



Honorable Tom Ridge

President & CEO Ridge Global

The Honorable Tom Ridge is the president and CEO of Ridge Global. As the company's chief executive, Ridge leads a team of international experts that help businesses and governments address a range of needs throughout their organizations, including risk management, global trade security, emergency preparedness and response, strategic growth, infrastructure protection, technology integration, crisis management and other issues that encompass a diverse portfolio.

Following the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, Tom Ridge became the first Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and, on January 24, 2003, became the first Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The creation of the country's 15th Cabinet Department marked the largest reorganization of government since the Truman administration and another call to service for the former soldier, congressman and governor of Pennsylvania.

During his tenure, Secretary Ridge worked with more than 180,000-plus employees from a combined 22 agencies to create an agency that facilitated the flow of people and goods, instituted layered security at air, land and seaports, developed a unified national response and recovery plan, protected critical infrastructure, integrated new technology and improved information sharing worldwide. Tom Ridge served as Secretary of this historic and critical endeavor until February 1, 2005.

Before the events of September 11th, Tom Ridge was twice elected Governor of Pennsylvania. He served as the state's 43rd governor from 1995 to 2001. Known for his commitment to high standards and results, Governor Ridge delivered on his promise to make Pennsylvania "a leader among states and a competitor among nations." Governor Ridge's aggressive technology strategy helped fuel the state's advances in economic development, education, health care and the environment.

Tom Ridge was elected to Congress in 1982. He was one of the first Vietnam combat veterans elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and was overwhelmingly re-elected by Pennsylvania voters five times.



Admiral Thomas Collins ***United States Coast Guard (retired)***

Admiral Thomas Collins has 38 years of experience and accomplishments as a commissioned officer, leader, and manager in the U.S. Coast Guard. Retired as the 22nd Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard in 2006. As Commandant he managed over 100,000 personnel, an \$8.1 billion budget, and a fleet of over 220 ships, 230 aircraft, 1800 boats, and over 160 shore facilities.

Admiral Collins has served the American public and the maritime industry in a variety of safety, environmental, law enforcement, and national security missions, including leading the nation's maritime component of the Department of Homeland Security and leading the Coast Guard's overall response to hurricane Katrina.

As Commandant, he led the transfer of the Coast Guard from the Department of Transportation to Homeland Security. He developed and implemented national strategies, policy, and operations designed to mitigate security risk in our ports, coastal areas, and beyond.



During his career with the Coast Guard, he served in a wide variety of leadership positions, including Vice Commandant; operational commander of all mission activities in the Pacific; Commander of operations in the Western Pacific; Chief of Coast Guard Acquisitions; and a number of assignments as commanding officer of both shore and afloat field units.

Admiral Collins is a graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, where he also served as a faculty member. In addition, he holds an M.A. degree from Wesleyan University and a M.B.A. from the University of New Haven.

Since 2006 Admiral Collins has served as a maritime consultant, providing strategic level vision and strategies associated with maritime safety, security, and environmental processes, systems, infrastructure, and organizations. He has provided guidance and advice to both corporate and governmental entities in the areas of strategic planning, port and facility master planning, maritime risk management, waterways management, and emergency preparation and response system, processes and organizations.

Admiral Collins currently serves as a member of the board of directors of EID Passport Inc.; Terma North America, Inc.; and the Armed Forces Benefit Association. He is also serves a director at the Coast Guard Foundation.



Matthew Branigan
Physical Security Expert

Matt Branigan has over 28 years of experience managing and leading diverse security organizations at many levels, he has detailed knowledge of physical protection systems and the requirements and standards for protection of facilities, materials, and other high value/high consequence assets. Matt also has extensive management and technical experience in all aspects of security analysis and planning to include threat analysis and vulnerability assessment, mitigation strategy development, risk management analysis and planning, business continuity and continuity of operations planning, and emergency response and management.

Matt served as Vice President and Chief Security Officer of Brinks Incorporated, one of the world's leading security/risk management companies. While at Brink's, he was responsible for security strategy, policy, and operational support for more than 40,000 employees working in over 100 countries around the world.

Prior to Brinks' Matt was an Assistant Vice President and Division Manager of the Integrated Security Division at Science Applications International Corporation. He served 22 years in the U.S. Air Force as a career security forces officer, retiring at the rank of Colonel. During his career he was the senior security official in the Air Force's Special Operations Command, responsible for the security of special operations personnel and resources around the world. In his final assignment, he was the senior U.S. government security official on the Support Staff at the US Nuclear Command and Control System, a Presidentially chartered organization responsible for oversight of our Nation's nuclear weapons program.

Matt holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology, a Master of Arts degree in Management, a Master of Science degree in Administration of Justice, and a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy. He is a Certified Protection Professional (CPP) and is has a level III certification in Homeland Security (CHS-III).



Vice Admiral James Hull
United States Coast Guard (retired)

Admiral Hull served as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area and Commander, Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic until his retirement in the summer of 2004. As the Senior Commander for all Coast Guard Forces east of the Rocky Mountains, Jim Hull led the largest Coast Guard command and was responsible for the successful prosecution of all missions including law enforcement, defense and safety of life at sea.

Admiral Hull saw service in Viet Nam and commanded three ships during his thirty-five year Coast Guard career. He was the Ninth District Commander during 9-11-01 and was also the Commander of the Fifth Coast Guard District in Portsmouth Virginia. His ashore duty included tours as the Executive Director for National Drug Interdiction Coordinator in the President's Office of Drug Control Policy, Head of Congressional Affairs during EXXON Valdez, Chief of Staff and Chief of Operations in the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami, Florida and as an Assistant Professor teaching at the Coast Guard Academy.



He holds a B.S. degree from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, an MBA from the University of New Haven, a Masters of Operations Research and Statistics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and is a graduate of the National War College.

Admiral Hull serves on several boards, panels, studies (i.e., IBM, National Academy of Science Naval Studies Board, IGCS, etc). He has been a Senior Advisor supporting the United States Joint Forces Command's Joint Warfighting Center, NORTHCOM's Defense Support to Civil Authorities Course and the Coast Guards Flag and SES course for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

He served as an advisor to NORTHCOM during Hurricane Katrina and contributed to the after-action lessons learned initiative. He is a Navy League National Director and was the Chair of the Navy League's Coast Guard Affairs Committee and participates in the development of the organizations Maritime Policy Statement. Admiral Hull is also the Chairman of the Foundation for Coast Guard History and is a past Grand Paramount of the Military Order of the Carabao.



Vice Admiral Brian Peterman *United States Coast Guard (retired)*

Vice Admiral Brian Peterman, USCG (ret.) is a recognized leader in the fields of maritime safety and security, border and port security, maritime domain awareness, and emergency management. He retired from the U.S. Coast Guard in 2008 after 36 years of service to the United States. His final assignment was as Commander, Atlantic Area, where he oversaw all Coast Guard operations in a region that ranged from the Rocky Mountains to the Arabian Gulf.

Prior to that assignment, he was the Commander of U.S. Coast Guard District Seven, headquartered in Miami, Florida. In that command, he was at the forefront of preventing illegal seaborne immigrants from entering the U.S., fighting the narco-terrorism campaign in the Caribbean and Atlantic areas in conjunction with U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), responding to eight major hurricanes, and managing an aggressive commercial and recreational vessel safety program.

During this period, he was appointed by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as the Principle Federal Official (PFO) for Hurricane Ophelia. This was the first PFO assignment after Hurricane Katrina and it spearheaded improvements made to federal disaster preparedness.

He served as a Director in the Defense Policy and Arms Control staff on the White House National Security Council during the Clinton Administration. Immediately following the terrorist attacks of September 11th, he was called back to the White House where he served for two-and-a-half years as the Special Assistant to the President for Border and Transportation Security on the newly created Homeland Security Council staff. In this position he bolstered the security of our borders through immigration and customs improvements and put safeguards in place to reduce the vulnerability of all modes of transportation. From 2002-2003, he helped in the planning and establishment of DHS.

Admiral Peterman has extensive operational, interagency and international experience. He commanded two Coast Guard Cutters: WOODRUSH out of Sitka, Alaska, and CAMPBELL out of New Bedford, Massachusetts. In addition, he served aboard ACHUSHNET out of Gulfport, Mississippi, and SWEETBRIER out of Cordova, Alaska. He was the first Coast Guard officer in the Military Liaison Office in Kingston, Jamaica, where he trained Jamaica Defense Force personnel for peacekeeping operations in Grenada. He also served at the Headquarters, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, where he managed a security assistance program that required extensive travel in North and West Africa. Later, he commanded the Coast Guard's key Alaska industrial and operational facility in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Admiral Peterman holds a Bachelor's Degree from West Chester University and a M.S. from the Naval War College.



DANIEL F. SHEEHAN, P.E.

Daniel Sheehan provides business process, marketing and legislative strategies concerning pollution prevention and response, and maritime safety and security to individual national and international clients. He is a principal negotiator of internationally accepted maritime security measures, the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS). He also serves as a moderator and Session Chair at Marine Log and Mare Form conferences on maritime security and U.S. legislation concerning maritime interests.

Mr. Sheehan represents the Republic of the Marshall Islands registry at meetings of the United Nation's International Maritime Organization, Maritime Safety Committee, Marine Environment Protection Committee, and Flag State Implementation Subcommittee. He also prepares and negotiates primary policy documents concerning implementation and interpretation of international conventions such as 1974 Safety of Life at Sea Convention as amended (SOLAS 74), and the 1973/78 International Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution (MARPOL 73/78).

Mr. Sheehan was the President and CEO of Dominica Maritime Registry, Inc. (DMRI) in Washington, D.C. While leading DMRI, he organized and implemented necessary corporate infrastructure and business processes in order to provide international ship registry services.

Prior to his time at DMRI, Mr. Sheehan served in the US Coast Guard as the Director of Information Technology, Director of the National Pollution Funds Center, and Associate Program Director for International Activities, Program Oversight, and Research and Development.

Mr. Sheehan was the first member of the Coast Guard's Senior Executive Service to be named a Distinguished Presidential Rank Executive – the nation's highest award for federal civil servants.

Dan Sheehan holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from George Washington University, is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Fire Protection Engineering from the University of Maryland.



Luke Ritter

Principal, Global Trade Security

Mr. Ritter leads the Global Trade Security practice at Ridge Global, a firm founded by the Honorable Tom Ridge, the first U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security. The Global Trade Security practice provides strategic management consulting services to clients focused on critical infrastructure protection. Flag Bridge™ is a branded maritime consulting service within the Global Trade Security practice area.

His expertise is in the areas of global trade and transportation operations, security and resiliency, and business process improvement. He is the co-author of: *Securing Global Transportation Networks* (McGraw Hill, 2006), which has received widespread critical acclaim from industry publications such as *Logistics Today*, *The Maritime Executive*, *Traffic World*, and *Supply Chain Management Review*, and was selected as the American Society for Industrial Security, 'Book of the Month', in December of 2006.

Prior to joining Ridge Global, Mr. Ritter was the founder and CEO of Trident Global Partners, a management consulting firm specializing in transportation security.

Mr. Ritter has spoken at more than thirty industry and trade events in the last five years, including keynote addresses at The American Association of Port Authorities Annual Security Conference, and the *Logistics Management Magazine* Global Supply Chain Conference. He has recently been published and quoted in *Journal of Commerce*, *Security Management*, *Directors Monthly*, *Traffic World*, and *Cargo Security International*.

He has travelled extensively on business throughout the Middle East and North Africa regions, including Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Israel, and Libya. In 2009, Mr. Ritter was invited to present on counter-piracy at the Hemaya Security Summit in Doha, Qatar.

Mr. Ritter is a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and holds an M.B.A from Old Dominion University, with a concentration in maritime and logistics management. He is board certified by the American Society of Transportation and Logistics (AST&L), and recently completed his tenure as the Vice Chairman of the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS) Transportation Security Council. Mr. Ritter serves on the Advisory Boards of iJET International, Inc., Decision Sciences International Corporation, International Maritime Security Corporation, and HALO Maritime Defense. He is also a contributing scholar at the Heritage Foundation.