

Secretaries of the Navy

- JOHN L. SULLIVAN. U.S. Navy in World War I. Assistant secretary of the treasury, January 1940-November 1944. Assistant secretary of the Navy for air, 1945-1946. Under secretary of the Navy, 1946-1947. Secretary of the Navy, 18 September 1947-24 May 1949.
- FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS. Lawyer and business executive. Secretary of the Navy, 25 May 1949-30 July 1951. Ambassador to Ireland.
- DAN A. KIMBALL. U.S. Army Air Service in World War I. Assistant secretary of the Navy for air, 9 March 1949-24 March 1949. Under secretary of the Navy, 25 March 1949-30 July 1951. Secretary of the Navy, 31 July 1951-3 February 1953.
- ROBERT B. ANDERSON. Secretary of the Navy, 4 February 1953-2 May 1954. Sworn in as deputy secretary of defense on 3 May 1954. [See *Deputy Secretaries of Defense*]
- CHARLES S. THOMAS. Special assistant to the secretary of the Navy, 1942-1945. Under secretary of the Navy, 9 February 1953-5 August 1953. Assistant secretary of defense (supply and logistics), 1953-1954. Secretary of the Navy, 3 May 1954-31 March 1957.
- THOMAS S. GATES, JR. U.S. Navy, 1942-1945. Under secretary of the Navy, 7 October 1953-1 April 1957. Secretary of the Navy, 1 April 1957-7 June 1959. Subsequently deputy secretary and secretary of defense. [See *Deputy Secretaries of Defense* and *Secretaries of Defense*]
- WILLIAM B. FRANKE. Special assistant to the secretary of defense, 1951-1952. Assistant secretary of the Navy (financial management), 4 October 1954-17 April 1957. Under secretary of the Navy, 17 April 1957-7 June 1959. Secretary of the Navy, 8 June 1959-20 January 1961.
- JOHN B. CONNALLY. U.S. Navy, 1942-1946. Secretary of the Navy, 25 January 1961-20 December 1961. Subsequently governor of Texas, 1963-1969.
- FRED H. KORTH. U.S. Army, 1942-1946. Assistant secretary of the Army, 1952-1953. Consultant to the secretary of the Army, 1953-1960. Secretary of the Navy, 4 January 1962-1 November 1963. Returned to Texas as treasurer of the Fort Worth Air Terminal Corporation.
- PAUL H. NITZE. Served in various government capacities before becoming assistant secretary of defense (international security affairs), 1961-1963. Secretary of the Navy, 29 November 1963-30 June 1967. Became deputy secretary of defense on 1 July 1967. [See *Deputy Secretaries of Defense*]
- PAUL R. IGNATIUS. U.S. Navy, 1943-1946. Assistant secretary of the Army (installations and logistics), 1961-1964. Under secretary of the Army, 1964; assistant secretary of defense (installations and logistics), 1964-1967. Secretary of the Navy, 1 September 1967-24 January 1969. Subsequently president of the *Washington Post*.
- JOHN H. CHAFEE. U.S. Marine Corps, 1942-1945 and 1951-1952. Governor of Rhode Island, 1963-1969. Secretary of the Navy, 31 January 1969-4 May 1972. Subsequently U.S. senator from Rhode Island.
- JOHN W. WARNER. U.S. Navy, 1944-1946. U. S. Marine Corps, 1950-1952. Under secretary of the Navy, 1969-1972. Secretary of the Navy, 4 May 1972-8 April 1974. Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, 1974-1976. Subsequently U.S. senator from Virginia.

- J. WILLIAM MIDDENDORF II. U.S. Navy, 1945-1946. Ambassador to the Netherlands, 1969-1973. Secretary of the Navy, 10 June 1974-20 January 1977.
- W. GRAHAM CLAYTOR, JR. U.S. Navy, 1941-1946. Practiced law with Covington and Burling, 1938-1967. Official of the Southern Railway Co., 1967-1977. Secretary of the Navy, 14 February 1977-26 July 1979. [See *Deputy Secretaries of Defense*]
- EDWARD HIDALGO. U.S. Navy, 1942-1946. Special assistant to secretary of the Navy, 1945-1946 and 1965-1966. Assistant secretary of the Navy for manpower, reserve affairs, and logistics, 1977-1979. Secretary of the Navy, 27 July 1979-29 January 1981.
- JOHN F. LEHMAN, JR. Special counsel and senior staff member of the National Security Council, 1969-1974, and counsel, National Security Council, 1974-1975. Deputy director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 1975-1977. Secretary of the Navy, 5 February 1981-10 April 1987.
- JAMES H. WEBB, JR. Graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, 1968. Assistant secretary of defense (reserve affairs), 1984-1987. Secretary of the Navy, 10 April 1987-23 February 1988.
- WILLIAM L. BALL III. U.S. Navy, 1969-1975. Assistant secretary of state for legislative affairs, 1985-1986. Assistant to the president, 1986-1988. Secretary of the Navy, 24 March 1988-15 May 1989.
- H. LAWRENCE GARRETT III. Enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1961 and retired in 1981 at rank of commander. Assistant counsel to the president in 1981 and associate counsel, 1983-1986. General counsel of the Department of Defense, 1986-1987. Under secretary of the Navy, 1987-1989. Secretary of the Navy, 15 May 1989-26 June 1992.
- SEAN O'KEEFE. Department of Defense comptroller, 1989-1992. Acting secretary of the Navy, 7 July 1992-16 December 1992. Received recess appointment as secretary of the Navy, 16 December 1992, and served until 20 January 1993.
- JOHN H. DALTON. Graduated from U.S. Naval Academy in 1964 and served in the Navy until 1969. Business executive, financial consultant. Secretary of the Navy, 22 July 1993-16 November 1998.
- RICHARD DANZIG. Lawyer. Deputy assistant secretary of defense (manpower, reserve affairs, and logistics), 1978-1979. Principal deputy assistant secretary of defense (manpower, reserve affairs, and logistics), 1979-1981. Under secretary of the Navy, November 1993-May 1997. Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, and the Center for International Political Economy, 1997-1998. Secretary of the Navy, 16 November 1998-20 January 2001.
- GORDON R. ENGLAND. Corporate executive. Secretary of the Navy, 24 May 2001-24 January 2003. Deputy secretary, Department of Homeland Security, 24 January 2003-30 September 2003. Sworn in for a second term as secretary of the Navy on 1 October 2003.