Chick-fil-A Foundation

Rodney is Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility for Chick-fil-A, Inc. and Executive Director of the Chick-fil-A Foundation. He leads Chick-fil-A's community engagement, philanthropic and sustainability strategy as Vice President of Community Affairs and Executive Director of the Chick-fil-A Foundation. Before coming to Chick-fil-A, Rodney served as an Assistant United States Attorney prosecuting complex criminal cases. For his service, the United States Attorney General presented Rodney with the Department of Justice Director's Award. Prior to this role, Rodney was selected as a White House Fellow, the nation's most prestigious public service Fellowship. As a White House Fellow, Rodney was placed at NASA working directly for the NASA Administrator. Rodney also previously served at the Pentagon as a Congressional Legislative Liaison in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. Rodney recently released his first book, *Heroes Wanted: Why the World Needs You to Live Your Heart Out*. He is a 1996 graduate of the Air Force Academy. He also graduated from Duke Law School, the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business, and Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program.



Mr. Herman Bulls (USMA '78)

International Director & Vice-Chairman, Americas, Jones Lang LaSalle; Board Director for USAA, WPAOG

Herman is International Director & Vice Chairman, Americas, Jones Lang LaSalle, a real estate advisory firm serving the needs of corporations, governments and College & Universities. Prior to forming the Bulls Advisory Group, LLC in September 2001, he served as the COO of one of the nation's largest and most active Fannie Mae Delegated Underwriting and Servicing (DUS) apartment lenders. Herman completed almost 12 years of active duty service with the United States Army. His duty assignments included working in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Sciences at West Point. He is currently a Colonel in the Army Reserves. Herman received a BS in engineering from the United States Military Academy and an MBA in finance from Harvard Business School. He is a member of the Executive Leadership Council, an organization of senior African American business executives from Fortune 500 companies, and currently serves as Chairman of the Executive Leadership Foundation.



The Honorable Mark Buzby (USMMA '79)

Maritime Administrator

Rear Adm. Buzby was appointed by President Donald Trump and sworn in as Maritime Administrator on August 8, 2017. Prior to his appointment, he served as president of the National Defense Transportation Association, a position he has held since retiring from the U.S. Navy in 2013 with over 34 years of service. Mark commanded both at sea and ashore multiple destroyers to include Commander of the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command from October 2009 to March 2013. In 1985, he was the Atlantic Fleet Junior Officer Shiphandler of the Year. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and various other unit and campaign awards. A 1979 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Nautical Science and U.S. Coast Guard Third Mate License. He was commissioned in the US Navy in June 1979, is a graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College and holds master's degrees from the U.S. Naval War College and Salve Regina University in Strategic Studies and International Relations respectively.



Ms. Rochelle Campbell, Director

Director, Board Services Group, NACD

Rochelle is an accomplished board recruiter, leader, trainer, writer, and speaker focusing on governance, policy, and board succession planning with an end-to-end approach. As director of Board Services Group she leads the NACD Board Advisory Services and the NACD Board Recruitment Practice. She has worked with companies of all types and sizes, customizing, developing, and delivering in-boardroom education programs. Leading the NACD Board Recruitment practice, she has doubled the business revenue in only a few years and placed directors with boards ranging from the F500, to large family owned business, private, and nonprofit organizations across industries. Rochelle speaks nationwide on governance and board recruitment related topics, is a columnist for NACD Directorship magazine, and has advised more than 3,000 directors on leading governance practices and board composition. She has coached over 400 military flag and general officers (1-4 stars), helping them to successfully transition their military experience into the private sector. Prior to her work with NACD, she spent more than a decade in public relations as an advisor and public speaker. She holds an MS from GMU and a BS from the University of Utah.

Speaker Information Biographies



LTG (Ret) Robert Caslen (USMA '75)

Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (Retired)

Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr. was the 59th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Previous to this assignment, LTG Caslen served as the Chief of the Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq. LTG Caslen's prior deployments and assignments include serving as the commander of the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, KS., the command that oversees the Command and General Staff College and 17 other schools, centers, and training programs located throughout the United States; commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and commanding general of the Multi-National Division-North during Operation Iraqi Freedom; Commandant of Cadets for the U.S. Military Academy; Assistant Division Commander (maneuver), 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized); Chief of Staff, 10th Mountain Division (Light); Chief of Staff, Combined Joint Task Force Mountain during Operation Enduring Freedom; Chief of Staff, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). LTG (ret.) Caslen graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1975. He earned master's degrees from Long Island University and Kansas State University



Ms. Emily Cherniack

Founder & Executive Director, New Politics

Emily is steeped in the traditions of servant leadership. From her service in AmeriCorps and employment with City Year AmeriCorps, to being part of the founding team of Be the Change--where she led a coalition of over 200 organizations to engage 250,000 people for a Day of Action, Emily has worked tirelessly to serve our country and support others who serve. Emily's path to politics came when her boss and mentor, Alan Khazei, decided to run for the US Senate in 2009. Khazei asked Emily to become his Deputy Campaign Manager and, although he was defeated, Emily learned a great deal from his campaign and the power of political leaders who chose to serve country before self. This experience led Emily to conclude that our current system for recruiting political talent is broken and has significant barriers that prevent transformational leaders from successfully running for office; the only way to change that is to change the pipeline. New Politics Leadership Academy was founded in 2016 to help address that problem. Emily graduated from GWU with a BA in Criminal Justice and Psychology and a MA in Education Policy.



Mr. James Chilton

Senior Vice President, Space and Launch, Boeing Defense, Space & Security (BDS)

Jim is the SVP of the Space and Launch division of BDS. Jim began his career with Boeing in 1984 as a turbo machinery development engineer at the Rocketdyne division in Canoga Park, California. Since, Jim led the Network & Space Systems (N&SS), which included much of the current Space and Launch portfolio. Prior to that role, he was Vice President and General Manager of Strategic Missile & Defense Systems within N&SS. Previously, Jim served as Vice President and Program Manager for Exploration Launch Systems and led SLS, Boeing's heavy lift launch vehicle program. Before SLS, he served as Program Manager for the Checkout, Assembly and Payload Processing Services (CAPPS) contract at NASA's Kennedy Space Center. Jim served on many boards, including the board of directors for the National Children's Advocacy Center and the International Astronautical Federation industry relations committee. Jim completed the systems acquisition course for general and flag officers at Defense Acquisition University and is a graduate of Harvard Business School's advanced management program. He holds a BS from Washington State University and a MS from the Florida Institute of Technology.



The Honorable Matthew Collier (USMA '79)

President & CEO, VetAccel, Inc. and former Mayor of Flint, MI

Matt is the President and CEO VAI. He is also the Principal and Chief Strategy Officer for OutcomeMD, a software company; the Senior Advisor with Fieldstone Equity Partners, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of One World, a non-profit youth leadership and character development organization based in New York, and also serves on the Board of the Boston-based Concussion Legacy Foundation; and is a member of the Child Neurology Foundation Board. Originally from Michigan, Matt served as an Airborne-Ranger Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army, held elective public office, and has worked in the private sector for over 21 years. In 1987, Matt was elected as the youngest big city "strong" mayor in the United States (Flint, MI). Following his four year stint as mayor, Matt served in executive roles with several technology companies, including over 13 years of President & CEO experience, and company ownership. More recently, Matt served as Senior Advisor to the Secretary at the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Matt is a 1979 West Point graduate and also holds an MPA from Harvard.

**Mr. Luis F. Corzo (USMMA '00)*****Client Advocate, Willis Towers Watson***

Luis works with C-suite clients to strategically improve their competitiveness through insurance solutions. He specializes in the energy, transportation, water and social infrastructure sectors. Prior to joining Willis Towers Watson, Luis was Managing Director at CG/LA Infrastructure where he led research, promotion and development of strategic alliances associated with over \$1T of infrastructure projects. Prior to CG/LA, Luis spent three years within the Global Specialty Lines Division of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, where he led analysis and underwriting for major infrastructure assets and projects throughout Latin America. Luis spent eight years in the US Naval Shipbuilding industry and started his career in the US Merchant Marine. He's COO of SAGS, VP of the Kings Point Club of Washington, D.C. and Co-chair of the Infrastructure and Construction Committee with the Northern Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

**Mr. Doug Doan (USMA '79)*****Founder, Hivers and Strivers***

Doug founded Hivers and Strivers, an angel investment group which invests exclusively in military veterans and particular graduates of the five service academies. All of the H&S portfolio companies were launched by military veterans over the past four years and are now growing rapidly. The Hivers and Strivers portfolio consists of 10 different vet led companies. Doug also serves as the General Partner for the \$10m Hivers and Strivers Co-Investment Fund. Doug currently serves on the Board of Visitors for the National Defense University which provides oversight and review for the National War College, Joint Forces Staff College and Eisenhower School for National Security. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Distributed Energy Management Inc, lettrs, Fliptu and on the Board of the West Point Association of Graduates Development Committee. Doug is a member of the Angel Capital Association. He is a 1979 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He also attended the Defense Language Institute and holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School at Harvard University and a Master's Degree in Strategic intelligence from the Defense Intelligence College.

**Mr. Brad Drummond (USNA '84)*****Chief Operating Officer, Aramark Uniform Services and Refreshments***

Brad is CEO of Aramark's Uniform and Refreshment Services Sector - leading providers for uniforms, facility supplies, and beverage services. He is responsible for over 30,000 employees and more than 400 facilities across North America and Japan. Serving over 500,000 business to business customers, the Sector generates revenues of nearly \$4 billion. Brad joined Aramark in April 1999 as a Vice President of Business Development. In November 1999 he moved to Burbank, CA to become Senior VP of the Western Region for the Uniform business. He returned to Philadelphia, PA in 2005 where he served as Executive Vice President of Aramark's Healthcare and Education business units and in 2006 he returned to Burbank as President of Aramark's Uniform Division. In 2014, his role was expanded to COO to manage both Aramark's Uniform and Refreshments business units. Before joining Aramark, Brad held positions of increasing responsibility with Deloitte Consulting and Black and Decker. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Captain. Brad earned his bachelor's degree from the Naval Academy, an MS degree from the Naval Post Graduate School and an MBA from Loyola.

**Mr. Rob Gordon (USMA '79)*****Chief Global Officer, Connected Living***

Rob is the Chief Global Officer of Connected Living, a technology and services company that provides a platform for families, communities, and company employees to have a private connection, access goods and services, and enhance their quality of life. Rob is the former President of Be the Change, Inc. In 2010 Rob was appointed in the Obama Administration as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy. During his tenure at the Department of Defense (DoD), Rob spearheaded the creation of DoD's Military Spouse Employment Partnership. For his Pentagon service Rob was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service. As a White House Fellow from 1992 - 1993, Rob served as the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and was the Director of Special Operations, Office of National Service, The White House. Rob completed a 26-year career in the U.S. Army, retiring at the rank of Colonel. Rob earned his BS from the United States Military Academy at West Point, and an MPA from Princeton. He is the Senior Advisor for the Service Academies Global Summit.

Speaker Information Biographies



RADM (Ret) Peter Gumataotao (USNA '81)

Director, Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies

RADM (Ret) Pete Gumataotao is the Director, Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. He joined the Navy in 1976. He has served as Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea for U.S. Pacific Fleet, Current Operations Director for both U.S. Pacific Fleet and U.S. Pacific Command, and as Commander of Nimitz Carrier Strike Group. Additionally, he served as a Strategic Fellow at the Center for Naval Analysis. Recently, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Policy for Supreme Allied Command Transformation at NATO. His decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and other personal, unit, and campaign awards. Pete is the first recipient of the Admiral Zumwalt Award for Visionary Leadership. He was awarded the Order of National Security Merit Cheonsu Medal by the Republic of Korea. He was most recently awarded the Bundeswehr Cross of Honour for Valour by the German military. He is a 1981 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and earned his Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in 1994.



Amy Looney Heffernan

VP at the Travis Manion Foundation

Ever since her late husband, LT (SEAL) Brendan Looney was killed in Afghanistan on September 21, 2010 and awarded the Bronze Star with Valor, Amy Looney has served as an inspirational champion for families of fallen service members, military families, veterans, and American troops. Motivated by the mission of the Travis Manion Foundation (TMF), Amy joined the team in April 2012 and is now Vice President operating out of TMF's Mid-Atlantic Office in Washington, DC. She is dedicated to carrying on the legacy of her late husband and friend, who are buried side by side in Arlington National Cemetery, she is committed to continuing the foundation's mission to unite communities to strengthen America's national character by empowering veterans and families of fallen heroes to develop and lead future generations. Amy received her Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Johns Hopkins University and has over ten years of sales and management experience in the corporate consumer sector. She most recently completed her Masters in Public Administration at George Washington University. Originally from the Annapolis, MD area, Amy currently resides in Annandale, VA with her fiancé and two dogs.



Mr. Scott Henderson (USFA '85)

Vice President Test and Flight Operations & Florida Site Director

Scott is responsible for leading the development of all orbital launch site facilities including launch pads, operations support facilities, as well as test operations and sustainment engineering of Blue Origin's multiple rocket engine test stands. He also leads the flight operations standards and certification process for Blue Origin operators. Prior to joining Blue, Scott was a VP at Raytheon, responsible for driving program execution across the intelligence and information systems portfolio. Scott also led safety and mission assurance team at Space Explorations Technologies (SpaceX). Scott joined SpaceX in October 2009, after a distinguished career in the United States Air Force where he held a series of significant leadership roles including Commander of the 45th Launch Group and the 2nd Space Operations Squadron. Scott began his career as a spacecraft engineer charged with test and checkout of national security satellites at Cape Canaveral. He graduated from Air Force Academy in 1985 and holds a MS from Florida Institute of Technology and was a National Defense Fellow at the MIT in 2005.



CAPT Kathryn Patricia "Kay" Hire (USNA '81)

USN (Retired), Astronaut

Kay is a former NASA astronaut and Captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve who has flown aboard two Space Shuttle missions. Her space flight experience include STS-90 Neurolab, April 17 - May 3, 1998. During the 16-day Spacelab flight, the seven-member crew aboard Space Shuttle Columbia served as both experimental subjects and operators for 26 life science experiments focusing on the effects of microgravity on the brain and nervous system. The STS-90 flight orbited the Earth 256 times and covered 6.3 million miles. During STS-130 (February 8, 2010 - February 21, 2010), she journeyed to the International Space Station as a Mission Specialist for Space Shuttle mission STS-130. As of June 2018, Hire is considered a "NASA Management Astronaut", which means that she is employed at NASA but are no longer eligible for spaceflight assignments. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and Management from the United States Naval Academy, 1981 and her Master of Science degree in Space Technology from Florida Institute of Technology in 1991.



RDML Michael Johnston (USCGA '90)

Director, Acquisition Programs & Program Executive Officer (PEO)

RDML Johnston currently serves as the U.S. Coast Guard's Director of Acquisition Programs and Program Executive Officer (PEO). His duties include management oversight of all Coast Guard acquisition programs and projects for the modernization and recapitalization of surface, air, command and control, and logistics assets in support of the Coast Guard's multiple maritime missions. In the aftermath of 9/11, he helped to transition the Coast Guard into the newly-formed Department of Homeland Security. As a DHS Level III Acquisitions Program Manager, he went on to serve as the Deputy Project Manager within the Coast Guard Acquisitions program. RDML Johnston also served as the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard's Command, Control, and Communications Engineering Center. He later served in Officer Personnel Management; then, in June 2015, he was selected to serve as Executive Director for the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support (DCMS). Rear Admiral Johnston graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1990 and holds Masters degrees from Georgia Tech and MIT.



Mr. Mark "Ranger" Jones

Founder, President and CEO, The Ranger Group LLC

Ranger is a retired Master Sergeant and Chief Executive Officer of the Ranger Group, a fast-growing procurement, engineering and construction services provider for the federal government. Created just a few months after Ranger left the Army in 2006, the Ranger Group is now a service-disabled, veteran-owned 8(a) company. By the time Ranger was in college at the University of Southern Mississippi, he had already started at least four businesses. But when his wife had a brain aneurysm and needed health insurance, he dropped out of school to join the Army as a cook. While working the chow line, he discovered his talent for carving cheese, then ice. He went on to carve ice as a side business, which led to a plethora of other opportunities for Jones, including a spot in the 1989 Denzel Washington film "Glory." To earn more money and benefits, he traded his chef's hat for a parachute and became the only high-altitude, low-opening jump-certified cook in Army history, making more than 4,000 jumps with the Airborne Rangers, including one with former President George H.W. Bush. His intensity earned him the "Ranger" nickname.



Mr. Reichen Kuhl (USFA '96)

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, LeaseLock

Reichen is the founder and CEO of LeaseLock, a company recently valued at \$95M and that is revolutionizing residential apartment leasing across the United States. LeaseLock is the first and only nationwide "Lease Insurance" program, a type of insurance that did not exist to help people at all rent-levels qualify for housing they could truly afford. LeaseLock eliminates the single largest source of friction related to a residential lease transaction- security deposits- which helps the multifamily industry convert more leases, drive more revenue, and eliminate rent payment loss, property damage liability, costs for physical damage, and even "turn" cost expenses. Completely replacing cosigners and security deposits, qualified renters pay a low monthly fee to the LeaseLock program that guarantees lease approval while simultaneously protecting the property from expected and unexpected losses. LeaseLock is trusted by property owners and managers in over 1,000,000 units nationwide and is powered by insurance rated: A (Excellent) by A.M. Best. Reichen is also a nine-year Air Force veteran, a flight instructor, an attorney member of the State Bar of California, an LGBT published author. Reichen is a 1996 Air Force Academy graduate.



Mr. Fred LaTrash (USNA '87)

Vice President, Defense Marketing & Programs, Arconic Engineered Structures

Fred is the VP, Defense Marketing & Programs for Arconic Engineered Structures, where he is responsible for the Defense growth strategy, marketing, and program management of AES' Defense portfolio. Fred joined Arconic from Siemens Government Technologies (SGT), where he served as the VP, Strategy, Markets, and Customer Development and coordinated SGT's and Federal growth strategy in support of Siemens business units and Key Federal Customers. Previous to SGT, Fred was the Global Commercial Director for Alcoa Forgings and Extrusions and VP for Business Development at Alcoa Defense where he handled key Defense customer relationships for Alcoa Business. A Naval Aviator, Surface Warfare Office, and Navy Diver, he completed deployments to the Western Pacific and South America and was a Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations for Strategic Actions, Defense Fellow on Capitol Hill, and Congressional Liaison for the Defense Appropriations Committees. Fred is the current President of the Board of Directors of the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association, Greater Washington Chapter. Fred is 1987 USNA graduate and holds an MBA from FIT and an MA from the College of Naval Command and Staff.

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Mr. Hugo Lentze (USMA '91)

Director of Strategic Partnerships, Travis Manion Foundation

Highly qualified, results-oriented individual with over 20 years of progressive experience in operations. Outstanding leadership and team-building skills. Extensive experience in program management, resulting in well-led and well-trained people, and efficient and effective systems to accomplish the mission. Self-motivated, articulate and technically and socially savvy individual with a can-do attitude and who enjoys a challenge. Assertive team player who performs well in fast-paced, ambiguous environments. His skills and expertise include process and performance improvement. His passions and interests include cycling, physical fitness, and exploring new places. Hugo spent 22 years in the Army as a UH-60 pilot. Hugo is a 1991 graduate of the United States Military Academy with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies. He also holds a MA in Southeast Asian studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Ms. Laila Linares (USMMA '06)

Merchant Marine Alumni Association

Laila received her U.S. Navy Reserve officer commission from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) in 2006, where she graduated with a B.S. in Marine Engineering Systems (major) and Environmental Engineering (minor). After graduation, she elected to sail for the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command (MSC), the ocean transportation provider for the Department of Defense, as an Engineering Merchant Marine Officer. After coming shore-side, she continued to support MSC as a Marine Engineer in several capacities. After twelve years at MSC, Laila transitioned to Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). She recently accepted a position as a Program Manager at the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD). Laila also remains active in the U.S. Navy Reserve as a Lieutenant Commander with the Strategic Sealift Officer Program. Since earning her M.S. in Engineering Management from GWU, she continues to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) careers amongst young adults enrolled at Washington, D.C. colleges/universities. In addition to serving as the President of the USMMA Alumni Foundation - Washington, D.C. Chapter, she is a devoted member of Congresswoman Eleanor H. Norton's (D-D.C.) Service Academy Selection Panel.



Ms. Alaina Love

Chief Executive Officer, Purpose Linked Consulting (PLC)

Alaina's PLC consults to large, multinational Fortune 500 firms as well as small, independent companies and hospitals, working with leaders to build passionate, high performing teams. Alaina is the developer of PLC's groundbreaking instrument, the Passion Profiler™. Prior to founding PLC, Alaina spent twelve years with Merck & Co., Inc. She was responsible for HR services for the sales and marketing division. Earlier in her career, Alaina was a research scientist for Merck in the field of immunology. She later worked in clinical research. Alaina is the co-author of the book, *The Purpose Linked Organization*. She is also the author of executive workshops on purpose and passion including, *Leading with Purpose™* and *Renaissance Reconnections*. In addition to writing a monthly blog and column for SmartBrief on Leadership, she is a contributing columnist to Bloomberg Businessweek, The Washington Post, and Harvard Business Review online. Alaina is a graduate of the University of Michigan Business School's Change Leadership Program, has completed advanced Human Resource studies at Rutgers University, and medical studies at Tufts University School of Medicine. She also holds an undergraduate degree in medical technology from Monmouth University.



Mr. Mike Manazir (USNA '81)

Vice President, Navy Systems, Boeing Defense, Space and Security

Mike is responsible for all products and services within the Navy portfolio and is also responsible for bringing the Navy customer's perspective to each Boeing business division leadership team to assist with strategy, technology, investment and business decisions in the pursuit of new Navy business opportunities for The Boeing Company. Mike also serves as Vice Chairman of the National Defense University Foundation (NDUF) as well as on the boards of The Tailhook Association, the Association of Naval Aviation and the National Capital Region Navy League. Mike joined The Boeing Company after retiring as a Rear Admiral with 36 years of distinguished service in the United States Navy. He commanded VF-31, USS SACRAMENTO, USS NIMITZ, and CARRIER STRIKE GROUP EIGHT in USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. His service included 15 overseas deployments from both coasts; 3750 fighter hours qualified in the F-14A/D and the F-18E/F; 1240 arrested landings; and five tours in the Pentagon, four of these in Navy requirements, culminating in his role as the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfighting Systems (OPNAV N9). Mike is 1981 USNA graduate.



Mr. Marty Marcolongo (USAFA '88)

President, US Air Force Academy Association of Graduates

Marty Marcolongo graduated from the United States Air Force Academy with the Class of 1988, studying international affairs with an emphasis in national security. Upon graduation, he became an Air Force intelligence officer and served in numerous positions, including a tour as a Russian analyst at the Pentagon. During his service time, he also earned a master's degree in Russian and East European Studies from the University of Kansas. In 2001, Marcolongo went to work at the Association of Graduates as the constituent liaison in charge of membership and outreach. In 2004, he launched the highly successful "WebGuy" program where he began covering Basic Cadet Training with blogs, photos and videos. By 2009, he assumed the position of vice president of Alumni Relations and became the chief operating officer in 2016. On July 1, 2017, Marcolongo assumed the position of President and CEO, a position he still retains.



The Honorable Robert McDonald (USMA '75)

8th Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs

Retired Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Procter & Gamble

Bob served as the eighth Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Before joining VA, Bob McDonald was Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of The Procter & Gamble Company (P&G). He is Chairman of the Board of Rally Point Networks, Inc and serves on the Board of Directors of the Partnership for Public Service, Audia International, Inc., the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy, the Boulder Crest Retreat Foundation, and the McCormick Research Institute in Orlando, Florida. Bob and his wife, Diane, are the founders of The McDonald Conference for Leaders of Character at West Point. In 2010, the University of Utah Alumni Association named Bob a Distinguished Graduate. The West Point Association of Graduates named McDonald for its Distinguished Graduate Award in 2017. The President of the Republic of Singapore awarded Bob the Public Service Star. As an Army Veteran, Bob served with the 82nd Airborne Division. Upon leaving military service, then-Captain McDonald was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Bob graduated West Point in 1975. Additionally, he holds an MBA from the University of Utah.



CAPT (Ret) Bob McKenna (USCGA '89)

Vice President, USCGA Alumni Association

Bob joined the staff in June 2018 and leads the fundraising team, facilitating their efforts to engage our alumni and cadets with the goal of continuing to transform the Academy and increasing the value proposition of the Association back to our membership. He comes to us following a 29-year Coast Guard career, where his last assignment was Director of Admissions at the Academy. He's also the parent of an alum (Robert McKenna '16) and another son is a soon-to-be CGA Scholar with the hopes of entering with the Class of 2023. Bob loves finding ways to connect with people, share interests and find opportunities to solve challenges. "Working with great teammates, supporting our cadets, alumni, and the Coast Guard is the best part of my job." He is a 1989 Graduate of the U.S Coast Guard Academy.



BG (Ret) Mike Meese (USMA '81)

Georgetown University Professor and Executive Vice President, American Armed Forces Mutual Aid Association (AAFMAA)

Brigadier General Meese (U.S. Army, Retired), teaches in the Security Studies Program at Georgetown. He is also the Executive VP of the American Armed Forces Mutual Aid Association, the longest standing non-profit that assists the American Armed Forces community with insurance, financial planning, survivor assistance, and other benefits. He retired from the Army after 32 years of service. Mike has served in a variety of strategic political-military positions including deployments to combat zones for over 31 months. In 2010-2011, he deployed for a full year as the Assistant Chief of Staff for the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan having previously served in Iraq as a senior policy advisor for Commanding Generals on four separate three-month tours, including developing the "responsible withdrawal" plan in 2009, the strategic assessment in summer 2007, and "the surge" campaign plan in early 2007. In Washington, he was the Executive Director of the Secretary of the Army's Transition Team in 2005 and was co-director of the Department of Defense Panel on Commercialization and Globalization (the Dawkins Panel) in 1999. Mike is 1981 graduate of West Point.

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Joseph "JJ" Montanaro (USMA '88)

Relationship Director, Military Advocacy, USAA

JJ is a Certified Financial Planner professional (CFP®) and is a member of the Financial Planning Association and a director on the USAA Military Advocacy team. He has more than 25 years of experience in the financial services industry as a financial planner and joined USAA in 2002. Before entering the financial services industry, he served in the US Army for six years on active duty and in 2009 he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserve. JJ's daily focus has been to help families realize their goals and his advice has appeared in numerous outlets including the Wall Street Journal, USA Today, CNNMoney.com and the New York Times. He writes monthly personal finance columns for Military Spouse Magazine, American Legion Magazine and is a regular contributor to Military.com's personal finance section. JJ is a native of Kansas City and earned his bachelor's degree from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York in 1988. He also holds a Master of Science in Personal Financial Planning from Kansas State University.



Mr. Chris O'Keefe (USNA '10)

Founder of Restless Creation

Chris is the founder of Restless Creation, a strategy design and innovation company. Before founding Restless Creation, Chris served as the first Chief Operating Officer and Head of Services at Future Partners, the "Think Wrong" company, now Solve Next, after founding two other startups. He previously served as an intelligence officer, strategic advisor and speechwriter in the U.S. Navy. He has advised senior leaders throughout the DoD on innovation and development strategies and helped lay the foundation for the Navy's rapid acquisition framework. Before his military career, he worked extensively in East Africa in Kenya and South Sudan, and thru-hiked the Appalachian Trail. In 2016, Chris founded The Navalist, a publication on naval strategy, in 2016, and continues to serve as its Editor-in-Chief. He conducts lectures and talks for audiences around the world and is a sought-after facilitator. In addition to thinking about neuroscience, strategy, problem-solving, tech, and policy, he spends his time falling off surfboards and paddleboards, traveling extensively, and managing bees and trees in upstate New York with his wife. Chris is a 2012 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds a Masters degree from Syracuse.



LtGen Lori Reynolds (USNA '86)

Deputy Commandant Information

LtGen Reynolds is the Deputy Commandant for Information and Commander of the Marine Corps Forces Strategic Command. She is the third woman to reach the rank of Lieutenant General in the Marine Corps. As a General Officer, she commanded Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island/Eastern Recruiting Region from 2011-2014, was the Principal Deputy to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense South and Southeast Asia in OSD Policy from 2014-2015 and commanded Marine Corps Forces Cyberspace Command from 2015-2018. The 32-year Marine Corps veteran has commanded at every rank and served as an acquisition project officer at the Marine Corps Systems Command. Her personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (with gold star), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with gold star). She is a 1986 USNA graduate with Masters degrees from both the Naval War College and the Army War College.



Mr. Carl Savino (USMA '78)

President, Corporate Gray; Chairman of West Point Society of DC's Career Transition Services

Carl is a recognized leader in the field of military-to-civilian career transition. After completing active service, he worked as a consultant for Booz-Allen & Hamilton and later the Hay Group. In 1996, Carl founded Competitive Edge Services, a company dedicated to connecting employers with transitioning and former military. His popular "Corporate Gray Job Fairs for Military Personnel" (www.corporategray.com) are held at various locations across the country. Carl is co-author of The Military-to-Civilian Transition Guide and Military Resumes and Cover Letters. Carl holds a bachelor's degree in Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and advanced degrees from George Washington University and the University of Pennsylvania.

**Mr. James Schenck (USMA '88)*****President & CEO, PenFed Credit Union***

James is President and CEO of PenFed Credit Union. From 2011 to 2014, he was Executive Vice President at PenFed and President of its wholly owned subsidiary, PenFed Realty. In past years, he ran the credit union's daily operations as COO and Chief Administrative Officer. James began his credit union career as a volunteer, serving on the Board of Directors of West Point Federal Credit Union and Pentagon Federal Credit Union. He recently served as Chairman's Circle Sponsor of the USO's 75th Anniversary Gala, and chaired the Washington Business Hall of Fame campaign. He also serves on the boards of the US Chamber of Commerce, National Symphony Orchestra, Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Northern Virginia Technology Council, Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Carriage Services, and Lasermax Defense. While in the military, James served in the Pentagon, flew Black Hawk helicopters, trained other Army aviators, and taught Economics and Finance at West Point. In 2015, James was selected by HillVets as one of the 100 most influential and impactful veterans in the U.S.. James is a 1988 West Point graduate with an MBA from Harvard.

**Mr. Kempton Schwab*****Managing Director, STS Capital Partners***

With over 20 years of experience, Kempton serves as a Managing Director for STS Capital Partners with responsibility for specific and strategic transactions globally, with a focus on the U.S.. Prior to joining STS, Kempton led a custom software development company. Kempton was the driving force in numerous internal equity transactions; leveraging commercial finance and strategic client agreements to secure funding and grow the company; ultimately, utilizing these skill sets to conduct a strategic liquidation transaction. Kempton guides STS' clients through M&A transactions to help them fully or partially exit their private businesses through Selling to StrategicsTM. Kempton served on numerous boards of professional organizations. He is an active member of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO) and is now active in YPO Southern 7. In addition to his private sector experience, Kempton has worked for the European Union in Brussels Belgium and has degrees in International Studies and German from the University of South Carolina. Notably, through his previous executive position, Kempton was eligible for access to Top Secret Information based on a Single Scope Background Investigation, one of the highest levels of security clearances granted to a civilian.

**CDR (Ret) Scott J. Shepard (USNA '91)*****President, USNA Chapter of Annapolis***

Scott is based in Annapolis and leads the USNA local chapter as their President. He is also a senior staff member with PEO IWS 6.0 NAVSEA. Prior to NAVSEA, he was a Program Manager providing Professional Services Support for Program Executive Office/Integrated Warfare Systems (PEO IWS). His prior experience includes Navy International Program Office, where he Managed over 60 active cases with a total value of \$1.4B.

**Ms. Jaqueline Stennett (USMA '90)*****Vice President, Academy Women***

Jackie is the Vice President of Academy Women. She served as a logistics officer in the United States Army and has garnered over 20 years of leadership and management experience within the corporate, government and nonprofit sectors. Currently, Jackie advises organizations with socially responsible missions in designing effective strategies to improve individual and organizational performance. Jackie served as Academic Advisor of National Youth Education Council, L.L.C, an Analyst and Consultant of General Electric Capital Corporation and Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting), and also served as Director of Boarding Programs of The Seed Public Charter School, the nation's only public college preparatory boarding school for the inner-city children of Washington, DC.. Jackie is a 1990 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School. Jacqueline is a 1990 graduate of the United States Military Academy and served as a captain in the US Army and received her MBA from Harvard.

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Mr. Ron Steptoe (USMA '87)

CEO & Co-Founder, Warrior Centric Health, LLC

Ronald is an Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Ron's firm created and developed the Warrior Centric Health (WCH)® platform and ecosystem. (WCH)® consists of disruptive proprietary E-learning, credentialing and data science platform solutions for the healthcare industry. The (WCH)® solutions integrate best practices in technology transfer from the fields of health, science, education and technology to maximize population health outcomes for high-risk professional communities disproportionately impacted by environmental and occupational hazards (i.e., veteran and military communities). Ron is credentialed as a Certified Medical Representative. He is a Board-Certified Diplomate by the American Board of Disability Analyst (DABDA). Ron's activities and honors include Serving on the Board of Directors of USA Cares, Inc. The American Hospital Association-Institute for Diversity named him Member of the Year in 2016. FORBES named WCH, LLC as one of the Top 25 Veteran-Founded Start-ups in America in 2016. Ron is a 1987 graduate of the United States Military Academy.



RADM (Ret) Frank Thorp IV (USNA '81)

President and CEO, U.S. Navy Memorial Fund

In his final active duty assignment in the Navy, RDML (ret) Frank Thorp, IV was the U.S. Navy's Chief of Information. He led the Navy's Public Affairs community of more than 2,500 active and reserve officer, enlisted, and civilian communication professionals. Prior to this assignment, Thorp served as the deputy assistant secretary of defense (joint communication). As director of the strategic communication integration group secretariat, Thorp also led DoD efforts for strategic communication auspices of the deputy secretary of defense, DoD strategic communication plans. He served as the special assistant for public affairs to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 2003 until 2005. In 2003 during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Thorp was deployed to Qatar as the chief of media for U.S. Central Command (forward). From 2000 to 2003, he served as special assistant for public affairs to the Chief of Naval Operations. As a commander, he served as assistant chief of information for media operations. He has a master's from American University and from the Naval War College. Thorp is a 1986 graduate of the Defense Information School and a 1981 USNA graduate.



COL (Ret) John Tien (USMA '87)

Managing Director, Citigroup

Currently, John serves in the Citi Retail Services organization as the head of credit card operations for one of Citi's major credit portfolios. His previous roles at Citi include Chief Administrative Officer for the head of Citigroup's Global Operations and Technology division. As a retired Army Colonel, John also serves as the national co-head of Citi's Military Veterans Initiative. His last military assignment was a three-year tour of duty from 2008 to 2011 at the White House, where he was a senior national security advisor to both President Obama and Bush. He also served in the Clinton Administration as a White House Fellow. John and his wife serve as advisors to the military families nonprofit, The Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation. John is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is a 1987 graduate of West Point. He was the First Captain and Brigade Commander of his West Point class – the first Asian-American to hold that position at the Academy. He also holds a master's degree from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes scholar. He served as a National Security Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School.



Vice Admiral (Ret.) Jan Tighe (USNA '84)

Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)

Jan currently serves on the Board of Directors for Goldman Sachs, the Huntsman Corporation, and Progressive Insurance. Jan retired from the US Navy in August 2018 as a Vice Admiral serving as the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare and as the 66th Director of Naval Intelligence. Previously, she served as the Commander of U.S. Fleet Cyber Command and U.S. 10th Fleet where she was the first woman to command a numbered Fleet. A career cryptologist, she served around the globe in leadership positions for both the Navy and the National Security Agency, specializing in Signals Intelligence and Cyber Operations. She earned Naval Aviation Observer Wings and supported Operation DESERT STORM in the EP-3E aircraft. Jan is a 1984 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and has a doctorate in Electrical Engineering and master of science in Applied Mathematics from the Naval Postgraduate School, in Monterey CA. Jan is also a National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Governance Fellow.



LCDR (USNR) Dustin L. Wallace (USMMA '06)

Member, National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Human Exploration Research Analog (HERA) Mission

Dustin accepted a 45-day assignment as part of the team for NASA's next Human Exploration Research Analog (HERA) mission. HERA, located at the Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston, Texas, is a ground-based analog used by NASA's Human Research Program (HRP) to study the effects of isolation and confinement on the human body, without leaving Earth. This research will help NASA better understand the hazards of human spaceflight with the goal of sending astronauts safely to the Moon and onto Mars. In 2016, Dustin was selected as Scientist-Astronaut Candidate, with Project PoSSUM (Polar Suborbital Science in the Upper Mesosphere), a 501(C)(3) research and education program conducting upper-level atmospheric and astronautics research while offering immersive astronautics education. The organization aims to provide Citizen Scientist Astronauts as researchers aboard commercial suborbital vehicles. He remains a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve (USN) and a United States Coast Guard (USCG) Licensed Chief Engineer. Dustin completed a Graduate Certificate in Space Studies with the Air Force Institute of Technology and earned a Master of Science in Aeronautics, concentrating in Space Studies from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

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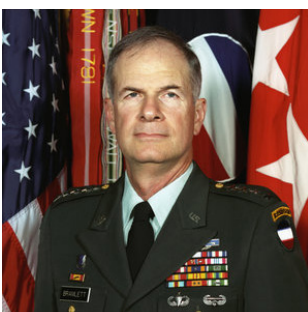
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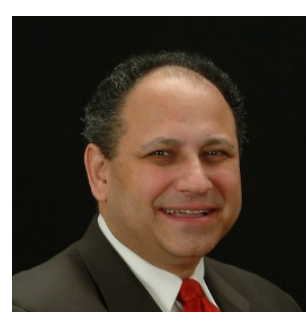
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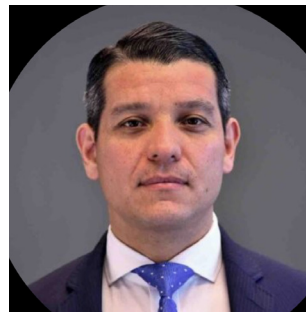
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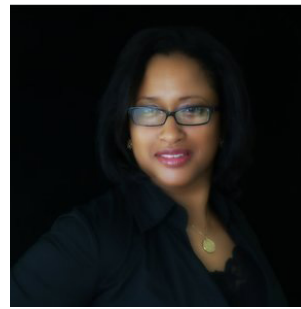
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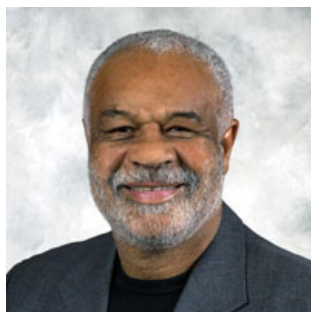
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