

## 2017 U.S. Naval Institute Ballot / Editorial Board Bios

### **LT Jason H. Chuma, USN**

LT Jason H. Chuma is a native of Merrittstown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, in 2007 with a B.S. in physics with honors and was commissioned into the Navy via the NROTC Program. Following commissioning he completed studies in nuclear power for service as a Submarine Officer.

LT Chuma's first at-sea assignment was onboard USS NEWPORT (SSN 750) where his Division Officer assignments included Electrical Officer, Main Propulsion Assistant, Damage Control Assistant, and Assistant Operations Officer. While onboard NEWPORT NEWS, he completed deployments to the U.S. Southern Command and U.S. European Command areas of responsibility.

In 2011, LT Chuma reported to the Navy Warfare Development Command (NWDC) in the Future Concepts directorate where he was the lead author for the Undersea Domain Operating Concept. Following the establishment of NWDC as the Navy Center for Innovation, he became an inaugural member of the CNO's Rapid Innovation Cell where he was responsible for the creation and implementation of innovative solutions for rapid deployment to the Fleet.

After completing the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in June of 2014, LT Chuma reported to his current assignment as Navigator and Operations Officer onboard USS SPRINGFIELD (SSN 761). While onboard SPRINGFIELD, he completed a deployment to the U.S. European Command area of responsibility.

LT Chuma holds a Masters in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University, and has completed the Intermediate Command and Staff Program from the Naval War College. His writings have been published within the U.S. Naval Institute's Proceedings, NEXT Magazine, the Phoenix Think Tank, and the Center for International Maritime Security (CIMSEC).

LT Chuma is authorized to wear the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), and various unit and service awards. He is married to the former Sallie Chase of Raleigh, North Carolina; they reside in Groton, Connecticut.

### **CAPT Stephen S. Erb, USN / Current Editorial Board\***

Captain Erb is a 1992 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. At sea, he has served in the USS *Tortuga* (LSD-46), USS *Vicksburg* (CG-69), as operations officer in the USS *O'Kane* (DDG-77), and on the Destroyer Squadron 18 staff, where he was recognized as the Junior Officer Tactician of the Year from COMCRUDESGRU TWELVE.

He served as executive officer in USS *Carney* (DDG-64) and USS *Chung-Hoon* (DDG-93) and commanded *Chung-Hoon* from May 2010 through November 2011. He has deployed to the Mediterranean, Persian Gulf, western Pacific, Indian Ocean, and South America, including two independent western Pacific deployments in Command. Ashore, CAPT Erb has served at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff (J39), FBI Headquarters, COMNAVSURFLANT, and at the US Naval Academy as First Battalion

Officer and Plebe Summer Officer in Charge. In 2004 he earned a master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies (with distinction) from the Naval War College.

CAPT Erb is currently Commanding Officer, Center for Security Forces.

**LCDR Rachael A. Gosnell, USN / Current Editorial Board Chair\***

Originally from Accident, MD, Lieutenant Commander Gosnell graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2001 with a BS in Political Science and Spanish minor.

At sea, she has served onboard USS SHILOH (CG-67), USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN-75) and as the Weapons Officer and Combat Systems Officer onboard USS STOCKDALE (DDG 106).

While ashore, Lieutenant Commander Gosnell was stationed in La Maddalena, Italy, and at the Pentagon in OPNAV 513 Strategy and Policy. Her last tour was as Speechwriter for the Chief of Naval Operations.

Awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (4), Navy Achievement Medal (2), Top Gunner Award, Navy League Award, and various campaign and unit awards. She has a Masters of Engineering management from Old Dominion University and a Master's in International Security Studies from Georgetown University. She is currently assigned to the US Naval Academy as a Political Science instructor.

**CDR Holly R. Harrison, USCG / Current Editorial Board\***

A native of Vienna, Virginia, CDR Harrison graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1995. CDR Harrison first served as a Deck Watch Officer on U.S. Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) STORIS (WMEC-38) in Kodiak, AK, followed by service as Executive Officer of USCGC KISKA (WPB-1309) in Hilo, HI, Protocol Officer for the Commandant of the Coast Guard in Washington, DC, and Commanding Officer of USCGC AQUIDNECK (WPB-1336) in Fort Macon, NC, and later Manama, Bahrain. In March 2003, CDR Harrison led AQUIDNECK during the invasion of Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Upon returning from the Arabian Gulf, CDR Harrison served as the Senior Instructor of the Maritime Boarding Officer School in Yorktown, VA, and then established the Maritime Law Enforcement Academy in Charleston, SC, where she served as Executive Officer. She returned to sea in 2006 as Executive Officer of USCGC LEGARE (WMEC-912) in Portsmouth, VA. After earning a master's degree in public policy from Princeton University, she was responsible for strategic oversight, policy formulation, and Congressional briefings for programs representing \$2.7 billion of the Service's operating base as a Program Reviewer in the Office of Budget and Programs. CDR Harrison earned a second master's degree in Educational Technology Leadership from The George Washington University in 2010.

In 2010, CDR Harrison was chosen by President Barack Obama to serve as one of 13 White House Fellows for 2010-2011 during which she served as a senior advisor to the Administrator of NASA and acting Deputy Chief of Staff of NASA. She then served as a Strategic Analyst in the Strategic Management and Doctrine Directorate before assuming command of USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC 904) in Portsmouth, VA. After NORTHLAND, her research as the Coast Guard's first National Security Affairs Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution focused on the Arctic and sexual assault

prevention. She reported to the Office of Management and Budget's National Security Division in July 2015 as a Program Examiner for the Department of Veterans Affairs. She reported to her current assignment as the Coast Guard's Drug and Migrant Interdiction Chief in June 2016.

CDR Harrison's awards include the Bronze Star, Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal (5 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal and Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

In her personal time, CDR Harrison is active in many volunteer public service organizations. Most notably, she has been a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician (EMT) since 1999.

### **FLTCM (SW/AW) Paul A. Kingsbury, USN**

Master Chief Kingsbury, a native of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School and enlisted in 1987. He attended Recruit Training, Nuclear Field Electrician "A" school and Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida, and qualified as an Electrical Operator at the S3G prototype in Nuclear Power Training Unit (NPTU), Ballston Spa, New York.

Master Chief Kingsbury's assignments in the nuclear field include USS Eisenhower (CVN 69); nuclear instructor duty at the MARF prototype in Ballston Spa, New York; USS Mississippi (CGN 40); USS Enterprise (CVN 65); and Pre-Commissioning Unit Ronald Reagan (CVN 76).

Master Chief Kingsbury was selected as a Command Master Chief (CMC) in February 2004 and has served as the CMC of USS Juneau (LPD 10), Strike Fighter Squadron 211, Joint Region Marianas', Navy Region Japan/U.S. Naval Forces Japan, and the Naval Safety Center. He assumed duties as Fleet Master Chief, U.S. Fleet Forces Command in December of 2015.

Master Chief Kingsbury is a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officers Academy and has completed the National Defense University's Senior Enlisted Keystone course, the Navy Senior Leader Seminar, the "Strategic Planning for Execution: Assessment and Risk" Workshop, and the Leading Change in Safety Management Systems courses. He has a Bachelor of Science degree (Cum Laude) from Excelsior College and completed an apprenticeship as a Professional and Kindred Counselor through the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program.

Master Chief Kingsbury's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), and various service and campaign awards. He is qualified as both an Enlisted Surface and Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist.

### **SgtMaj David L. Maddux Jr., USMC / Current Editorial Board\***

Sergeant Major Maddux currently serves as the director of the Senior Enlisted Academy, Quantico, Virginia. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in July 1990. Sergeant Major Maddux has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan multiple times, first as a gunnery sergeant during Operation Iraqi Freedom-2 filling the billet of 1st Marine Division Frequency Manager, then as a first sergeant with Tango Battery in support of

Operation Iraqi Freedom 08.01, and finally as the MACG-38 Fwd Sergeant Major for Operation Enduring Freedom 10.1 in Afghanistan. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal (6).

In addition to receiving a master's degree in business administration from Grantham University in July 2012, Sergeant Major Maddux has been a distinguished graduate to all of the Marine Corps courses.

#### **LCDR Jeffrey McLean, USN / Current Editorial Board\***

LCDR Jeff McLean is a Department Head with VFA-11, the "Red Rippers." Previously, he served as a Test Pilot and Project Officer for the X-47B Unmanned Combat Air System, helping achieve the first autonomous unmanned aerial refueling. His test work also included F/A-18 mission systems and precision approach systems on the Navy's aircraft carrier fleet. Prior to Test Pilot School, he flew F/A-18F Super Hornets with VFA-103, the "Jolly Rogers," during two combat deployments aboard the USS EISENHOWER, supporting ground forces as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Jeff graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2004 with honors and distinction and the University of Oxford in 2006, where he was both a Fulbright Scholar and Truman Scholar. He is a Life Member of the U.S. Naval Institute, a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a Next Generation National Security Leader with the Center for a New American Security.

#### **LtCol Amy M. McGrath, USMC / Current Editorial Board\***

Officer Representative, Political Science Department B.S., Political Science, US Naval Academy M.A., International/Global Security, The Johns Hopkins University Grad Cert, Legislative Studies, Georgetown University

Amy McGrath graduated from USNA with a B.S. in Political Science in 1997. While being a midshipman, she was a member of the varsity women's soccer team and was the Midshipman Director of NAFAC in her senior year. After her commissioning as a Marine Corps officer and completion of flight school in 1999, she was assigned as a F/A-18 Weapons Systems Officer to Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121. In 2002, Captain McGrath, deployed to Kyrgyzstan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom flying combat missions in Afghanistan. In 2003, she completed her second combat tour to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

From 2005-06, Capt. McGrath transitioned to become an F/A-18 pilot. In her second tour with 121, she completed a deployment to East Asia from 2007-09. In 2010, she deployed to Afghanistan with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. While operational, she accrued over 2000 flight hours, and flew 85+ combat missions. She has flown in multiple exercises in the continental U.S., Alaska, Egypt, Australia, Korea and Japan.

In 2011, Major McGrath was assigned to Capitol Hill as a Congressional Fellow. She worked in the office of Representative Susan Davis of San Diego as the congresswoman's defense and foreign affairs policy advisor. From 2012-13, she served in the Pentagon at Headquarters Marine Corps, Strategy & Plans

Division, International Affairs Branch as the Marine Corps' liaison to other federal government agencies such as the Department of State and US Agency for International Development.

Lieutenant Colonel McGrath holds a Masters of Arts in International/Global Security from The Johns Hopkins University and a Graduate Certificate in Legislative Studies from Georgetown University. She is a graduate of the Marine Amphibious Warfare School, Marine Fighter Weapons Division Tactics Course, and Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

Her awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, (8) Strike Flight Air Medals, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, and Iraqi and Afghan (2) Campaign medals.

### **CDR Brian Smicklas, USCG**

CDR Brian Smicklas, USCG is currently serving in the Office of Defense Operations (CG-ODO) at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He is the Joint Actions Control Officer (JACO) team leader and is responsible for the administration of interaction and communication between the Coast Guard and the Department of Defense Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Brian is a class of 2000 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy. Upon graduation, Brian served at sea for 10 years on USCG Cutters stationed in Galveston, TX, Honolulu, HI, San Diego, CA, Key West, FL and Astoria, Oregon. While at sea, Brian led counter drug operations throughout Central and South America, enforced fisheries laws in the Bering Sea, interdicted undocumented aliens and smugglers in the Florida Straits and Caribbean, and participated in the initial phases of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While ashore, Brian contributed to hurricane recovery/response operations in South Florida, served as the USCG Drug Interdiction Specialist Liaison Officer in Havana, Cuba (2010-2012) and has earned graduate degrees from Norwich University and the Naval War College. At the Naval War College Brian wrote two compelling and influential essays regarding the USCG seagoing career path and his experiences working with the Cuban government, both of which were published by USNI Proceedings, ultimately leading to his selection as USNI Proceedings Author of the Year.

Brian and his wife Sarah enjoy homesteading with their four daughters (ages 11 through twin 4 year olds) on their five-acre ranch in the Piscataway National Park, right across the Potomac from Mount Vernon. Routine ranching activities include raising hundreds of free-range pastured poultry chickens and turkeys, a few pigs, lambs, and white German shepherd named Martha Washington.