

U.S. Naval Institute Board of Director Candidates

Gen John R. Allen, USMC (Ret.)

General Allen is currently the co-director of the Brookings Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence.

He departed active service on 1 April 2013. Prior to that, he served for 18 months as Commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan and the NATO International Security Assistance Force there, a combined force of nearly 150,000 troops. He previously served as Deputy Commander of U.S. Central Command. As Deputy Commanding General, Multinational Force–West in Iraq, he was a key figure in the emergence of the Anbar Awakening movement, which fundamentally changed the course of the war.

After retirement, General Allen served as Senior Adviser to the Secretary of Defense for Middle East Security, leading the U.S., Israeli, and Palestinian security dialogue of the Middle East Peace Process. In 2015 he completed 14 months as Special Presidential Envoy to the Global Coalition to Counter ISIS, during which he fashioned a 65-nation coalition to confront ISIS.

General Allen has extensive leadership experience in war, peace, and crisis, having served in contingency operations in the Caribbean in 1994, Bosnia in 1995, Iraq from 2007 to 2008, Afghanistan from 2011 to 2013, and against ISIS in 2014–15.

General Allen is a 1976 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds several advanced degrees. He is an active permanent member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

VADM Dirk J. Debbink, USNR (Ret.)

Vice Admiral Debbink served as the 12th Chief of the Navy Reserve from July 2008 to August 2012. His service as a surface warfare officer included approximately 11 years active duty and 24 years of drilling reserve duty.

In his civilian capacity, he is chairman & CEO of MSI General Corporation in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. The company is a regional design/build general contractor specializing in new construction and renovation of industrial, retail, commercial, and institutional buildings throughout Southeast Wisconsin. He also serves on the board of directors of Cincinnati Financial Corporation of Cincinnati, Ohio; Froedtert Health System, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Fisher House of Wisconsin.

Vice Admiral Debbink earned his BS in systems engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1977 and his MBA from the University of Chicago in 1990. He holds his registered Professional Engineer and Real Estate Broker licenses in the State of Wisconsin.

LtGen Wallace ‘Chip’ Gregson, USMC (Ret.)

Lieutenant General Gregson most recently served as Assistant Secretary of Defense, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, from May 2009 to April 2011. From 2003 to 2005, he was Commanding General of Marine Corps Forces Pacific and Marine Corps Forces Central Command, where he led and managed over 70,000 Marines and sailors in the Middle East, Afghanistan, East Africa, Asia and the United States. From 2001 to 2003 he served as Commanding General III Marine Expeditionary Force and all Marine Corps forces in Japan. Prior to his time in Japan he was Director of Asia-Pacific Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense from 1998 to 2000. He serves as Director, Asia and the Pacific, Center for the National Interest; and as a Senior Fellow, Avascent International. He is a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, an infantry officer with service in Vietnam, and was a member of the Naval Institute Board and Editorial Board from 1997 to 2000.

Mr. Kenneth O. Klepper

Mr. Klepper served as Medco's president and chief operating officer, and is a 15-year veteran of the managed-care industry specializing in large-scale organizational change.

Mr. Klepper oversaw Medco's sales and account market groups, and all business operations, including its world-class automated pharmacies and information technology group, which have been recognized for setting new standards for pharmacy-dispensing quality. He was also responsible for Accredo Health Group Inc., which was acquired by Medco in 2005 and has since become the nation's largest specialty pharmacy. Accredo serves the needs of patients with complex conditions requiring sophisticated treatment.

Prior to joining Medco, Mr. Klepper served in executive management positions at WellChoice Inc. (formerly Empire BlueCross BlueShield) and Cigna Healthcare. He is also a member of the U.S. Navy Corporate Executive Panel, which provides advice and counsel to the Chief of Naval Operations.

MCPOCG Vince Patton, USCG (Ret.)

Dr. Patton served as the 8th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard from May 1998 until his retirement from more than 30 years of active service in November 2002. In this position he was the senior enlisted adviser to the Commandant of the Coast Guard. His numerous military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal. He holds the unique distinction of earning his doctorate of education degree from American University while on active duty. From 2004–2009, he served as a member of the Naval Institute's Editorial Board, and as chairman 2007–2009. He is currently employed as the executive director for the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Educational Foundation, headquartered in Fairfax, Virginia. In addition, he is a member of the board of trustees for the Northeast Maritime Institute, and also an ordained minister.

ADM James A. 'Sandy' Winnefeld Jr., USN (Ret.)

Admiral Winnefeld graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology and received his commission through the NROTC program. A career naval aviator, he served with three fighter squadrons and as an instructor at the Navy Fighter Weapons School (Topgun).

His unit commands include Fighter Squadron 211, the USS *Cleveland* (LPD-7), and, after completing nuclear-propulsion training, the USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65). His flag level commands include the *Theodore Roosevelt* Carrier Strike Group; U.S. 6th Fleet; NATO Allied Joint Command, Lisbon; Striking and Support Forces NATO; North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD); and U.S. Northern Command.

Admiral Winnefeld retired in August 2015 after serving as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he was the nation's second highest-ranking military officer. He currently is a Distinguished Professor at Georgia Tech and a senior non-resident fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

U.S. Naval Institute Editorial Board Candidates

CAPT Stephen S. Erb, USN

Captain Erb grew up in a Navy family. He is a 1992 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a BS in computer science.

At sea, Captain Erb has served in the USS *Tortuga* (LSD-46), *Vicksburg* (CG-69), as Operations Officer in the *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 12. He served as Executive Officer of the USS *Corney* (DDG-64) and *Chung-Hoon* (DDG-93) and commanded the *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, Captain Erb has served at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff (J39), and FBI Headquarters. In 2004 he earned a master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies (with distinction) from the Naval War College. He served as the 1st Battalion Officer, Officer in Charge of the Plebe Summer Regiment, and as a Military Instructor in Ethics for the Naval Officer at the Naval Academy from 2012–14. Captain Erb currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations (N3) on the staff of Commander, Naval Surface Force, Atlantic.

CTR1(IDW/SW) H. Lucien Gauthier III, USN

Petty Officer Gauthier joined the U.S. Navy in April 2006. He completed Yeoman "A" School and reported to the USS *San Antonio* (LPD-17) for duty. His service on board the *San Antonio* included the ship's maiden deployment and qualifying as an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist.

In October 2009 he volunteered for Individual Augmentee duty and was subsequently assigned to U.S. Army logistics units in Afghanistan. In early 2010, while in Afghanistan, he was invited to blog for the U.S. Naval Institute.

Also while in Afghanistan, he was invited by Admiral James Stavridis' staff to become the admiral's Special Assistant for Strategic Communications, reporting for duty at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in early 2011, and was promoted to the position of Social Media Adviser to the SACEUR in 2012.

In 2012, he requested and was approved to cross-rate to Cryptological Technician (Collections). In early 2013 he reported to CTR "A" School, with follow-on orders to NIOC Maryland, where he qualified at and currently serves as an Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare Specialist.

LCDR Rachael A. Gosnell, USN

Originally from Accident, Maryland, Lieutenant Commander Gosnell graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2001 with a BS in political science and a Spanish minor.

At sea she has served on board the USS *Shiloh* (CG-67), the *Harry S. Truman* (CVN-75), and as Weapons Officer and Combat Systems Officer in the *Stockdale* (DDG-106). Ashore, Lieutenant Commander Gosnell was stationed in La Maddalena, Italy, and at the Pentagon in OPNAV 513 Strategy and Policy, and served as speechwriter for the Chief of Naval Operations.

Her awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (four), Navy Achievement Medal (two), Top Gunner Award, Navy League Award, and various campaign and unit awards. She has a master of engineering management degree from Old Dominion University and a master's in international security studies from Georgetown University. Lieutenant Commander Gosnell is currently assigned to the U.S. Naval Academy as a political science instructor.

LT Matthew Harmon, USN

Lieutenant Harmon was raised in South Carolina and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2009 with a BS in economics. After graduation and commissioning, Ensign Harmon reported to the USS *Blue Ridge* (LLC-19), stationed in Yokosuka, Japan. For his first 18 months on board, he served in the Engineering Department as Auxiliaries Officer and Fireroom Division Officer. For his remaining time on board, he served as Navigator and participated in Operation Tomodachi, the assistance operation to support Japan in disaster relief after the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami.

In December 2011, Lieutenant (junior grade) Harmon reported to the USS *McCampbell* (DDG-85), also stationed in Yokosuka, as the Training Officer. While on board the *McCampbell*, he participated in numerous joint and multinational exercises. He served as Operations Officer during the fall 2012 deployment in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

Lieutenant Harmon graduated with a master's degree in leadership education and development from the University of Maryland in May 2014 and currently serves as the 19th Company Officer at the U.S. Naval Academy.

CDR Holly Harrison, USCG

Commander Harrison has spent over half her career on board five different ships, including command of the USCGC *Aquidneck* (WPB-1309) during the invasion of Iraq and command of the USCGC *Northland* (WMEC-904), a 270-foot cutter in Portsmouth, Virginia. She has served as the Executive Officer of the Coast Guard's Maritime Law Enforcement Academy, a Program Reviewer in the Office of Budget and Programs, a Strategic Analyst in the Strategic Management and Doctrine Directorate, and as the Protocol Officer for the Commandant. As a White House Fellow assigned to NASA, she was a Senior Adviser to the Administrator and the acting Deputy Chief of Staff. Her research as a National Security Affairs Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution focused on the Arctic and sexual assault prevention. Commander Harrison is currently assigned to the Office of Management and Budget as a Program Examiner for the Department of Veterans Affairs. She has a degree in government from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and master's degrees in public policy from Princeton University and education from the George Washington University.

SgtMaj David L. Maddux Jr., USMC

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 GySgt during OIF-2 filling the billet of 1st Marine Division Frequency Manager, then as a 1stSgt with Tango Battery in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 08.01, and finally as the MACG-38 Fwd Sgt Maj for OEF 10.1 in Afghanistan. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal (six).

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

LCDR Jeffrey J. McLean, USN

Lieutenant Commander McLean is a Navy Test Pilot who most recently served as the Project Officer for the X-47B Unmanned Combat Air System, which made history in 2015 as the first UAV to autonomously refuel from an airborne tanker. He has flown and tested 28 different types of military aircraft, including an F-4, B-25, and MiG-15. Operationally, he flew F/A-18 Super Hornets during two combat deployments on board the aircraft carrier USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN-69), supporting ground forces as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. He has logged over 1,500 flight hours as aircraft commander of Navy fighter

aircraft, 275 carrier landings, and over 300 combat flight hours including support for the battles of Marjah and Kandahar.

Lieutenant Commander McLean is a Lifetime Member of the U.S. Naval Institute, a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a Next Generation National Security Leader with the Center for a New American Security, and formerly served as President of the Truman Scholars Association. He graduated with honors and distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2004 and earned a degree in philosophy, politics, and economics from Oxford University as both a Fulbright Scholar and Truman Scholar.

LtCol Amy McGrath, USMC

Lieutenant Colonel McGrath graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a BS in political science in 1997. After completion of flight school, 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, Captain 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 Third Marine Aircraft Wing. While operational, she accrued over 2,000 flight hours, and flew 85-plus combat missions.

In 2011, then-Major McGrath was assigned to Capitol Hill as a Congressional Fellow. 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. She currently teaches political science at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Lieutenant Colonel McGrath holds a master's degree in international/global security from the Johns Hopkins University. She is a graduate of the Marine Amphibious Warfare School, Marine Fighter Weapons Division Tactics Course, and Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

LCDR J. Grant Thomas Jr., USCG

Lieutenant Commander Thomas was commissioned in February of 2003 through U.S. Coast Guard Officer Candidate School. He is a licensed 100-ton master mariner and has served on board four cutters, commanding the USCGC *Tiger Shark* (WPB-87359) in Newport, Rhode Island; the *Monomoy* (WPB-1326) forward-deployed to the Middle East; and the *Block Island* (WPB-1344) in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. As a cutterman, he has conducted a wide range of Coast Guard missions including search and rescue, federal law enforcement, defense operations, and marine environmental protection. While serving as military aide to both the Coast Guard Chief of Staff and the Atlantic Area Commander, he coordinated strategic and operational engagements for one of the Coast Guard's four vice admirals. Lieutenant Commander Thomas is currently the Coast Guard Counterintelligence Service's Assistant Director for Analysis and Production. He holds a BA in political science from the University of the South and an MA in science and technology intelligence from the National Intelligence University.