

Welcome by Ray Jefferson

June 13, 2018

Dear Attendees at the 2018 Service Academies Global Summit (SAGS),

On behalf of the SAGS Organizing Team, it gives us great pleasure to welcome you to SAGS 2018!

Now in its fourth 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, learning from peers and renowned global leaders, sharing experiences, and advocating service to society throughout one’s lifetime. Over time, this vision crystallized into the **purpose of the SAGS being “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 theme for SAGS 2018 is “Gripping Hands - Unifying Our Communities to Make a Difference Together.” As an outgrowth of that theme, we’re launching for the first time the SAGS-USAA Service Pavilion to highlight the important work being done by these nonprofits to serve Veterans, Service Members and their families. We invite you to spend time meeting the organizations at the Service Pavilion and exploring opportunities to engage with them.

The SAGS Summit 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, reunion, opportunity to form friendships with alumni from one’s sister academies, and a respite from our busy lives wherein we can pause, reflect, recharge and be inspired. **The 5 trademark qualities that we seek to embody for SAGS Summits are informality, curiosity, fun, respect, and content that is relevant and actionable.** The 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 Summit is a nonprofit endeavor organized by volunteers and made possible by our partners, sponsors and technical assistance advisors. While you’re here, please take a moment to thank them and to share your impressions and suggestions with them. **Our sponsors and technical assistance advisors are as follows: Booz Allen Hamilton, Chick-fil-A, Infor, Johnson & Johnson, MassMutual, PenFed, USAA and With Honor.** 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 organizations are **AcademyWomen** and **ScoutComms**. 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.** We are very grateful for their support and assistance.

Welcome to the 2018 Service Academies Global Summit!

On Behalf of the Organizing Team,

Ray Jefferson (USMA '88)
Chair, Service Academies Global Summit



Organization Team



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**Mr. Dale "Kid" Lumme
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Wednesday, June 13, 2018

(RACV - all events in the 2nd floor ballroom unless stated otherwise)

Time	Location	Event
Throughout the Summit	RACV	For Spouses, Partners and Guests - Information will be available in the hotel lobby for sightseeing, shopping and area attractions
5:00pm - 8:00pm		Registration Desk Open
1:30pm - 5:30pm (Break @ 3:30pm)	Courtyard Arlington Crystal City Marriott Blue Ridge Shenandoah Room	<u>Deal Huddles</u> Host: Mr. Ron Steptoe (USMA '87), CEO, Warrior Centric Health LLC Moderator: Mr. Rob Follows, Founding Chairman and CEO, STS Capital Partners 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
6:00pm - 7:00pm	RACV	Opening Summit Reception - Sponsored by PenFed • Hosted Bar
7:00pm	RACV	Welcome & Summit Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome & Overview from SAGS Organizing Team Recognition of Sponsors & Partner Organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Opening Reception-Sponsored by PenFed Recognition of Presidents of DC-based Alumni Organizations Dinner Firestarter: Ms. Laila Linares (USMMA '06), President, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Foundation - Washington, DC Chapter A Fireside Chat with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: Mr. Alex Gorsky (USMA '82), Chairman and CEO, Johnson & Johnson Moderator: CDR Kate Higgins-Bloom (USCGA '00), Response Officer and Cutterman, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads

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Thursday, June 14, 2018

Time	Location	Event
8:00am - 8:30am	RACV	Coffee, Tea and Light Refreshments Available
8:30am - 9:00am	RACV	<p><u>Welcome to Day 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & Day 2 Overview - SAGS Organizing Team • Recognition of Sponsors & Partner Organizations • Speaker: Mr. James Schenck (USMA '88), President and CEO, PenFed
9:00am - 10:30am	RACV	<p>Plenary Session #1: What Are Today's Top Geostrategic Challenges & Opportunities, and How Do We Address Them?</p> <p>Moderator: 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> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTG Joseph Anderson (USMA '81), Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, U.S. Army • The Honorable Michele Flournoy, Co-Founder and Managing Director, WestExec Advisors; Former CEO and Co-Founder, Center for a New American Security (CNAS); Former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy • VADM Andrew L. "Woody" Lewis (USNA '85), Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5) • ADM Charles W. Ray (USCGA '81), 31st Vice Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard
10:30am - 11:00am	RACV	Intermission
11:00am - 12:00pm	RACV	<p><u>Career & Professional Development Workshop</u></p> <p>Best Practices from One of the World's Foremost Experts on Managing Your Career, Navigating Transitions and Getting Unstuck - (For Younger & Older Grads Alike)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Timothy Butler, Senior Faculty Advisor to Career Development Programs at the Harvard Business School
12:00pm - 1:00pm	RACV	Networking Buffet Lunch
1:00pm - 2:30pm	RACV	<p>Plenary Session #2: Leading, Influencing and Transforming Organizations: Stories, Insights and Lessons Learned</p> <p>Moderator: The Honorable Matthew S. Collier (USMA '79), Vice President for Business Development, PenFed</p> <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, American Red Cross, Rasmussen College and West Point Association of Graduates • Ms. Cathy McClain (USAFA '82), CEO, Dauntless Leadership; Chairman of the Board, Air Force Academy Association of Graduates • The Honorable Robert A. McDonald (USMA '75), 8th U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Retired Chairman, President and CEO of Procter & Gamble • ADM Bill Moran (USNA '81), 39th Vice Chief of Naval Operations
2:30pm - 3:00pm	RACV	Intermission
3:00pm - 4:30pm	RACV	<p>Plenary Session #3: What does it mean to live a life of service and contribution? - How some of our graduates are making an extraordinary difference!</p> <p>Firestarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kent Abernathy (USMA '79), Executive Director, The National Commission on Military, National and Public Service

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		<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Gordon (USMA '79), Senior Advisor to SAGS; Chief Global Affairs Officer, Connected Living, Inc. <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Chris Howard (USAFA '91), President, Robert Morris University • The Honorable Mark H. Buzby (USMMA '79), Administrator, Maritime; Administration, U.S. Dept. of Transportation; Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy, Retired • GEN (Ret.) Stanley McChrystal (USMA '76), President, The McChrystal Group • RADM (Ret.) Cari Thomas (USCGA '84), Executive Director, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance; Board Member, DACOWITS (Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services)
4:30pm - 5:30pm	RACV	<p>Networking Social with Special Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted Bar
6:00pm	<p>RACV & Other Locations</p> <p>RACV</p> <p>RACV</p> <p>Thales USA 2733 South Crystal Drive Arlington, VA 22202 RACV - Studio C</p>	<p>The Air, Land & Sea Receptions & Dinner “On Your Own” (AOG/AA/Alumni Receptions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Point AOG Reception (6pm - 8pm) Host: Mr. Todd Browne (USMA '85), President and CEO, West Point Association of Graduates • The USCGA & USMMA Alumni Reception (6pm - 8pm) Hosts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Luis Corzo (USMMA '00), VP, U.S. Merchant Marine Alumni Association - Washington, DC Chapter - CDR Kate Higgins-Bloom (USCGA '00), Response Officer and Cutterman, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads - Ms. Laila Linares (USMMA '06), President, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Foundation - Washington, DC Chapter; Program Manager Maritime Administration at Department of Transportation • Guests of Honor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Honorable Mark H. “Buz” Buzby (USMMA '79) Administrator, Maritime Administration, U.S. Dept. of Transportation; Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy, Retired - RDML Michael Johnston (USCGA '90) Commandant (CG- 93) - Director of Acquisition Programs & Program Executive Officer - RADM (Ret.) Cari Thomas (USCGA '84), Executive Director, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance; Board Member, DACOWITS (Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services) • USNA Alumni Reception (6pm - 8pm) Hosts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Fred Latrash (USNA '87), President, USNA Alumni Association Greater Washington Chapter - Mr. Dale “Kid” Lumme (USNA '80), Trustee, U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association & Foundation; Executive Director, Naval Historical Foundation • U.S. Air Force Academy AOG Reception (6pm - 8pm) Hosts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Cathy McClain (USAFA '82), CEO, Dauntless Leadership; Chairman of the Board, Air Force Academy Association of Graduates - Mr. Marty Marcolongo (USAFA '88), President and CEO, USAFA Association of Graduates - Guest of Honor: Ms. Cathy McClain (USAFA '82), CEO, Dauntless Leadership; Chairman of the Board, Air Force Academy Association of Graduates

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Friday, June 15, 2018

Time	Location	Event
8:00am - 8:30am		Coffee, Tea and Light Refreshments Available
8:30am - 9:00am	RACV	<p><u>Welcome to Day 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & Day 3 Overview - SAGS Organizing Team • Recognition of Sponsors & Partner Organizations • Overview of Olmsted Scholarship by MG (Ret.) Bruce Scott (USMA '72), President, The Olmsted Foundation
9:00am - 10:15am	RACV	<p>Plenary Session #4: Technology: The Future is Now! <i>Where We Are and Where We're Going</i></p> <p>Moderator: RDML Michael Johnston (USCGA '90) Commandant (CG-93) - Director of Acquisition Programs & Program Executive Officer</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Honorable Charlie Bolden (USNA '68), 12th Administrator of NASA; Retired U.S. Marine Corps Major General; Former NASA Astronaut • Mr. Syeed "Sid" Mansur, CEO, DeepCortex • Mr. Darren Sumter (USMA '88), Global Accounts Manager, LinkedIn Talent Solutions • Maj Gen Linda Urrutia-Varhall (USAFA '84), Director of Operations at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency; First female of Hispanic descent to become a General Officer in the U.S. Air Force
10:15am - 10:45am	RACV	Intermission
10:45am - 12:00pm	RACV	<p>Plenary Session #5: What are the Service Academies' challenges and opportunities today as they develop future leaders for our nation? Also, what has your personal journey as a Superintendent been like (e.g. highs, lows, and inspiring moments)?</p> <p>Firestarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAPT (Ret.) Barbette Lowndes (USNA '80), President, USNA Women's Shared Interest Group <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BG (Ret.) Dana Born (USAFA '83), Co-Director, Center for Public Leadership, Faculty Chair, Senior Executive Fellows Program, Harvard Kennedy School of Government; Former Dean of the Faculty, U.S. Air Force Academy <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VADM Walter E. Carter (USNA '81), 62nd Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy • LTG Robert Caslen (USMA '75), 59th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy • Lt. Gen. Jay B. Silveria (USAFA '85), 20 th Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy • Dr. Shashi Kumar, Former Interim Superintendent (3x) and Former Dean, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy; Deputy Associate Administrator & National Coordinator for Maritime Education and Training, MARAD, DOT

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Time	Location	Event
12:00pm - 12:15pm	RACV	Intermission
12:15pm - 2:15pm	RACV	<p>SAGS - AcademyWomen Luncheon with Keynote Speakers</p> <p>Opening Remarks: Dr. Tamara Singleton Broadnax, (USMA '89), AcademyWomen Liaison, West Point Women; Nursing Director, VCU Health</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Firestarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: Ms. Kathy J. Metcalf (USMMA '78), President and CEO, Chamber of Shipping of America (CSA); Member of first USMMA class to include women <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Gordon (USMA '79), Senior Advisor to SAGS; Chief Global Affairs Officer, Connected Living, Inc. <p>A Fireside Chat with Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Honorable Althea (Allie) Coetzee Leslie (USNA '85), Former Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration; Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy, Retired • CDR Angelina Hidalgo (USCGA '00), Chief of Intelligence, Coast Guard Cyber; 2nd Hispanic woman to command a coast guard patrol boat • Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Michelle Johnson (USAFA '80), Senior Vice President and Head of Referee Operations, NBA; 19th Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy; First woman superintendent of a U.S. military academy
2:15pm - 2:30pm		Intermission
2:30pm - 3:45pm	RACV	<p>Plenary Session #6: Information Warfare ***Content curated by Booz Allen Hamilton - SAGS' Technical Exchange Partner, Presidential Level</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Joseph F. Sifer, Executive Vice President, Booz Allen Hamilton</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Marene Allison (USMA '80), CISO, Johnson & Johnson • Mr. Young Bang (USMA '93), Senior Vice President, Booz Allen Hamilton • LTG Edward C. Cardon (USMA '82), Director, Office of Business Transformation, U.S. Army; Former Commanding General of U.S. Army Cyber Command and 2d Army • Mr. Michael Chung (USMMA '00), Head of Government Solutions, Bugcrowd; Former Head of DOD's "Hack the Pentagon" Program
3:45pm - 4:15pm	RACV	Intermission

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4:15pm - 5:30pm	RACV	<p>Plenary Session #7: Overcoming Adversity and Setbacks - Adapting to Change and Learning to Thrive Again</p> <p>Firestarter: Ms. Sue Fulton (USMA '80), Chair & Chief Administrator of the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission; Vice Chair, USMA Board of Visitors</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BG (Ret.) Dana Born (USAFA '83), Co-Director, Center for Public Leadership, Faculty Chair, Senior Executive Fellows Program, Harvard Kennedy School of Government; Former Dean of the Faculty, U.S. Air Force Academy <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COL (Ret.) Gregory D. Gadson (USMA '89), Managing Partner, Patriot Strategies • Reverend Tracy Mehr-Muska (USCGA '96), Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament, Wesleyan University • CDR (Ret.) Erica Mohr (USCGA '96), Founder and CEO, Be Mohr LLC; Executive Director, The Sasamani Foundation
5:30pm - 6:00pm		Intermission
6:00pm - 7:00pm	RACV	<p>Closing Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted Bar with heavy Hors d'Oeuvres
7:00pm	RACV	<p>Closing Summit Dinner with VIP Keynote Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks & Special Recognitions <p>Firestarter: Mr. Fletcher "Flash" Wiley (USAFA '65) Chairman, PRWT Advisory Board; Counsel, Morgan Lewis; Chairman of the Air University Board Of Visitors</p> <p>A Keynote Address followed by a Moderated Fireside Chat with:</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. David Gergen (U.S. Navy), Senior Political Analyst for CNN; Professor of Public Service and Director of the Center for Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School; Former White House Adviser to four U.S. presidents</p> <p>Moderator: BG Cindy R. Jebb (USMA '82), 14th Dean of the Academic Board, U.S. Military Academy</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Close of SAGS 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A "Very Short" Summit Wrap-Up with Recognitions & Summit Thank You's • Picture-Taking (all welcome)

Speaker Information

Biographies



VADM Walter E. Carter, Jr. (USNA '81)
62nd Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy

Vice Admiral Walter E. “Ted” Carter Jr. became the 62nd superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy on July 23, 2014. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1981, was designated a Naval Flight Officer in 1982, and graduated from the Navy Fighter Weapons School, “Top Gun”, in 1985. He completed the Air Command and Staff College course and the Armed Forces Staff College. In 2001, he completed the Navy’s Nuclear Power Program. Admiral Carter’s career as an aviator includes extensive time at sea, deploying around the globe in the F-4 Phantom and the F-14 Tomcat. He has landed on 19 different aircraft carriers, to include all 10 of the Nimitz-Class carriers. He commanded the VF-14 “Tophatters,” as well as both USS Camden and USS Carl Vinson. His most recent Fleet command assignment was as Commander, Enterprise Carrier Strike Group, during “Big E’s” final combat deployment as a 51-year-old aircraft carrier in 2012. Prior to Annapolis, he served as the 54th President of the U.S. Naval War College. Admiral Carter has flown 125 combat missions in support of joint operations in Bosnia, Kosovo, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. He accumulated 6,150 flight hours in F-4, F-14, and F-18 aircraft during his career, and safely completed 2,016 carrier-arrested landings, the record among all active and retired U.S. Naval Aviation designators.



LTG Robert L. Caslen, Jr. (USMA '75)
59th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point

Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr. became the 59th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on July 17, 2013. LTG Caslen graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1975. He earned master’s degrees from Long Island University and Kansas State University. 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 Caslen’s awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters. He has earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and is Airborne, Air Assault, and Ranger qualified.

Lt. Gen Jay Silveria (USAFA '85)

20th Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy

Lt. Gen. Jay B. Silveria is the Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He directs a four-year regimen of military training, academics, athletic and character development programs leading to a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as a second lieutenant.

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. As Deputy Commander, he was responsible for the command and control of air operations in a 20-nation area of responsibility covering Central and Southwest Asia, to include Operation Resolute Support in Afghanistan and Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Syria. He has previously served as Commander, United States Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and Vice Commander, 14th Air Force, Air Forces Strategic at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., as well as Director, Security Assistance in the Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq.

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



Dr. Shashi Kumar

Former Interim Superintendent (3x) and Former Dean, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy; Deputy Associate and National Coordinator for Maritime Education and Training, MARAD, DOT

Dr. Shashi Kumar is the MARAD Deputy Associate Administrator and National Coordinator of Maritime Education and Training. Kumar was the former three-time Interim Superintendent and former Dean of the USMMA. He brings together four decades of exceptional academic and maritime industry leadership experiences as being the Founding Dean of the Loeb-Sullivan School of International Business and Logistics at the Maine Maritime Academy and the 12th Chief Academic Officer at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He has held visiting professor appointments at the Indian Institute of Management, Memorial University, the World Maritime University, the Shanghai Maritime University and the Pontifical Catholic University. Dr. Kumar has received numerous accommodations for outstanding leadership to include: the U.S. Transportation Secretary's Outstanding Achievement Gold Medal, the Partnering for Excellence Award, DOT Ladder STEP Team, Silver Medal for Executive Leadership, the U.S. Maritime Service Distinguished Service Bronze Medal, and leadership awards for USMMA Alumni Foundation and USMMA Parents' Association. He also completed study at the National War College, Class of 2005, where he earned a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy.



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The Honorable Althea (Allie) Coetzee Leslie (USNA '85)

Keynote Speaker

Former Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration; Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy Retired

The Honorable Allie Leslie was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Deputy Administrator for the Small Business Administration in August 2017. Allie is also a retired 2-Star Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy, with over 30 years of experience in the military including over 20 years in government contracting; 8 years of public sector experience in procurement, contract management, program management, and risk management; and 9 years of experience as a Program Manager directing supply chain and manufacturing for a Fortune 100 company. Prior to her confirmation, Allie served as the Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology and managed a staff of 1,200 military, government civilians, and contractor personnel. In this role she had oversight and execution responsibility of multiple acquisition programs and led cross functional teams that support the mission of AT&L.



David Gergen, U.S. Navy Keynote Speaker

Professor of Public Service & Director, Center for Public Leadership at Harvard Kennedy School; Senior Political Analyst, CNN

David Gergen is a professor of public service and director of the Center for Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School. In addition, he serves as a senior political analyst for CNN and works actively with a rising generation of new leaders. In the past, he has served as a White House adviser to four U.S. presidents of both parties: Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Clinton. He wrote about those experiences in his New York Times best-seller, *Eyewitness to Power: The Essence of Leadership, Nixon to Clinton* (Simon & Schuster, 2001). In the 1980s, he began his career in journalism. Starting with the MacNeil-Lehrer NewsHour in 1984, he has been a regular commentator on public affairs. Over the years, he has been active on many nonprofit boards, serving in the past on the boards of both Yale and Duke Universities. Among his current boards are Teach for America, The Mission Continues, The Trilateral Commission and Elon University's School of Law. Gergen is a North Carolina native and is a member of the D.C. Bar, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a member of the U.S. executive committee for the Trilateral Commission.



Alex Gorsky (USMA '80) Keynote Speaker

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Johnson & Johnson

Alex Gorsky is Chairman of the Board and has been Chief Executive Officer of Johnson & Johnson since April 26, 2012. Gorsky has been named one of the "100 Most Inspiring Leaders" by Pharma Voice and is a long-time advocate of diversity inclusion and veterans' issues. Other awards rewarded to Gorsky include: Ripple of Hope Award, Highest Rated CEOs on The Glassdoor Employees' Choice Awards, Joseph Wharton Leadership Award and the CADCA Humanitarian of the Year Award.



CDR Angelina Hidalgo (USCGA '00) Keynote Speaker

CDR Angelina Hidalgo (USCGA '00), Chief of Intelligence, Coast Guard Cyber; 2nd Hispanic woman to command a coast guard patrol boat

Commander Hidalgo will assume the duties and responsibilities of Intelligence Department Chief at Coast Guard Cyber Command this summer as she transitions from the Cyber National Mission Force where she became the first Coast Guard Officer to hold the position of Task Force Commander. At the Cyber National Mission Force, she was responsible for intelligence collection, analysis, production, and military cyber operations against malicious cyber adversaries to defend the nation. Previously, she executed command and control for Department of Defense cyberspace operations as a Cyber Battle Watch Captain for the U.S. Cyber Command Joint Operations Center. She has had a number of field tours to include Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator and Incident Management Chief at Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA. In 2010, during the largest oil spill in U.S. waters, she filled the role of strategic planner/scheduler for the National Incident Commander during the Deepwater Horizon Response. As Commanding Officer of USCGC KINGFISHER, she became the second Hispanic woman in the Coast Guard's history to command a Coast Guard Patrol Boat. She has a Master's Degree in Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University and was a National Security Agency and Central Security Service Director's Fellow.

Lt. Gen (Ret.) Michelle Johnson (USAFA '80) Keynote Speaker

Senior Vice President and Head of Referee Operations, NBA; 19th Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy; First woman superintendent of a U.S. military academy

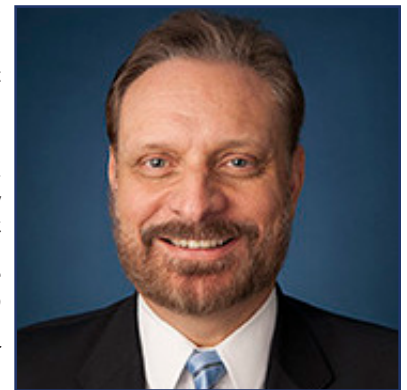
Michelle D. Johnson is a retired Lieutenant General in the United States Air Force and current Senior Vice President and Head of Referee Operations for the National Basketball Association[1]. She was the 19th Superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy, the first woman to lead a United States Department of Defense Service Academy. Her previous position was the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Intelligence, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Casteau, Belgium. She was formerly the Director, Strategy, Policy, Programs and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base. She also served as the deputy director for information and cyberspace policy, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate at the Pentagon. As an Air Force cadet, she was the first woman to serve as Cadet Wing Commander (the senior ranking cadet) at the United States Air Force Academy. Johnson played basketball for the Air Force Falcons women's basketball team.[2] She was twice named an Academic All-American and was inducted into the Academic All-American Hall of Fame in 2007, making her the first woman from the Academy and one of only six graduates with that distinction. Also, she was selected as the Academy's first woman Rhodes Scholar in her First Class (Senior) Year. Johnson was recognized as an Honorary Fellow of Brasenose College in 2013. She received the 2014 American Legion Auxiliary Woman of the Year Award.[3] Johnson was awarded a star (#42) on The Flag for Hope on June 18, 2016 in recognition of her outstanding military service.



Kent Abernathy (USMA '79)

Executive Director, National Commission on Military, National and Public Service

Kent Abernathy serves as the Executive Director of the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service. He began his career in the military when he attended USMA at West Point and then served nearly seven years on active military duty, including assignments in Korea and with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. Abernathy then spent more than 15 years in the private sector as a commercial banker in New York and Indiana, most recently as Vice President for two Indianapolis banks. Later, he founded a sole proprietor consulting business providing strategic planning, management advice and arranging senior debt and private equity funding for client companies, all while remaining active in the Army Reserve and National Guard. In 2003, Kent volunteered to return to active military duty in the U.S. Army, serving in leadership positions at the Pentagon and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Kent, a native of Indiana, returned back to the state in 2010 to be Chief of Staff of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. In February 2015, he was appointed 25th Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) by former Governor of Indiana, Michael Pence. While BMV Commissioner, Kent also served on the International Board of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.



Marene Allison (USMA '80)

Chief Information Security Officer, Johnson & Johnson; President, West Point Women

Allison is Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer for Johnson & Johnson, protecting the Information Technology (IT) systems and data worldwide through elimination and mitigation of IT risk. Prior to joining Johnson & Johnson, she was Chief Security Officer and Vice President for Medco, the largest pharmacy benefit manager in the United States. Before joining the corporate world she served as a Special Agent in the FBI working on undercover drug operations in Newark, NJ and also working on terrorist bombings in San Diego, CA. She developed and participated in the nuclear terrorism exercise, Compass Rose '88, the largest mock terrorism incident exercise by the federal government. Marene has a BS from The United States Military Academy, in the first class to include women. She has served in the US Army in the Military Police, at Ft Hood, TX, Ft Chaffee, AR and Ft McClellan, AL. She has served on the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services appointed by the Secretary of Defense and the Overseas Security Advisory Committee appointed by the Secretary of State. She is a founding member of West Point Women and currently serves on their Board of Directors.



LTG Joseph Anderson, (USMA '81)

Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, Headquarters, Department of the Army

Lieutenant General Anderson is the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, Headquarters, Department of the Army, on 11 May 2015. His most recent assignment was as the Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Commander, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (IJC) and Deputy Commanding General, US Forces - Afghanistan. LTG Anderson has commanded units from platoon to corps, and has other held significant assignments across a variety of areas at the Pentagon, with Army Recruiting Command, and with Multinational Force / United States Forces-Iraq, among others. LTG Anderson's vast operational experience includes many deployments and combat tours around the world, including Operation Just Cause Task Force Hawk-Albania, Task Force Falcon-Kosovo, Operation Joint Guardian, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom.



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Young J. Bang (USMA '93)

Senior Vice President, Booz Allen Hamilton

Young J. Bang is currently a Senior Vice President with Booz Allen Hamilton and is a leader in the Innovations Group who has 25 years of professional experience. He is the firm leader for Data Science and Machine Intelligence for the Defense and Intel markets. Prior to his current role, Bang was a leader in the firm's health business and he also provided IT leadership to clients in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Defense Logistics Agency, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, COCOMS, other Department of Defense agencies and Civil Agencies to include the SEC, FBI and DOJ. Other positions that Bang currently holds is board member for Jool Health and Epidemico, teaches an undergraduate course in health IT at Georgetown University, sits on the board of directors for the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers and an executive steering committee member for the firm's Asian Agenda and Multi-Cultural Agenda. Prior to joining Booz Allen Hamilton in 2002, Bang served various leadership and technical roles at BearingPoint, KPMG Consulting, MCI WorldCom, Ciena and in the U.S. Army.



CDR Kate Higgins-Bloom (USCGA '00)

Response Officer and Cutterman, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads

Commander Kate Higgins-Bloom graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2000 with a BS in Civil Engineering and earned a Master in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in 2011. She is a member of the 2014-2015 class of White House Fellows. Most recently, she served as Chief of the Sector Hampton Roads Command Center, which coordinates "all hazards" maritime response, including Search and Rescue, for coastal Virginia. This summer, she will start at the Brookings Institution as a Federal Executive Fellow. She has held a variety of operational leadership roles afloat and ashore. Ashore, she served as Incident Management Chief and acting Response Department Head at Sector Boston. Afloat, she commanded USCGC BARANOF in the Arabian Gulf, and served as executive officer of USCGC TYBEE out of San Diego. Her staff assignments include Acting Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security, and membership on the transition team for the 25th Commandant of the Coast Guard. She is the recipient of the Presidential Service Badge, two Meritorious Service Medals, five Commendation Medals and assorted other personal, team, and unit awards.



The Honorable Charlie F. Bolden Jr. (USNA '68)

12th Administrator of NASA; Retired U.S. Marine Corps Major General; Former NASA Astronaut

Bolden graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. After completing flight training in 1970, he became a Naval Aviator. Bolden earned a Master of Science degree in systems management from the University of Southern California in 1977. Bolden's many military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame in May 2006. Prior to Bolden's nomination as NASA Administrator, he was employed as the Chief Executive Officer of JACKandPANTHER LLC, a small business enterprise providing leadership, military and aerospace consulting. Nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Bolden began his duties as the twelfth Administrator of NASA on July 17, 2009. Bolden oversaw the safe transition from 30 years of space shuttle missions to a new era of exploration focused on full utilization of the International Space Station. He led the agency in developing a Space Launch System rocket and Orion spacecraft that will carry astronauts to missions in lunar orbit and enable the journey to Mars. He established the Space Technology Mission Directorate to develop cutting-edge technologies for the missions of tomorrow.



BG (Ret.) Dana H. Born, Ph.D. (USAFA '83)

Faculty Chair, Senior Executive Fellows Program, Harvard Kennedy School of Government; Former Dean of the Faculty, U.S. Air Force Academy

Dr. Dana Born is the Faculty Chair of the Senior Executive Fellows Program and a Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She is a 1983 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy - serving two terms as the Dean of the Faculty and previously as Department Chair for the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership. Earlier she served as Exchange Officer with the Royal Australian Air Force, Aide and Speechwriter for the Secretary of the Air Force, 11th Mission Support Squadron Commander and in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Dr. Born received her B.S. in Behavioral Sciences from USAFA, M.S. in Experimental Psychology from Trinity University, TX, M.A. in Research Psychology from University of Melbourne and Ph.D. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Penn State University. She received Penn State's Alumni Fellow Award and an Honorary Doctorate from Simmons College. Dr. Born is a Senior Consultant for the Authentic Leadership Institute, President of the Massachusetts Women's Forum and has served as a Director or Trustee on various public, private and non-profit Boards. She is married to a career Marine officer and has two daughters, one currently a cadet at the USAF Academy.

Mr. Herman E. Bulls (USMA '78)

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

Herman Bulls is International Director & Vice- Chairman, Americas, Jones Lang LaSalle; Board Director for USAA, WPAOG, 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 Chief Operating Officer of one of the nation's largest and most active Fannie Mae Delegated Underwriting and Servicing (DUS) apartment lenders. Mr. Bulls 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 has completed the Army's Airborne, Ranger and Command and General Staff College courses and served overseas in the Republic of Korea. He is currently a Colonel in the Army Reserves. Mr. Bulls received a BS in engineering from the United States Military Academy and a 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.



Dr. Timothy Butler

Senior Faculty Advisor to Career Development Programs at the Harvard Business School

Dr. Timothy Butler is the Senior Fellow of Business Administration and Senior Faculty Advisor to Career Development Programs at the Harvard School of Business. Previously, Dr. Butler has held positions as a teacher, psychologist, psychotherapist and career counselor for more than thirty-five years. He developed the internet-based interactive career assessment program, Career Leader, along with Dr. James Waldroop. He is also the co-author of three business career assessment instruments to include: the Business Career Interest Inventory, the Leadership Motivation Profile and the Leadership Skills Profile. Dr. Butler also wrote Getting Unstuck: A Guide to Discovering Your Next Career Path. He has also authored and co-authored many different books and articles.



The Honorable Mark H. Buzby (USMMA '79)

Administrator, Maritime Administration, U.S. Dept. of Transportation; Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy, Retired

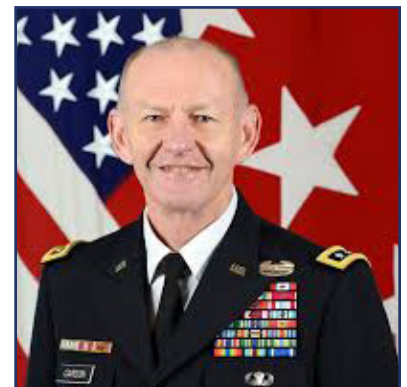
Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby was appointed by President Donald Trump and sworn in as Maritime Administrator on August 8, 2017. Prior to his appointment, Buzby served as president of the National Defense Transportation Association - a position he has held since retiring from the U.S. Navy in 2013 with more than 34 years of service. He served on staffs of SIXTH Fleet, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, the Navy staff and the Joint Staff. Buzby served as the Commander of the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command from October 2009 to March 2013. His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (five awards) and various other unit and campaign awards.



LTG Edward C. Cardon (USMA '82)

Director, Office of Business Transformation, U.S. Army; Former Commanding General of U.S. Army Cyber Command and 2nd Army

Lieutenant General Edward C. Cardon was born in Texas, raised in California and was commissioned as an Engineer Officer from the United States Military Academy in 1982. LTG Cardon has commanded at every level from company through Army Service Component Command to include US Army Cyber Command and 2d Army. His other assignments include Observer/Controller at the National Training Center; Strategist for the Army Chief of Staff; Commander, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division; Deputy Commandant, US Army Command and General Staff College; and Commanding General, 2d Infantry Division in South Korea. LTG Cardon has deployed in support of IFOR/SFOR Bosnia-Herzegovina and on four separate occasions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Military Academy and two Masters Degrees - one from the National War College and the other from the United States Naval Command and Staff College, both in National Security and Strategic Studies. Lieutenant General Cardon is married and has three children.



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Mr. Michael Chung, (USMMA '00)

Head of Government Solutions, Bugcrowd, Former Head of DOD's "Hack the Pentagon" Program

Mr. Michael Chung is the Head of Government Solutions at Bugcrowd, a startup out of San Francisco that works with Fortune 50 Companies in addressing their cyber needs. Prior to joining Bugcrowd, he was the Head of the "Hack the Pentagon Program" at the Pentagon and coordinated efforts to allow the world's best hackers to test DOD assets. He collaborated with AR-CYBER, CYBERCOM, the Air Force and NSA to evaluate IT systems and digital assets. Chung has worked with various technology companies and startups including Apple. He was a Supply Corps Officer from 2000-2007. His education includes a B.S. from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and an MBA from the University of Washington.



The Honorable Matthew S. Collier (USMA '79)

Vice President of Business Development, PenFed

Matthew S. Collier is currently the Vice President of Business Development at PenFed, serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of One World and is on the Advisory Board of the Boston-based Concussion Legacy Foundation. He has also held positions as an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army, Chief of Staff for a U.S. Congressman and served as Mayor of Flint, Mich. from 1987 to 1991. From 1993 through 2014, he served in executive roles with a variety of technology companies which included 13 years of President and CEO experience, company ownership and executive stints in both private and public companies. As appointee of President Obama, Collier worked in a Senior Advisor capacity VA Secretaries Bob McDonald and David Shulkin, from January 2015 to July 2017.



The Honorable Michele Flournoy

Co-Founder and Managing Director, WestExec Advisors; Former CEO and Co-Founder, Center for a New American Security (CNAS); Former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

Michèle Flournoy is CEO of WestExec and is the former CEO of CNAS, an organization she co-founded. She serves on the CNAS Board of Directors.

She served as the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy from February 2009 to February 2012 and was the principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense in the formulation of national security and defense policy, oversight of military plans and operations, and in National Security Council deliberations. She co-lead President Obama's transition team at DoD. In 2007, she co-founded CNAS, a non-partisan think tank dedicated to developing strong, pragmatic and principled national security policies and served as its President until 2009. Previously, she worked at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and at the National Defense University, and in the mid-1990s she served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Threat Reduction and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy. She is a graduate of Harvard University and Balliol College, Oxford University, where she was a Newton-Tatum scholar.



Sue Fulton (USMA '80)

Chair and Chief Administrator, NJ Motor Vehicle Commission

Brenda "Sue" Fulton was part of the first class to admit women at West Point. She served in the U.S. Army as a platoon leader and company commander in Germany, later to be honorably discharged at the rank of Captain. Fulton co-founded Knights Out (an organization of LGBT West Point alumni and allies), became a founding board member of OutServe (the association of actively-serving LGBT military members). In both roles she was an active advocate for the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," and also played a leading role in lifting the military's ban on transgender service as the President of SPARTA. In 2011, President Obama appointed Fulton as the first openly gay member of the West Point Board of Visitors, and she became the first female USMA graduate on the Board. In 2012, Fulton and her partner, Penny Gnesin became the first same-sex couple to marry in the West Point Cadet Chapel. Now, Fulton serves as the Chair and Chief Administrator of New Jersey's Motor Vehicle Commission as the first openly gay member of the Cabinet.

Colonel (Ret.) Gregory D. Gadson (USMA '89)

Managing Partner, Patriot Strategy, LLC

Col. Gregory D. Gadson is a Chesapeake, Virginia native, and served our country for 26 years. In May 2007, Col. Gadson's greatest challenge came in Iraq, where an IED attack cost him both legs above the knee and normal use of his right arm and hand. He has served in every major conflict of the past two decades, including: Operations Desert Shield/Storm in Kuwait, Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2007, Col. Gadson met with the New York Giants and gave the team a talk about service, teamwork, duty, perseverance and adversity, which led the team to beat the undefeated New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLII. He had a lead role in the 2012 blockbuster *Battleship* and completed season one of *The Inspectors*. Now Col. Gadson serves as an entrepreneur and managing partner of Patriot Strategies, LLC, a government services company. His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2), Bronze Stars (3), Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal (3) and the Army Commendation Medal (3).



Mr. Robert Gordon III (USMA '79)

Chief Global Affairs Officer, Connected Living, LLC

Robert "Rob" L. Gordon III 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. As a cross sector leader, he has extensive senior management and experience in the military, government, high tech, and nonprofit sectors. In 2010 Rob was appointed in the Obama Administration as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, where he was responsible for defense-wide policy, program execution and oversight of the Defense Department's worldwide community and family programs affecting over 4 million military active duty service and family members, and 2 million retirees. During his tenure at the Department of Defense (DoD), Rob spearheaded the creation of DoD's Military Spouse Employment Partnership, an online and digital employment initiative currently boasting more than 200 "Fortune 500+" employment partners who have provided jobs to more than 105,000 military spouses since the program's inception in 2011. For his Pentagon service Rob was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service. Rob completed a 26 year career in the U.S. Army, retiring at the rank of Colonel after serving in command and staff positions as an artillery officer, aide-de-camp to General Colin Powell; National War College instructor and graduate; and head of American Politics at the U.S. Military Academy at WestPoint. 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 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.



Dr. Christopher B. Howard (USAFA '91)

President, Robert Morris University

Dr. Christopher B. Howard is the eighth president of Robert Morris University, which is near Pittsburgh, PA. Dr. Howard is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he earned a B.S. in political science in 1991. A Rhodes scholar, he earned his doctorate in politics at the University of Oxford and an M.B.A. with distinction from the Harvard Business School. Dr. Howard received the Campbell Trophy, the highest academic award in the country presented to a senior college football player, and is a member of the Verizon Academic All-America Hall of Fame. He is a member of the College Football Playoff Selection Committee, the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, and the NCAA Honors Committee. A retired Air Force reserve lieutenant colonel, Dr. Howard served as a helicopter pilot after earning his doctorate, and then became an intelligence officer for the Joint Special Operations Command. Defense Secretary William Cohen asked Dr. Howard to accompany a 1999 U.S. delegation to South Africa as a political-military advisor. He was called back to active duty during 2003 in Afghanistan, and was awarded the Bronze Star. Dr. Howard also served as the Reserve Air Attaché to Liberia.



BG Cindy R. Jebb (USMA '82)

14th Dean of Academic Board, U.S. Military Academy

Brigadier General Cindy R. Jebb serves as the 14th Dean of the Academic Board. She received a Ph.D. in Political Science from Duke University in 1997, a MA in Political Science from Duke in 1992, an MA in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in 2000, and a BS from the United States Military Academy in 1982. She has taught courses in Comparative Politics, International Security, Cultural Anthropology, Terrorism and Counterterrorism, and Officership. Commissioned as a military intelligence officer, she served in the 1st AD, III Corps, Department of Social Sciences at West Point, and the National Security Agency (NSA). She has authored or co-authored three books, conducted human security research in Africa, completed study projects in Iraq and Afghanistan, and served as a senior advisor to the Chief of the Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq during the summer of 2015. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations, BG Jebb served as the Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences before assuming the duties as Dean. She is married to her USMA classmate, Dr. Joel Jebb, and they have three children.



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Rear Admiral Michael J. Johnston (USCGA '90)

Director of Acquisition Programs & Program Executive Officer, U.S. Coast Guard

Rear Adm. Johnston currently serves as the U.S. Coast Guard's Director of Acquisition Programs and Program Executive Officer. RDML Johnston graduates from USCGA in 1990 and after serving two consecutive tours afloat, he attended Georgia Institute of Technology. He then served as project manager and senior communications network engineer for the Vessel Traffic Systems and the Differential Global Positioning System. RDML Johnston went back to operations as the Deputy Commander for Group St. Petersburg, Fla. coordinating operations with partner agencies and restructuring the unit into a Sector Command. Following this assignment, he reported as Commanding Officer of the Electronics System Support Unit in New Orleans, La.; just two months before Hurricane Katrina. He also coordinated response, recovery and repair efforts for all command and control systems across the Gulf Coast from Mexico to Florida. In 2008, RDML Johnston graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. From 2011 to 2014, RDML Johnston served as the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard's Command, Control and Communications Engineering Center.



Vice Admiral Andrew L. "Woody" Lewis (USNA '85)

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy N3/N5

Vice Adm. Andrew Lewis is a native of Los Altos, California, and a 1985 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He was designated a naval aviator in April 1987. He is a graduate of Air Command and Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College and holds a Master of Arts in Military History from the University of Alabama. He has flown over 100 combat missions in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Deny Flight, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He has accumulated over 5,300 flight hours and 1,100 arrested landings. He was the recipient of the Naval Air Forces Pacific Pilot of the Year in 1996. Lewis assumed duties as deputy chief of naval operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy in August 2017. His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit (six awards), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (seven Strike Flight and four Individual with Combat "V"), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards; two with Combat "V"), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, as well as various service and campaign awards.



Ms. Laila Linares (USMMA '06)

President, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Foundation - Washington DC Chapter

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, such as maritime and vessel operations, new ship acquisition, ship inspection, project/program management, contract administration, process improvement, and lifecycle management. After twelve years at MSC, Laila transitioned to Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) to serve as the Design Integration Manager for the Arleigh Burke Class DDG 51 Flight III Program. She recently accepted a position as a Program Manager at the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD). Her principle focus is the new construction National Security Multi-Mission Vessel (NSMV) program which will serve State Maritime Schools in their U.S. Coast Guard required cadet training, as well as provide government response to humanitarian and disaster crisis in coastal and port areas. 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 The George Washington University, 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.



Capt. (Ret.) Barbette H. Lowndes (USNA '80)

Former Director of Total Force Management for Space and Naval Warfare System Command

Barbette Lowndes served 27 years in the U.S. Navy and eight years as a Navy civil servant. She served at 10 commands including two tours at sea on USS MCKEE (AS-41) and USS CAPE COD (AD-43). As a civil servant, Lowndes was the Director of Total Force Management for Space and Naval Warfare System Command. During her time at USNA, Lowndes graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography and was a member of the first class to graduate with women. Now, she is currently on the Board of Trustees for the USNA Alumni Association and volunteers for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and her church.

Syed “Sid” Mansur

CEO, Deep Cortex

Syed “Sid” Mansur is responsible for Sentrana’s overall corporate strategy and high level vision. He is one of the primary architects of Sentrana’s analytic kernel and optimization strategy, and personally oversees project efforts for key accounts to ensure provision of the highest level of quality in delivering services and solutions. Sid contributes a deep understanding of complex business optimization challenges to help Sentrana’s clients identify, define and implement solutions customized to the specific needs and preferences of their customers. In this capacity he helps clients better understand not only the immediate tactical benefits of scientific marketing but also the implications for longer term sustainable performance advantage. Sid brings over 15 years of experience in engineering and business and is a founding member of Sentrana. Previously he was founder and Vice President of Solutions at Netutilize Corporation and before that was a lead engineer and business unit corporate strategist for Lockheed Martin. In that role, he formulated advanced algorithms and architectures to address mission-critical optimization and quantitative analysis problems.



General (Ret.) Stanley A. McChrystal (USMA '76)

President, The McChrystal Group

General Stanley A. McChrystal was called “one of America’s greatest warriors” by Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates. A retired four-star general, he is the former commander of U.S. and International Security Assistance Forces Afghanistan and the former commander of the premier military counter-terrorism force, Joint Special Operations Command. 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. The son of Maj. Gen. McChrystal, Gen. McChrystal graduated from West Point in 1976 and joined the infantry. After 9/11 and until his retirement in August 2010, General McChrystal spent more than seven years deployed to combat in a variety of leadership positions. General McChrystal is a senior fellow at Yale University’s Jackson Institute for Global Affairs where he teaches a course on Leadership in Operation. He sits on 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. In January 2011, he co-founded the McChrystal Group where he is currently a partner.



Cathy C. McClain (USAFA '82)

President, Dauntless Leadership

Cathy is a Georgetown University-certified executive coach, a management consultant and a keynote speaker. She has coached CEOs and senior leaders serving in governmental, non-profit and public-sector positions. As a consultant, McClain helped a top-tier Fortune 30 company manage internal reorganization. Her speaking engagement audiences range from large military organizations to Chamber of Commerce gatherings to a leadership summit in Washington, D.C. From 2012 to 2016, McClain was the Program Director, Business and Regional Jet Programs at Spirit AeroSystems. Prior to this, Cathy was the Director, Program Management Center of Excellence and was a senior program manager for The Boeing Company. McClain graduated from the USAFA and is an Air Force veteran with 25 years of service. She is the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Air Force Academy Association of Graduates, a Trustee of the Falcon Foundation and is a member of the East Wichita Rotary Club, Friends of McConnell and the Ninety-Nines. In her spare time, she volunteers as an Emergency Technician for Sedgwick County.



The Honorable Robert A. McDonald (USMA '75)

8th U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Retired Chairman, President and CEO of Procter & Gamble

Robert A. McDonald was the eighth Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Procter & Gamble (P&G). In 2014 as VA Secretary, McDonald launched VA’s ambitious transformational journey to be the No. 1 customer-service agency in Federal government. The Harvard Business School’s November 2016 study of VA’s transformation judged that, thanks to Secretary McDonald’s leadership, VA “had made impressive progress.” By the end of his tenure in January 2017, all VA Medical Centers were providing Veterans access to same day services in primary and mental health care. At P&G, McDonald significantly recalibrated the company’s product portfolio, adding nearly one billion people to its global customer base and growing the firm’s organic sales by an average of three percent per year, growth reflected in a 2009 to 2013 P&G stock increase of 60 percent. A United States Military Academy Distinguished Military Graduate and Distinguished Alumnus, Secretary McDonald graduated in 1975 in the top 2 percent of his class. In 1978, he earned his MBA from the University of Utah. Secretary McDonald served in the Army with the 82nd Airborne Division.



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BG (Ret.) Mr. Mike Meese (USMA '81)
EVP and Secretary, AAFMAA

Mike joined American Armed Forces Mutual Aid Association (AAFMAA) as Chief Operating Officer in 2013. He retired from the United States Army as a Brigadier General having concluded his 32 year career as the Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences at the U.S. Military Academy. At West Point, he taught economics and national security courses and was the Director of the Economics program. He has written numerous articles and two books: the Armed Forces Guide to Personal Financial Planning and American National Security. He has served in a variety of strategic political-military positions including deployments to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Bosnia for a total of 31 months and was the Executive Director of the Secretary of the Army's Transition Team in 2005 and the co-director of the Department of Defense Panel on Commercialization. He is a graduate of the National War College, U.S. Military Academy, and earned his Ph.D., MPA and an M.A. from Princeton University. Specialties: National security policy, defense economics, civil-military relations, higher education, financial planning, financial management, leadership.



Reverend Tracy Mehr-Muska (USCGA '96)
Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament, Wesleyan University

Reverend Dr. Tracy Mehr-Muska (CGA class of 1996) is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a board-certified chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains. She currently serves as a University Chaplain at Wesleyan University, where she provides one-on-one spiritual and emotional support to students of any or no faith background, provides religious programming and worship leadership for the Protestant community, and works closely with students and other chaplains to provide interfaith programs and services, develop interfaith education, and encourage and enable important interfaith dialogue. She serves as an adjunct instructor at Hartford Seminary where she teaches courses in the field of Practical Theology. She is certified as a Behavioral Health Disaster Responder for the State of Massachusetts and has done work as an interfaith chaplain in a university, psychiatric hospital, men's prison, trauma hospital, hospice, pediatric palliative care unit, and non-profit. As part of her doctoral research at Hartford Seminary, Rev. Dr. Mehr-Muska has developed a curriculum for building resilience designed for interfaith audiences and has led several interfaith retreats and workshops focused on this material. Her interest in resilience stems from her sometimes-bumpy life dealing with violence, hazing, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and miscarriage and ultimately discovering the joy associated with having meaningful connections with others, enjoying a fulfilling vocation, having a positive attitude, and overcoming, if not celebrating, failure. She resides in Connecticut and enjoys camping, hiking, and biking with her husband and two children.



Kathy J. Metcalf, (USMMA '78)
President and CEO, Chamber of Shipping of America

Kathy Metcalf was appointed the President and CEO of the Chamber of Shipping of America (CSA) in June 2015. Prior to that time, she served as CSA's Director of Maritime Affairs from 1997 to 2015. CSA is a maritime trade association which represents a significant number of U.S. based companies that own, operate or charter oceangoing tankers, container ships and other merchant vessels engaged in both the domestic and international trades. Prior to coming to the Chamber of Shipping, Kathy served in various positions in the energy industry including deck officer aboard large oceangoing tankers, marine safety and environmental director, corporate regulatory and compliance manager and state government affairs manager. Kathy is a 1978 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and a 1988 graduate of the Delaware Law School.



CDR (Ret.) Erica Mohr (USCGA '96)
Founder and CEO, Be Mohr LLC; Executive Director, The Sasamani Foundation

Erica is the Executive Director of The Sasamani Foundation and the founder of Be Mohr LLC, passionate about empowering others so they may thrive. As a Coast Guard officer, Erica co-founded the Women's Leadership Initiative, a national nonprofit centered on increasing the retention of women in the Coast Guard through policy change, mentoring, and professional development. Throughout her 20-year career, Erica led numerous organizational change efforts, including the creation of the service's first-ever year-long course for midlevel officers. Upon her retirement, Erica embarked on a year of travel to explore meaningful options for a second career. Captivated by the deeply connected communities in Tanzania, she supported women entrepreneurs to establish and grow their businesses, and collaborated with the University of Dar es Salaam to build a 4-month Women Leading Change curriculum. In 2017 Erica was a Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame Honoree, and in 2013 she was named a Southeastern Connecticut 40 under 40 community leader. Erica earned a Bachelor of Science from the Coast Guard Academy in 1996, a Master of Education from San Diego State University in 2002, and will earn a Master of Applied Positive Psychology (MAPP) from the University of Pennsylvania in August.

ADM William Moran (USNA '81)

39th Vice Chief of Naval Operations

Adm. Bill Moran is a native of New York and graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the United States Naval Academy in 1981 and a master's degree from the National War College in 2006. As a flag officer, he has served as commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group; director, Air Warfare (N98) on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations; and most recently as the 57th chief of naval personnel. His operational tours spanned both coasts, commanding Patrol Squadron (VP) 46 and Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2. He served as an instructor pilot in two tours with VP-30 and as a staff member for Commander, Carrier Group 6 aboard USS Forrestal (CVA 59). Ashore, he served as executive assistant to the chief of naval operations; executive assistant to Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; deputy director, Navy staff; and assistant Washington placement officer and assistant flag officer detailee in the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Moran assumed duties as the Navy's 39th vice chief of naval operations, May 31, 2016. He is a senior naval advisor to the secretary of the Navy and the chief of naval operations. He is entitled to wear the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (five awards) and other various personal, unit and service awards.



Admiral Charles W. Ray (USCGA '81)

31st Vice Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard

Adm. Charles W. Ray assumed the duties of the U.S. Coast Guard Deputy Commandant for Operations in August 2016. His previous Flag Assignment was as the Pacific Area Commander, and prior to that he held Flag Assignments as the Deputy Pacific Area Commander, the Fourteenth Coast Guard District Commander, service with the U.S. Forces Iraq as Director of the Iraq Training and Advisory Mission for the Ministry of Interior and as the Military Advisor to the Secretary of the Department Homeland Security. Admiral Ray's personal 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.



James R. Schenck (USMA '88)

President and CEO, PenFed

Since April 2014, James Schenck is the President and CEO of PenFed Credit Union and has led most of PenFed's operating divisions. Previous roles that Schenck has held at PenFed include: Executive Vice President, COO and Chief Administrative Officer. He 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. In addition to that, Schenck volunteers for many other charities and business groups.

During his military career, he flew Black Hawk helicopters in Korea and trained other Army aviators as a night goggle instructor pilot. He served on the Army Staff in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, later to be selected as a Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. Prior to his assignment to the Pentagon, Schenck taught Economics and Finance at the United States Military Academy. He was selected by HillVets as one of the 100 most influential and impactful veterans in the United States in 2015.



MG (Ret.) Bruce Scott (USMA '72)

President, The Olmsted Foundation

General Scott is a 1972 graduate of the United States Military Academy. He served in Infantry and Armored Divisions in the United States and in Germany. He has commanded at the company, battalion, and brigade levels and as the Commanding General of the South Pacific Division, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Army Chief of Congressional Legislative Liaison. Other assignments include serving as a White House Fellow in the Reagan Administration; Service on the Army Staff as the Deputy Director of Strategy; Aide/Executive Assistant to the Commanding General, V Corps, General Colin Powell; and Executive Assistant to the Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. He is an Olmsted Scholar and received a Master of International Relations equivalent from the Universitaet Freiburg, FRG, and holds a MPA from Harvard University. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. His military decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab. After serving as Vice President, ITT Defense, and President, ITT Defense International General Scott was appointed as President/CEO of The George and Carol Olmsted Foundation.



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Biographies



Mr. Joseph F. Sifer

Executive Vice President, Booz Allen Hamilton

Joe Sifer is an Executive Vice President with Booz Allen Hamilton, bringing more than 30 years of experience in engineering, technology and consulting services and solutions. He currently leads the firm's Defense and Military Intelligence business unit. Prior to assuming this role, Sifer served as the inaugural Visiting Corporate Fellow at Give an Hour, where he continued his activism for mental health awareness and emotional fitness in the corporate world. As Senior Vice President, he led the firm's U.S. Army business, right-sizing its cost structure and mounting a strategy that expanded Booz Allen's market share during a period of rapid addressable market contraction due to precipitous declines in the Army's budget. He previously led the firm's Army business portfolios in C4ISR, technology and operations. Sifer currently holds external positions related to his experiences and passions to include Chairman of the Board for the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, Member of the Board for the Strathmore Music and Arts Foundation, Member of the Board for Easter Seals DC | MD | VA, Member of the Board for Project M.E.O.W and an active member of giving societies at the University of Notre Dame and of industry for Notre Dame's College of Engineering.



Dr. Tamara Singleton Broadnax, (USMA '89)

Academy Women Liaison, West Point Women; Nursing Director, VCU Health

Tamara was in the first classes of women to attend the Military Academies in the 1980s, graduated from West Point with a degree in Human Factors Engineering in 1989 and began her career as an Army Supply Officer. She is a Desert Shield/Storm Veteran who completed assignments in Germany, Colorado, New York and Alabama. During her last assignment, she also helped to integrate women at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). She received her Associates Degree in Nursing from John Tyler Community College, completed her Master's Degree at Virginia Commonwealth University in Nursing Administration and Leadership in 2007, and became a Nurse Clinician on the Woman's Surgical Unit and Adjunct professor at VCU School of Nursing. She has the distinction of completing the largest single facility installation of Telehealth equipment in the country (within the Department of Veteran Affairs) with over 250 end points. Tamara was named as the Nursing Director of Telemedicine at VCU Medical Center in February 2014. She is the President of the Central Virginia Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association. She sits on the Service Academy Nomination Committees for US Senator Tim Kaine and US Representative Donald McEachin, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Richmond Fisher House Foundation. In her spare time Tamara is the SHERO (Leader) of the Richmond Chapter of Black Girls Do Bike and rides the VCU Health's "Rams that Ride" bicycling group at various bicycling events throughout the year.



Mr. Ronald J. Steptoe, CMR, DABDA (USMA '87)

CEO/Co-Founder, Warrior Centric Health, LLC

Ronald J. Steptoe is an Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He graduated from USMA, West Point in 1987. Prior to joining Pfizer 27 years ago, Steptoe served as an officer in the U.S. Army. His firm created and developed the Warriors Centric Health (WCH) platform and ecosystem. 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). Steptoe is credentialed as a Certified Medical Representative. He is Board Certified Diplomate by the American Board of Disability Analyst. Ronald Steptoe's activities and honors include: serving on the Board of Directors of USA Cares, Inc., Member of the Year in 2016 from American Hospital Association-Institute for Diversity and FORBES' Top 25 Veteran-Founded Start-ups in America in 2016.



Mr. Daren Sumter (USMA '88)

Global Accounts, LinkedIn

For over 20 years, Darren has worked as a management consultant and a business development strategist specializing in providing companies with business to business software solutions to drive innovation and improve profitability. Darren currently works at LinkedIn where he manages responsibilities for several strategic customers across several sectors globally. Prior to LinkedIn, Darren was a member of several Big Data, B2B Software, Strategic Consulting companies where he held responsibilities for new market and new customer business development. Prior to his Software career, Darren was a strategy consultant in the US and Europe. Darren attended the Harvard Business School where he earned an MBA. Prior to HBS, Darren attended the US Military Academy at West Point, NY where he earned a BS degree in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering and served in the US Army's Aviation Branch. He is a veteran of the 1st Gulf War where he served in Saudi Arabia and Iraq for operations Desert Storm and Shield.

Rear Admiral (Ret.) Cari B. Thomas (USCGA '84)

Chief Executive Officer, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance

Rear Admiral Cari B. Thomas currently serves at the Chief Executive Officer of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, which was formed in 1925 as the League of Coast Guard Women. She is also currently serving as the Subcommittee Chair on the Defense Advisory on Women in the Services and on the Board of Navy Mutual Aid Association. While on active duty, she was President of USCG Mutual Assistance Board of Control while serving as the Assistant Commandant of Human Resources. Other positions that Rear Admiral Thomas have held include the Executive Director of the Navy League of the U.S. and as a Coast Guardsman. Rear Admiral Thomas also has volunteered through various programs and has received awards to include: The Distinguished Service Medal, two Legions of Merit, the Department of State Superior Honor Award, the Sea Services Leadership Association "North Star" award and other various other personal, unit and campaign awards.



Major General Linda R. Urrutia-Varhall, (USAFA '84)

Director of Operations, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

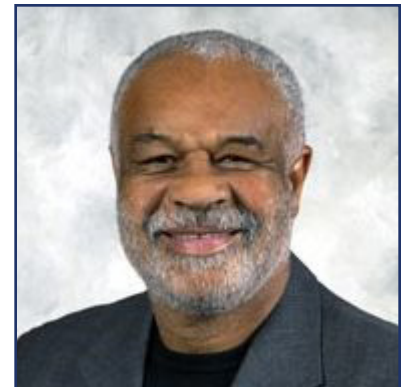
Maj. Gen. Linda R. Urrutia-Varhall is the Director of Operations at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in Springfield, VA. She was commissioned in 1984 as a graduate of the USAFA. Following her initial assignments at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., she was selected to participate in the Professional Military Graduate Intelligence Program in Washington, D.C. After completion, she was the first Air Force representative to the National Military Intelligence Center. Her service at the Pentagon included executive support duty to three Secretaries of Defense and as an international politico-military affairs officer on the Somalia Task Force. In 1998, the general was named to command the first Air Force Information Warfare Flight at 9th Air Force/Central Air Forces, Shaw AFB, South Carolina. She also deployed to Southwest Asia where she served as Chief, Analysis Division and an operations officer for the Joint Intelligence Center at U.S. Central Command Headquarters Forward. General Urrutia-Varhall is the recipient of several awards and other achievements.



Mr. Fletcher H. "Flash" Wiley (USAFA '65)

Chairman, PRWT Advisory Board; Counsel, Morgan Lewis, Chairman of the Air University Board of Visitors

Fletcher H. "Flash" Wiley graduated from the USAFA in 1965 and continued his studies as a Fulbright Scholar in Paris, France at L'Institut Des Etudes Politiques. Following service as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Wiley resigned his commission to pursue graduate studies. For almost four decades, Mr. Wiley worked as practicing attorney concentrating in the areas of corporate and commercial law, small business development, entertainment law and real estate. On September 30, 2018, he retired from PRWT Services, Inc. after playing a key role in building it as one of the nation's largest minority-owned businesses and Black Enterprise Magazine's 2009 "Company of the Year." He stills remains as a member of the PRWT Advisory Board. Mr. Wiley has served as a Director of several for-profit business organizations, including three public companies. He is also extensively involved in civic and charitable activities.



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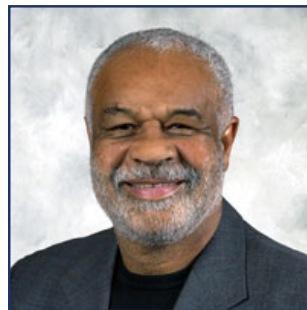
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