



An Association at the Center of Surface Warfare

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SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION NAMES TWO VICE PRESIDENTS TO FOCUS ON NAVY AND COAST GUARD ENLISTED MEMBERS

The Surface Navy Association has established two new Vice President positions created to specifically focus on providing tailored programs, professional development and other outreach initiatives dedicated to better serve our Navy and Coast Guard Enlisted members. The Association's board of directors has approved Retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Charles "Skip" Bowen and Retired Fleet Master Chief (AW/SW) JoAnn Marie Ortloff to the new positions.

Bowen joined the Coast Guard in 1978 and served for 32 years. A lifelong cutterman, Bowen commanded 5 separate Coast Guard units ashore and afloat. His career culminated as the service's senior Enlisted member from 2006 to 2010. His post Coast Guard volunteerism includes service as the co-chair of the CG National Retiree Council (CGNRC) from 2013 to 2016. He is also the immediate past President of the Association for Rescue at Sea and remains an active board member. He joined Bollinger Shipyards in 2011 and is currently Bollinger's Vice President of Government Relations. Bowen will serve as the SNA East Coast Vice President for Enlisted members.

Ortloff joined the Navy in 1982 and served as an Air Traffic Controller (AC) afloat and ashore. She eventually served as Commander, U.S. THIRD Fleet Command Master Chief 2009-2012 and U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa Fleet Master Chief from May 2012 April 2015. Following retirement, she continues to serve as a volunteer for organizations that benefit those still serving, including an appointment to the Defense Advisory Council on Women in The Services (DACOWITS). Ortloff will serve as the SNA West Coast Vice President for Enlisted members.

"These positions will help us better serve our Enlisted members, a long-standing priority" said SNA Chairman of the Board Adm. James Hogg (ret.). "We are excited to have such highly qualified individuals take on these important responsibilities."

"SNA has much to offer our Enlisted shipmates," said Ortloff. "My job will be to reinforce the professional development of Enlisted Surface Warriors and Cuttermen."

"I'm enthusiastic about helping our Enlisted shipmates take advantage of the benefits of SNA participation, membership and professional development," said Bowen. "For both the Navy and the Coast Guard, Enlisted members are the heartbeat of the service. This Association has a lot to offer and our job will be to help communicate that fact to members of both services around the world."

The SNA promotes greater coordination and communication among those in the military, business, and academic communities who share a common interest in naval surface warfare and to support the activities of surface naval forces, to include Coast Guard cuttermen. SNA provides for its members support, programs, and activities that enable professional growth, personal satisfaction, and camaraderie. SNA has more than 7,000 members in 29 chapters and 2 interest groups around the world.

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About the Surface Navy Association

We are an association at the center of Surface Warfare. Anyone can join, we represent the Surface Warfare Community.

We were incorporated in 1985 as a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Association to promote greater coordination and communication to those in the military, business, and academic communities. For those who share a common interest in Surface Warfare while supporting the activities of the United States Surface Forces.

We provide our members with support, programs, & various activities to enable professional growth, personal satisfaction, and camaraderie.

Our 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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