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Vice Admiral Ron Boxall (Ret) Named President of the Surface Navy Association



Springfield, VA — 31 July 2025 — The Surface Navy Association (SNA) proudly announces the appointment of retired Vice Admiral Ron Boxall as its new President, succeeding retired Vice Admiral Rick Hunt, who has served in the role since 2019. Admiral Boxall will make his first official appearance as SNA President at the upcoming **Waterfront West Symposium**, taking place **September 10–11 in San Diego**.

Admiral Boxall's career highlights include three tours with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, most recently as Director for Force Structure, Resources and Assessments (J8), where he oversaw the Department of Defense's budget and joint requirements for fiscal years 2021–2023. He also served as Director of Surface Warfare, shaping the future of the Navy's surface fleet through initiatives such as the Constellation-Class Frigate and the development of Large and Medium Uncrewed Surface Vessels.

At sea, Admiral Boxall commanded the USS Lake Erie (CG 70), USS Carney (DDG 64), and Carrier Strike Group THREE aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), leading over 8,000 personnel across the Western Pacific and South China Sea.

Following his retirement in 2022, Admiral Boxall founded North Star Strategies LLC and currently serves as Vice President, Navy and USMC Programs at Northrop Grumman.

Outgoing President Admiral Rick Hunt, who retired from the Navy in 2013 and joined Fincantieri Marinette Marine in 2018, shared his thoughts on the transition: *"Ron Boxall is a visionary leader whose deep understanding of surface warfare and commitment to innovation will propel SNA into its next chapter. His experience and passion for the fleet make him the ideal choice to lead our community forward."* — Vice Adm. Rick Hunt (Ret.)

The Surface Navy Association looks forward to Admiral Boxall's leadership as it continues to support the professional development of surface warriors and advance the mission of the United States Navy.

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"It's an honor to lead the Surface Navy Association and continue serving the community that shaped my career. I look forward to working alongside our members to strengthen the voice of the surface warfare community and support the next generation of leaders." — Vice Adm. Ron Boxall (Ret)

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About the Surface Navy Association

The Surface Navy Association (SNA) was incorporated in 1985 to promote greater coordination and communication among those in the military, business, and academic communities who share a common interest in Surface Warfare while supporting the activities of Surface Naval Forces.

MISSION

We are an Association at the center of Surface Warfare. We provide our members support, programs, & various activities that enable professional growth, personal satisfaction, and camaraderie.

PURPOSE


- Recognizing the continuing contributions of the United States Navy & Coast Guard's Surface Forces in regards to the security of the United States
- Showcasing professional excellence within the Surface Naval Forces
- Dealing with the challenges that are faced as Surface Naval Forces in regards to National Security
- Nurturing communication among military, academic, and business communities
- Enhancing and preserving the heritage of Surface Naval Forces
- Providing forums on professional matters affecting Surface Naval Forces and the United States Navy and Coast Guard

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