



**Richard L. Aboulafia**

Managing Director / *AeroDynamic Advisory*

Richard manages consulting projects in the commercial and military aircraft field and analyzes broader defense and aerospace trends. He has advised numerous aerospace companies, including most prime and many second- and third-tier contractors in the US, Europe and Asia and advises numerous financial institutions on aerospace market conditions.



**William H. Alderman (Bill)**

President / *Alderman & Company*

Bill Alderman is the founder and President of Alderman & Company. He has completed more than \$1 Billion in mergers and acquisition-related transactions. Prior to 2001, Mr. Alderman worked for a decade on Wall Street and for industry, predominantly working on M&A transactions in the middle market of the aerospace and defense industry.



**Sean Bradshaw**

Technical Fellow, Sustainable Propulsion / *Pratt & Whitney*

Sean Bradshaw is the technical fellow of sustainable propulsion for Pratt & Whitney. His primary focus is on the advanced technologies required for environmentally-sustainable aircraft propulsion systems. This includes developing and maintaining a sustainability strategy across Pratt & Whitney that integrates with Raytheon Technologies.



**Daniele Cagnatel**

President / *Sekisui Aerospace*

Daniele has over 20 years of experience in the aerospace industry and has held leadership positions all over the globe. Currently Daniele serves as the President & CEO of SEKISUI Aerospace. Prior to SEKISUI Aerospace, he served in several operational roles at GKN Aerospace, most recently as their President and CEO of Aerostructures North America, as well as serving as Head of Strategic Planning and Business Development at GKN Aerospace corporate level.



**Chris Celtruda**

Chief Executive Officer / ***Valence Surface Technologies***

Mr. Celtruda is a respected senior executive with extensive leadership experience in the Aerospace and Defense markets. He serves as the CEO for Valence Surface Technologies; a company focused on specialized processing for the aerospace market. Chris also serves on the Board for GEOST and Heinz Engineering, with a previous CEO role at Kellstrom Defense.



**Hal Chrisman**

President / ***Raisbeck Engineering***

A seasoned aviation, aerospace & defense professional with 36 years of experience in the industry, Chrisman has split his time between consulting and executive level industry positions which span all major market segments including business aviation, commercial air transport, defense, and rotary wing. Prior to Raisbeck, Chrisman was Chief Strategy Officer with Acorn Growth Companies.



**Cliff Collier**

Principal / ***Charles Edwards Management Consulting***

Cliff Collier leads Charles Edwards' Operations & Supply Chain activities. He helps aerospace companies assess and realize cost and efficiency improvements and also leads operations due diligence projects. Cliff has 30 years of experience in Supply Chain, IT and Human Resources management from Northrop Grumman, Vought Aircraft Industries and Triumph Aerostructures.



**Mohamed Denden**

Vice President Procurement, Head of Regional Procurement Office North America / ***Airbus***

Mohamed leads Airbus' procurement operations, flying part services, strategy and transformation and general procurement in the U.S. He has an extensive background in aerospace and defense industry, including corporate finance, procurement, program controlling, internal audit, mergers and acquisitions, and investor relations.



**Paul Dolan**

CEO / *ATS*

A seasoned executive with nearly 30 years of leadership experience in the aviation industry. Paul has been a member of the DoD Defense Business Board providing private industry perspective and advice to the Secretary of Defense on business reform matters. And, recently he completed a two-year appointment as Board Chair for Economic Alliance Snohomish County where he continues to serve on the Executive Committee.



**Ron Epstein**

Senior Equity Analyst / *Bank of America Merrill Lynch*

Experienced and highly ranked sell side equity research professional covering US and global Aerospace, Defense, and Industrial companies. Previous work experience includes aerospace research, aerospace engineering & product development and teaching at the university level.



**Magnus Falk**

Vice President and Head of BD, Marketing and Sales, Commercial Business / *Saab Aerospace Systems*

Magnus Falk has been with Saab since 1996, currently as Vice President and Head of the Business Development, Marketing and Sales for the Commercial Business within Saab Aerospace Systems. In this role, he continues to develop the relationship with OEMs and has been responsible for the recent won contracts with Airbus and Boeing.



**George Ferguson**

Senior Aerospace, Defense and Airline Analyst / *Bloomberg Intelligence*

George Ferguson is the Senior Aerospace, Defense and Airline analyst for Bloomberg Intelligence, the research group at Bloomberg L.P. He publishes financial research on airlines, aerospace manufacturers including airframers, engine makers and defense primes. For 13 years he served in the U.S. Army Reserve including as an intelligence officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom.



**Claudia Galea**

Global Sustainability Lead for Aerospace & Defense / **Accenture**

At Boeing Claudia was responsible for strategy and transformation in both defense and commercial businesses. At Arconic, she was part of the executive team focusing on corporate strategy. As a management consultant, Claudia delivered planning and restructuring services to civil aviation authorities; launched two start-up airlines; and delivered advisory services to air operators.



**J.J. Gertler**

Senior Specialist Military Aviation / **Congressional Research Service – Washington D.C.**

An award-winning writer, JJ is a veteran of defense policy analysis since 1984. JJ became the military aviation analyst for the Congressional Research Service in 2009. He writes and maintains reports on major military aviation programs; briefs members and staff on all related policy, budget, and technical matters; and testifies before Congressional committees.



**Ken Herbert**

Aerospace & Defense Analyst / **RBC Capital Markets**



**Krystina Jackson**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Consultant / **Eight Twenty-Eight**

Krystina Jackson is a public speaker, STEM educator, and curriculum developer in the San Francisco Bay Area. Krystina's goal is clear - to speak the truth and inspire others to do the same. Having deep empathy gives her the unique ability to discuss hard topics in a way that inspires people to listen intently.



**Alex Krutz**

Managing Director / *Patriot Industrial Partners*

Alex Krutz is Managing Director of Patriot Industrial Partners, an A&D advisory firm that elevates business performance by focusing on manufacturing strategy, value creation and business transformation. He has been a consultant and in general management roles in all tiers of the supply chain. His operational and supply chain experience spans across engines, structures and large complex assemblies.



**Andrea Laskowski**

Vice President, Supply Chain Management / *Blue Origin*



**Kristine Liwag**

Executive Director / *Morgan Stanley*

Kristine Liwag is an executive director at Morgan Stanley. She is the Senior Aerospace & Defense equity analyst. Prior to joining Morgan Stanley in 2020, Liwag was at Bank of America Merrill Lynch for 12 years in the Aerospace & Defense Team and covered Smid-Cap Aerospace & Defense companies and Aircraft Lessors.



**Tom Lodge**

Marketing & Strategy Executive / *GE Aviation*

Tom leads marketing for GE's Commercial Engines department. He previously led marketing for military engines. Before joining GE, he held various marketing, sales and engineering roles at Honeywell Aerospace and McDonnell Douglas. Tom earned degrees from the University of Arizona in aerospace engineering and Northwestern University with an MBA.



### **Gary Lowe**

CEO & President / **thyssenkrupp Aerospace North America**  
Senior Vice President / **TMX Aerospace**

Gary Lowe's career with thyssenkrupp spans back to 2006, with expertise working across automotive, avionics, and electronics industries. Gary served as the Managing Director at thyssenkrupp Aerospace UK, before relocating to the Seattle area in 2019 to take on responsibility of the Boeing business for the company's North America division. He assumed his current role in late 2020.



### **Josh McCracken**

Managing Partner / **Aerontii**

Josh McCracken has been involved in commercial MRO services for over 25 years. From turning wrenches and solving AOG issues to developing successful go-to-market strategies Josh is well-versed in the complexities of MRO management. Josh is focused on helping clients and industry partners move forward intelligently in response to a rapidly changing marketplace. Aerontii works with organizations to adapt new practices, navigate change, and drive growth.



### **Glenn McDonald**

Principal / **AeroDynamic Advisory**

Glenn has ten years of consulting experience at AeroDynamic Advisory (a consultancy focused on the aerospace and aviation markets), ICF International, and AeroStrategy, where he has supported and managed projects in strategy, M&A, market analysis, and technology assessment. His primary focus has been in aerospace manufacturing and raw materials, as well as Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul.



### **Michel Merluzeau**

Director, Market Analysis & Strategy Commercial-Defense Markets / **AIR (AIRIntelligence LLC)**

Michel Merluzeau brings twenty-five years of aerospace research expertise, leading global teams providing analysis and strategic insights. He is primarily responsible for establishing and reviewing AIR strategic priorities and translating them into research services & products across commercial aerospace and defense markets.



**Dr. Kevin Michaels**

Managing Director / *AeroDynamic Advisory*

Kevin is a globally recognized expert in the aerospace manufacturing and MRO sectors with 35 years of experience, including hundreds of consulting engagements for leading aviation and aerospace companies across the globe. AeroDynamic Advisory is a specialty consulting firm focused on the global aerospace and aviation industries.



**Mike Mueller**

President & CEO / *Aerospace Industries Association of Canada*

Mike Mueller was appointed President and CEO of the Aerospace Industries Association in May of 2021, building on his five-year history with the association as Senior Vice-President. Prior to joining AIAC, Mike held senior positions within Employment and Social Development Canada, Public Safety Canada, Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and Canada's Treasury Board.



**Kristina Pressley**

HR Manager / *Orion*

Kristina Pressley started with Orion in November 2016 as the Intake and Outreach Coordinator. She is an Air Force Veteran, having served for 12 years as a Spanish Linguist, an Intelligence Officer and Military Training Instructor. She became Orion's HR Manager in January 2020 and spearheaded the effort of starting Orion's Learning Pod. Kristina and Orion's staff formed a cooperative to provide a safe, supervised space and learning resources for children of employees.



**Jon Ostrower**

Editor-in-Chief / *The Air Current*

Jon Ostrower is Editor-in-chief of The Air Current. Prior to that, Ostrower served as Aviation Editor for CNN Worldwide, reporter for The Wall Street Journal covering Boeing, and editor of FlightBlogger focusing on aircraft development. He is an instructor at the University of Southern California's Aviation Safety and Security Program.



**LeAnn Ridgeway**

Vice President & Chief Sustainability Officer / ***Collins Aerospace***

LeAnn Ridgeway is Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer for Collins Aerospace and a member of the Environmental, Social Governance (ESG) Board for Raytheon Technologies

She has held various VPGM positions at Collins as; Information Management Services, Integration Lead B/E Aerospace, Simulation and Training Solution as well as senior director of Engineering Services.



**Terry Ryan**

Aerospace Economic Development Director / ***Snohomish County***



**Denise Ryser**

Market Development Director / ***Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition (PNDC)***

Denise leads PNDC's efforts to support member businesses by developing growth opportunities in defense and security sales and building a connected supply chain. Her background in government relations, partner support, and business development make her a trusted advisor to the community. In addition, Denise supports the Pacific Northwest Mission Acceleration Center, PNDC's Advocacy Committee, and has led delegations to international tradeshows.



**Jay Schmidt**

Executive Vice-President, General Manager / ***Silicon Forest Electronics***

Jay leads the Business Development, Program Management and Operations functions of the Silicon Forest Electronics organization. He has been in Aerospace, Defense & Medical electronics manufacturing since 1984. Currently, he is co-Chair of the Career Connected Learning Network of SW Washington and Board Chair of High-Tech Council of SW Washington, as well as an adjunct Instructor at WSU-Vancouver.



**Amanda Simpson**

Vice President for Research and Technology / *Airbus Americas, Inc.*

With over 40 years of aerospace experience, Ms. Simpson joined Airbus in 2018 following several government assignments in the U.S. Department of Defense. She is responsible for coordinating research activities for Airbus in the Americas, establishing strategic direction, and pursuing funding opportunities. She is also the lead for sustainability for Airbus Americas.



**Joanna Speed**

Chief Growth Officer / *AeroMed Group*

Ms. Speed drives strategic growth initiatives to elevate awareness of AeroMed Group's innovative vision, service capabilities, and performance execution. Most recently, she served as Managing Director, A&D for the Aviation Week Network – which included the SpeedNews Legacy - where she notably led the launch and execution of multiple marketing strategies and audience engagement platforms.



**Lynn Strickland**

Executive Director / *Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee*

Demetria “Lynn” Strickland has 25+ years of management experience in the for-profit, military, non-profit, and state sectors and is a proud veteran of the U.S. Army where she served nine years. Lynn began her career in apprenticeship and education in 2004 including serving as a Dean of Instruction at Bates Technical before becoming AJAC's Executive Director in 2014.



**Mark Stuckey**

Vice President - Global Aerospace & Defense / *Arconic*

Mark Stuckey is Vice President of Aerospace and Defense at Arconic Corporation. In this role, he directs the global Aluminum Flat Rolled and Extrusion efforts for Arconic's Commercial, Marketing and Product Management teams. With 30+ years in the aluminum industry, Mark has established connections with all major OEM's and their subcontractor base.



**Robin Toth**

Governor's Sector Lead Director of Aerospace / ***Washington State Department of Commerce***

Robin leads Washington State's efforts to develop and grow its \$69-billion aerospace industry sector. Previously, Toth served as VP of business development for Greater Spokane, Incorporated. Prior to that, she was the economic development project manager for the city of Spokane, and also worked in the information technology sector for several startups and established manufacturing organizations.