

U.S. Naval Institute 2023 Board of Directors Ballot

Candidate Profiles



ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG (Ret.)

Executive Vice President, Booz/Allen/Hamilton

Admiral Thad Allen is an executive vice president in Booz/Allen/Hamilton's Departments of Justice and Homeland Security business. He completed his distinguished career in the U.S. Coast Guard as its 23rd Commandant, having served previously as Chief of Staff.

In 2005, he was designated principal federal official for the U.S. government's response and recovery operations in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Gulf Coast region. In 2010, he was selected to serve as national incident commander for the unified response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Admiral Allen is a fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr., USMC (Ret.)
12th NASA Administrator

First as a Marine Corps officer and then as NASA administrator, Major General Charles Bolden has dedicated his life to the service of the United States.

In 2009, President Barack Obama appointed General Bolden to be the 12th NASA administrator. While heading NASA, he led the development of the Space Launch System and the Orion Crew Capsule, oversaw the shift toward commercial space initiatives handling resupply of the International Space Station, and created NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate.

As a NASA astronaut, General Bolden piloted the Space Shuttles Columbia and Discovery and served as mission commander on the Atlantis and Discovery.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, General Bolden flew more than 100 combat missions during the Vietnam War and later served as a test pilot for the Naval Air Test Center's Systems Engineering and Strike Aircraft Test Directorates. After completing service as an astronaut in 1994, he served as Assistant Commandant of Midshipmen at the Naval Academy and in 1998 as Commanding General of the Marine expeditionary force attached to Operation Desert Thunder in Kuwait. He last served as Commanding General of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California, prior to his retirement.

General Bolden holds a master of science degree in systems management from the University of Southern California and honorary doctorate degrees from numerous institutions of higher education. He was inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame in 2006 and the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 2016.



ADM Jonathan W. Greenert, USN (Ret.)

30th Chief of Naval Operations

Admiral Jonathan Greenert was commissioned in June 1975, completed studies in nuclear engineering, and entered the nuclear submarine force. During his Navy career, he served as Commander, U.S. Forces Micronesia; Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet; Chief Financial Officer of the Navy; Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command; Vice Chief of Naval Operations; and Chief of Naval Operations from 2011 to 2015.

Admiral Greenert has been recognized for his leadership and distinguished performance with numerous awards and citations, including recognition from eight international navies.



ADM Bill Moran, USN (Ret.)
39th Vice Chief of Naval Operations

Admiral Bill Moran is a retired four-star officer with more than 38 years of service and experience. He began his career as a naval aviator and rose rapidly to hold command leadership positions at every level of the Navy.

The front-end of Admiral Moran's career was spent in the cockpit on antisubmarine warfare patrols above the Atlantic and Mediterranean as well as in numerous instructor pilot assignments. After a tour in personnel management, he operated in the Pacific and Middle East theaters conducting antisubmarine warfare and supporting ground forces during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. As a flag officer he served in a variety of positions, including Director of Air Warfare and Chief of Naval Personnel, prior to becoming the 39th Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

He is known for his extensive experience in developing effective leaders and leading teams operating in dynamic and complex environments. His transformative approach to changing the Navy's human resource structure and policies as Chief of Naval Personnel paved the way for a larger Department of Defense effort to modernize its talent management policies. And as Vice Chief of Naval Operations he focused on fleet readiness, modernization, education and building service budgets.

Admiral Moran is a strategic advisor for several companies, a board member at the U.S. Naval Institute, and founder and president of WFM Advisors, LLC. He holds a bachelor of science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master of science degree in national security studies from the National War College.



Admiral Scott Swift, USN (Ret.)

Admiral Scott Swift served in the U.S. Navy for more than 40 years, rising from his commission through the Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate program to become a Navy light attack and strike fighter pilot. He commanded at all levels, including F/A-18 weapons school, aircraft carrier-based squadrons, carrier air wing, carrier strike group, and the U.S. Seventh Fleet forward deployed to Japan. He completed his uniformed career as the 35th Commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet in 2018. During his years of service, he participated in combat Operations Praying Mantis, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Admiral Swift is founder of The Swift Group LLC, a previous MIT Center for International Studies Robert E. Wilhelm Fellow, MIT Research Affiliate, Senior Fellow at the Center for Naval Analysis, adjunct professor at the Naval War College and board member of the U.S. Naval Institute. He is a graduate of San Diego State University and holds a master's degree from the U.S. Naval War College.