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Tom Wilkerson is the Chief Executive Officer of the United States Naval Institute. In this capacity, he leads one of the oldest professional military associations in the United States. For more than 130 years, the Naval Institute, a nonprofit professional association with 65,000 members worldwide, has served as the “Independent Forum of the Sea Services.”

As CEO, Tom is responsible for formulating and executing the goals, objectives and strategy of the Institute; he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Institute and the Naval Institute Foundation.

Tom is no stranger to the Naval Institute, having served first as a member of Naval Institute's Board of Directors/ the Editorial Board and then as a member of the Naval Institute Foundation Board of Trustees. Tom has also been a contributor to *Proceedings* magazine, and a frequent participant in the Naval Institute's seminar program.

Prior to rejoining the Naval Institute, Tom was the Executive Vice-President of a subsidiary to major publishing conglomerate with focus on 1st responder training. From 1998 to 2001, he was CEO/President of a subsidiary to a Fortune 250 financial services corporation. Following the 911 terrorist attacks he began advising corporations doing business with the Federal Government on Homeland Security, Counter-Terrorism and Defense Transformation.

Tom Wilkerson's military career spans 31 years from graduation with the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1967 to service as Marine Fighter/Attack Aviator, and finally to senior leadership as a Major General of Marines. In his last assignment as Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, Tom led the largest command in the Marine Corps with over 100,000 Marines at 200 sites around the country and a budget in excess of \$500M annually.

General Wilkerson is a member of the Society of the Cincinnati and the Council on Foreign Relations.

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