



Governor's Military Council Member Biographies

Chair

Vice Admiral Jody A. Breckenridge, United States Coast Guard (Retired)

Vice Admiral Jody A. Breckenridge served as Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area until her retirement from the Coast Guard in 2010. Prior to this assignment, she served as the Director, Strategic Transformation Team where she was responsible for aligning and synchronizing the efforts to transform and modernize the Coast Guard. She has also served as the Commander of the 11th Coast Guard District, overseeing Coast Guard operations in the Southwest and the Eastern Pacific. During this time, the District stepped up its interagency collaboration, leading to record drug seizures including the largest maritime interdiction in US history and the arrest of the head of the Arellano Felix Drug Cartel.

Military Leadership

Major General Craig Cooning, United States Air Force (Retired)

Major General Cooning served as president of Network and Space Systems (N&SS) for The Boeing Company from July 2014 until recently where he oversaw 10,000 employees in 38 different states as part of six business areas providing global customers with space exploration, cybersecurity, missile defense, and satellite communications solutions. Previously, Cooning served as vice president and general manager of Boeing Space and Intelligence Systems, and chief executive officer of Boeing Satellite Systems International. Prior to joining Boeing Cooning was director of Space Acquisition in the Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force where he provided acquisition support to the under secretary and program management direction to field organizations for the development and procurement of Air Force surveillance, communications, navigation and weather satellites; space launch systems; information warfare capabilities; ground-based strategic radars; communications and command centers; and sustainment for the nation's land-based strategic nuclear missile systems.

Colonel Soo Lee Davis, United States Army (Retired)

Colonel Davis served over 26 years in global healthcare administration and operations, retiring in 2019. Her last roles were Deputy Commander at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu and Medical Transformation Officer for US Army Pacific. She led multinational teams in combat and humanitarian missions across Afghanistan, South Korea, Pakistan, Germany, Haiti, and Angola. She was the Executive Assistant to LTG Eric Schoomaker, the 42nd Surgeon General of the U.S. Army, and Director of Operations for the Defense Health Agency. A West Point graduate, she holds an MBA from the Kelley School of Business. Currently, she is an Associate Professional

Fiduciary at AD Fiduciary and Treasurer for the West Point Society of Northern California, supporting educational opportunities for disadvantaged youth.

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Hackleman, United States Air Force (Retired)

Lieutenant Colonel Hackleman most recently served as Assistant City Manager for the City of Santa Maria. Previously, he was Chief Operations Officer at Reach Central Coast from 2019 to 2021. Hackleman was Executive Director for the Home Builders Association from 2017 to 2019. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1996 to 2017, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Hackleman earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a Master of Science degree in Logistics and Supply Chain Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology. Hackleman is a member of the International City and County Management Association.

Lieutenant General Edward Hanlon, Jr., United States Marine Corps (Retired)

During his 39 year career in the Marine Corps, Lt. Gen. Hanlon served in several senior positions including Commanding General of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Commanding General of Marine Corps Combat Development Command and Deputy Commandant for Combat Development, and U.S. Military Representative to the NATO Military Committee. Following his retirement from military service, he joined Raytheon in 2007 as President of Raytheon International, Inc. Europe. He now serves as President of TransAtlantic Insights LLC, a consultant entity focusing primarily on defense and security programs and products vital to the US and NATO/EU.

Rear Admiral James Johnson, United States Navy, (Retired), M.D.

Rear Admiral Johnson was the 2012 President of the San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC). He retired from the Navy in 2005 as the Director of TRICARE Regional Operations West, where he oversaw five-year, \$10 billion health care contracts and integrated health care delivery system for more than 2 million beneficiaries in 21 states in the Western United States. During his career, Dr. Johnson also served as Chief Executive Officer of Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Medical Officer of the Marine Corps, and Principal Deputy for Clinical and Program Policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

Colonel Fred Meurer, United States Army (Retired)

Colonel Meurer served as the Director of Public Works and Housing, Ft Ord, Ca. During his career he also served as the Operational Test Director for the Apache helicopter and for the Hellfire missile system, the Office of Military Personnel and in various overseas assignments to include in combat with the 1st Infantry Division. After retiring from the Army, he served as Public Works Director for the City of Monterey for 5 years, then served as City manager for 23 Years. During and after his time with the City of Monterey, he served on the Boards of various local and national non-profits dedicated to improving the mission effectiveness and mission capabilities of the national security activities located on the Central Coast of California. He is an independent consultant to Booz Allen Hamilton.

Command Sergeant Major Roberta Santiago, United States Army Reserve (Retired)

Command Sergeant Major Santiago dedicated over 23 years to the Army Reserve, retiring in 1999 from the 352nd Combat Support Hospital in Oakland, California. She then served as the US Coast Guard Chief of the Reserve Capabilities and Readiness

Branch in Alameda, retiring from that position after completing 43 years in federal civil service in 2019. Her career included roles as a paralegal at the U.S. Attorney's Office, and various analyst and management positions in the U.S. Army and Navy. From 2007 to 2011, she was a member of the Defense Advisory Committee for Women in the Service (DACOWITS), earning the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service for her significant contributions to military women's issues.

Lieutenant Colonel Tara Leweling, United States Air Force (Retired)

Lieutenant Colonel Tara Leweling is the Founder of Sage 71 LLC, with more than 30 years of leadership in national security, governance, risk, strategic communications, and global affairs. A 22-year Air Force veteran, she served at the White House as Acting Senior Director for European Affairs and Director for NATO and Western Europe on the National Security Council, where she advised the President on policy toward 49 countries and three international organizations. She previously served as Senior Policy Advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to NATO in Brussels, as speechwriter to the Secretary of the Air Force, and in multiple operational and command assignments. Following her military service, Dr. Leweling held senior executive roles at JPMorganChase, Allstate, and USAA, where she advised large institutions on strategy, stakeholder engagement, and complex risk. Her experience in defense strategy, interagency coordination, alliance management, and the policy, operational, and economic dimensions of national security is closely aligned with the mission of the Governor's Military Council. She is a two-time graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, where she earned a Ph.D. in Information Sciences and a master's degree in Systems Engineering, and she also holds a master's degree in International Relations from Troy University and a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and History from the University of Michigan. She currently serves on the board of The Green Engineer, chairs the governance committee of a national nonprofit, is NACD Directorship Certified, and has participated in Stanford Directors College.

Civic Leadership

Mr. Joseph A. Czyzyk

Joseph Czyzyk currently serves as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Los Angeles-based Mercury Aviation Companies, LLC.. He was the 2011 Chairman of the Board of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and has served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC). Czyzyk has served as a trustee for 2 Southern California universities and has previously served as a Los Angeles City commissioner and State of California commissioner since 1995 and is the former Chair and current Board member of USVETS, the largest homeless veterans home and treatment provider in the U.S. He is a decorated Veteran, having volunteered for two tours of duty (1966-1969) with the U.S. Navy Mobile Construction Battalion (Seabees) in the U.S. and Republic of Vietnam.

Mr. Jeffrey Klein

Mr. Klein is a recognized authority in the acquisition, operation and life cycle support of U.S. Navy surface ships, submarines, unmanned underwater vehicles, saturation diving systems, combat systems, C4ISR and information warfare systems. Mr. Klein has over 37 years of experience serving in industry and government, 20 as a member of the Senior Executive Service. Mr. Klein last served as the Executive Director, Commander

Naval Surface Forces. Previous assignments include Executive Director, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Installations & Logistics Directorate, Director of Specialty Engineering, Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City and Logistics & Financial Program Manager, Naval Sea Systems Command Deep Submergence Systems Program Office. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Engineering and a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering Degree from the Catholic University of America.

Ms. Lisa Easterly, President and CEO, Cyber Center of Excellence

Lisa Easterly has 25+ years of experience in economic development, industry clusters, nonprofit management, finance, marketing, and communications. Easterly serves as President and CEO of the Cyber Center of Excellence (CCOE), a San Diego-based nonprofit celebrating more than a decade of mobilizing industry, academia, and government to grow the regional cyber economy and create a more secure digital community for all. With Easterly's leadership, CCOE earned the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award and a spotlight in the White House's 2023 National Cyber Workforce & Education Strategy as an Ecosystem in Action. Prior to standing up CCOE, Easterly was the Vice President of Marketing & Communications for the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, founding Board Member of Cleantech San Diego, and Business Development Manager at Latham & Watkins LLP. Easterly holds a Master of Business Administration degree and Bachelor of Science degree in finance and economics from the University of Florida.