

A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Name: Matthew Thomas Bell Jr.
2. Position to which nominated: Rear Admiral, Lower Half
3. Date of Nomination: September 18, 2015
4. Address:



Office



5. Date and Place of Birth: 21 Jun 1962, Albany, GA
6. Provide the name, position, and place of employment for your spouse and the names and ages of your children:

Nancy Temple Bell (Randall) (Wife), Not employed.
Richard McNeil Bell (Son) 29
Matthew George Bell (Son) 25
Nicolas Christian Bell (Son) 22

7. List all college and graduate degrees. Provide year and school attended.

Northern Arizona University, Bachelors of Science in Chemistry, 1981 - 1984
Northern Arizona University, Masters in Chemistry, 1991-1993

8. List all post-undergraduate employment, and highlight all management-level jobs held and any non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which you are nominated.

I have served as a Coast Guard Officer since 07 Nov 1986.

9. Attach a copy of your resume.

My official Coast Guard biography is attached.

None.

11. List all positions held as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, agent, representative, or consultant of any corporation, company, firm, partnership, or other business, enterprise, educational, or other institution within the last five years.

None.

12. Please list each membership you have had during the past ten years or currently hold with any civic, social, charitable, educational, political, professional, fraternal, benevolent or religious organization, private club, or other membership organization. Include dates of membership and any positions you have held with any organization. Please note whether any such club or organization restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or handicap.

Coast Guard Officers Association
Coast Guard Cuttermans Association
Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association
American TaeKwonDo Association, 3rd Degree Black Belt, Instructor
Boy Scouts of America
National Eagle Scout Association
Military Officers Association of America
American Association of Retired Person
National Rifle Association
Veterans of Foreign Wars
American Legion

None of these organizations restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability.

13. Have you ever been a candidate for and/or held a public office (elected, non-elected, or appointed)? If so, indicate whether any campaign has any outstanding debt, the amount, and whether you are personally liable for that debt.

No.

14. Itemize all political contributions to any individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity of \$500 or more for the past ten years. Also list all offices you have held with, and services rendered to, a state or national political party or election committee during the same period.

None.

15. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or

achievements.

05/28/2015	Legion of Merit
06/19/2009	Legion of Merit
03/19/2013	Meritorious Service Medal
05/16/2011	Meritorious Service Medal
04/15/2008	Meritorious Service Medal
05/11/2006	Meritorious Service Medal
04/12/2004	Coast Guard Commendation Medal
05/07/2001	Coast Guard Commendation Medal
07/06/1999	Coast Guard Commendation Medal
06/03/1997	Coast Guard Commendation Medal
05/22/1997	Coast Guard Achievement Medal
06/18/1989	Coast Guard Achievement Medal
09/05/1995	Commandant's Letter of Commendation
01/30/2005	Global War on Terror Service Medal
06/10/2009	Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal
05/16/2011	Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
12/11/1992	Humanitarian Service Medal
05/15/2002	National Defense Service Medal
03/25/1991	National Defense Service Medal
10/05/1987	Coast Guard Rifle Expert Medal
10/24/1986	Coast Guard Pistol Expert Medal

16. Please list each book, article, column, or publication you have authored, individually or with others. Also list any speeches that you have given on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. Do not attach copies of these publications unless otherwise instructed.

None.

17. Please identify each instance in which you have testified orally or in writing before Congress in a governmental or non-governmental capacity and specify the date and subject matter of each testimony.

None.

18. Given the current mission, major programs, and major operational objectives of the department/agency to which you have been nominated, what in your background or employment experience do you believe affirmatively qualifies you for appointment to the position for which you have been nominated, and why do you wish to serve in that position?

I have served honorably in the Coast Guard for more than 30 years. I have a unique balance of operations, training and staff assignments which provides operational

expertise, professional credibility and strategic insight required in our flag officers. I have been engrossed in budget execution, staff oversight and mission execution specifically in Pacific Area over the past six years. I built up the trust and confidence in my peers and my supervisors worthy of their support and endorsement for increased responsibility and selfless service. I firmly believe that my leadership, work ethics and professional acumen can continue to serve the Coast Guard.

19. What do you believe are your responsibilities, if confirmed, to ensure that the department/agency has proper management and accounting controls, and what experience do you have in managing a large organization?

Act according to policy, doctrine and the law. Where it appears to be in conflict or nonexistent I will contact Coast Guard legal and ethics officers to see clarity. As the Chief of Operations and then the Chief of Staff for Pacific Area I oversaw a staff of 175 personnel which provided strategic and tactical guidance to staff and field units across the entire range of Coast Guard missions to deliver effective, safe and resource efficient execution in national and international arenas which included prioritization and execution of a \$200M budget.

20. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency, and why?

- Recapitalization of our capital assets.

Without the right equipment we will not complete the missions assigned.

- Recruiting and retaining the next generation of Coast Guard Personnel.

People are our most valuable assets. A diverse workforce is critical to executing the missions of today and preparing for the missions of tomorrow.

- Budget to be matched with missions assigned.

We have many competing missions with some of them currently not fully on budget. This creates shortfalls and minimizes operational effectiveness.

B. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1. Describe all financial arrangements, deferred compensation agreements, and other continuing dealings with business associates, clients, or customers. Please include information related to retirement accounts.

Please see my nominee Public Financial Disclosure Report.

2. Do you have any commitments or agreements, formal or informal, to maintain employment, affiliation, or practice with any business, association or other organization during your appointment? If so, please explain.

No.

3. Indicate any investments, obligations, liabilities, or other relationships which could involve potential conflicts of interest in the position to which you have been nominated.

None.

4. Describe any business relationship, dealing, or financial transaction which you have had during the last ten years, whether for yourself, on behalf of a client, or acting as an agent, that could in any way constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position to which you have been nominated.

None.

5. Describe any activity during the past ten years in which you have been engaged for the purpose of directly or indirectly influencing the passage, defeat, or modification of any legislation or affecting the administration and execution of law or public policy.

None.

6. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including any that may be disclosed by your responses to the above items.

I will obtain advice from a Coast Guard ethics official and follow that advice.

C. LEGAL MATTERS

1. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics by, or been the subject of a complaint to any court, administrative agency, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please explain.

No.

2. Have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or held by any Federal, State, or other law enforcement authority of any Federal, State, county, or municipal entity, other than for a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

3. Have you or any business of which you are or were an officer ever been involved as a party in an administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation? If so, please explain.

No.

4. Have you ever been convicted (including pleas of guilty or *nolo contendere*) of any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

5. Have you ever been accused, formally or informally, of sexual harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis? If so, please explain.

No.

6. If you ever served as a general court-martial convening authority involving an offense involving sexual misconduct or assault, have you ever disapproved the findings of a court-martial related to the offense(s) or reduced the sentence adjudged by a court-martial, other than in connection with a pre-trial agreement?

No.

7. Please advise the Committee of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be disclosed in connection with your nomination.

I have been told that the Homeland Security Inspector General investigated events relating to a Pacific Area cutter that occurred in 2013 and 2014 when I was Pacific Area Chief of Staff. Several internal investigations involving the cutter occurred during the same period. I have not seen the report, but I have been told the IG concluded that Coast Guard actions that were examined were appropriate. Although my role as Chief of Staff involved me in communications about the internal

investigations appropriate to my routine duties, I did not oversee or guide them while they were underway; I took no actions concerning them once they were complete; and I did not initiate, decide, or make a recommendation related to any adverse or administrative personnel action concerning any person connected with these investigations. In addition, I was interviewed in connection with an anonymous complaint to the IG that was referred to the Coast Guard and which alleged misconduct in my last three assignments without particulars. I am not aware of the specific details, but I have been informed that after a review of numerous records and interviews of six witnesses including me, an inquiry found no misconduct and concluded no additional inquiry was warranted.

D. RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMITTEE

1. Will you ensure that your department/agency complies with deadlines for information set by congressional committees?

Yes.

2. Will you ensure that your department/agency does whatever it can to protect congressional witnesses and whistle blowers from reprisal for their testimony and disclosures?

Yes.

3. Will you cooperate in providing the Committee with requested witnesses, including technical experts and career employees, with firsthand knowledge of matters of interest to the Committee?

Yes.

4. Are you willing to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Congress on such occasions as you may be reasonably requested to do so?

Yes.

(Nominee is to include this signed affidavit along with answers to the above questions.)

F. AFFIDAVIT

Matthew T. Bell Jr being duly sworn, hereby states that he/she has read and signed the foregoing Statement on Biographical and Financial Information and that the information provided therein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, current, accurate, and complete.


Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 21 day of September, 2015


Notary Public

My Commission Expires **October 31, 2018**
Registration # 7504479





Matthew T. Bell Jr.

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard

Deputy Commander, Personnel Service Center

Captain Matt Bell graduated from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona, earning a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in 1984. He entered the Coast Guard through the Recruit Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey in 1985. He received his commission in 1986 upon graduation from Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, Virginia. He holds a Masters of Science in Chemistry awarded by Northern Arizona University in 1993.

Captain Bell reported aboard as Deputy Commander, Personnel Service Center following assignment as Pacific Area Chief of Staff where he directly supported multi-mission interagency operations throughout the 74 million square mile pacific theater. He developed and executed a strategic framework to prioritize mission requirements and allocate forces that deployed to the Arctic in response to increased human activity, to the Eastern Pacific to stem the flow of illicit narcotics and to the Western Pacific to bolster multi-lateral partnerships in Southeast and Northeast Asia.

As a permanent cutterman his extensive experience afloat started prior to reporting to Officer Candidate School with his first assignment as a "deckie" aboard CGC CAPE UPRIGHT home ported at Tybee Island, Georgia. Additional afloat assignments include: Navigator of CGC RUSH in Alameda, California; Combat Information Center Officer of CGC SHERMAN in Alameda, California; Commanding Officer of CGC POINT DIVIDE in Newport Beach, California; Operations Officer of CGC RUSH in Honolulu, Hawaii; Executive Officer of CGC EAGLE in New London, Connecticut; Commanding Officer of CGC ALEX HALEY in Kodiak, Alaska; and Commanding Officer of CGC MUNRO home ported in Kodiak, Alaska.

Prior to reporting to CGC MUNRO he was assigned to Commander Task Group 55.6 in Manama, Bahrain as Commodore, Patrol Forces Southwest Asia. In this role he was the supporting commander to U.S. Naval Central Command / U.S. Fifth Fleet / Combined Maritime Forces for Maritime Security Operations, Maritime Interdiction Operations and Critical Infrastructure Protection in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Six U.S. Coast Guard 110 foot Island Class Patrol Boats and five U.S. Navy 179 foot Patrol Coastal were assigned to the task group conducting patrols throughout the Arabian Gulf.

Shore assignments include Fire Control Technician Class A school at Naval Training Center Great Lakes, Illinois; Leadership Instructor at Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, Virginia; Administration Officer at Coast Guard Group New Orleans; Chemistry Instructor at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut; Internist for the Space Life Sciences Training Program at Kennedy Space Center; Aide to the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy; Section Chief of Nautical Science at the Coast Guard Academy; Chief, Cutter Forces Management, Coast Guard Pacific Area; Chief of Response, Eleventh Coast Guard District; and Chief of Operations, Coast Guard Pacific Area.

Captain Bell's personal awards include two Legion of Merits, four Meritorious Service Medals, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and numerous service and unit awards. He is married to the former Nancy Temple Randall of Denver, CO and they have three sons, Richard, Matthew and Nicolas.

REAR ADMIRAL Matthew T. Bell Jr.

Current Assignment

Jun 15 – Present Personnel Service Center, Deputy, CAPT

Assignment History

Apr 13 – Jun 15 PACAREA, Chief of Staff, CAPT
Sep 11 – Apr 13 PACAREA, Chief of Operations, CAPT
Jun 11 – Aug 11 CCGD11, Chief of Response, CAPT
Jul 09 – Jun 11 CGC MUNRO, Commanding Officer, CAPT
Jun 08 – Jul 09 Patrol Forces Southwest Asia, Commander, CAPT
Jul 06 – Jun 08 PACAREA, Cutter Forces Manager (Pre), CDR
May 04 – Jul 06 CGC ALEX HALEY, Commanding Officer, CDR
Aug 01 – May 04 USCG Academy, Nautical Science Section Chief, CDR
Jul 99 – Aug 01 CGC EAGLE, Executive Officer, LCDR
Aug 97 – Jul 99 CGC RUSH, Operations Officer, LCDR
Jul 93 – Aug 97 USCG Academy, Chemistry Instructor, LT
Aug 91 – Jul 93 Northern Arizona University, Duty Under Instruction, LT
Jul 90 – Aug 91 CGC PT DIVIDE, Commanding Officer, LT
Jul 89 – Jul 90 CGC SHERMAN, Combat Information Officer, LTJG
Oct 88 – Jul 89 CGC RUSH, Navigator, LTJG
Mar 87 – Oct 88 Group New Orleans, Administration Officer, ENS
Nov 86 – Mar 87 RTC Yorktown, Officer Candidate School Instructor, ENS
Jul 86 – Oct 86 RTC Yorktown, Officer Candidate School

Educational Summary

1991 - 1993 Northern Arizona University, Masters of Science in Chemistry
1981 - 1984 Northern Arizona University, Bachelors of Science in Chemistry

Military Personal Awards and Significant National Recognition or Achievement

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10/24/1986 Coast Guard Pistol Expert Medal

1997, Mission Specialist Astronaut Training Program Coast Guard Finalist
1996, Space Life Sciences Training Program Project Counselor, Kennedy Space Center
1995, Space Life Sciences Training Program Project Counselor, Kennedy Space Center

Significant Current Professional Credentials or Recent Activities

PY15 Captain Selection Board Member
FY16 Programming and Budget Guidance Matrix Team Charter Member
Third Degree Black Belt, American Taekwondo Association