

B.J. Penn



Mr. Penn is a former Secretary of the Navy (Acting). As Secretary, he had statutory authority to “conduct all the affairs of the Department of the Navy and U.S. Marine Corps” including recruiting, organizing, supplying, equipping, training, mobilizing and demobilizing, plus the formulation of policies and programs consistent with the national security policies and objectives established by the President and SecDef. He was responsible for an annual budget more than \$150 billion and almost 900,000 people. He was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment) on 1 March 2005. In this position Mr. Penn was responsible for formulating policies, plans, and procedures for the effective management of all Navy and Marine Corps real property, housing, and other facilities totaling 72,500 buildings and 4,484,000 acres with a plant replacement value of over \$215 billion; environmental protection, planning, conservation and compliance

both ashore and afloat, as well as natural and cultural resource conservation and protection, environmental restoration, and marine resource protection; safety and occupational health for both military and civilian personnel; timely completion of closures and realignments of installations under base closure laws; the Competitive Sourcing program; and the U.S. – Japan agreement to realign U.S. forces in Japan and relocate 8000 Marines and their families from Okinawa to Guam.

Mr. Penn began his career as a Naval Aviator and had two combat cruises to Southeast Asia. He amassed over 6500 flight hours in sixteen different types of aircraft and was EA-6B Pilot of the Year in 1972. Significant leadership assignments include Executive Officer/Commanding Officer VAQ 33, Battalion Officer at the U.S. Naval Academy (including Officer-in-Charge of the Plebe Detail for the class of '83), Air Officer in USS *America*, Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations, Commanding Officer of NAS North Island, CA, and Deputy Director of the Navy Office of Technology Transfer & Security Assistance.

Mr. Penn joined the Sector staff of Loral Federal Systems in 1995 as Director, International Business. Primary assignments involved airborne Electronic Warfare and Defensive Electronic Counter Measure Systems. When Lockheed Martin acquired Loral, he was assigned to the Corporate Staff to develop markets in Central and Eastern Europe. In 1998, he transferred to Naval Electronics and Surveillance Systems working Advanced Programs. In this capacity, he supported development of the Interoperability CONOPS for the F-35, technology refreshment for the F-16 and development of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and Autonomous Undersea Vehicle efforts and C4ISR initiatives.

Prior to becoming the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (I&E), Mr. Penn was the Director, Industrial Base Assessments from October 2001 to March 2005. In this position, he was responsible for the overall health of the U.S. Defense industrial base; the Department's policies and plans to ensure existing and future industrial capabilities can meet the Defense missions; guidelines and procedures for maintaining and enhancing and transformation of the Defense industrial base, industrial base impact assessments of acquisition strategies of key programs, supplier base considerations, and offshore production.

Mr. Penn is a native of Peru, IN. He received his BS from Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. and his MS from The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. He has also received certificates in Aerospace Safety from the University of Southern California and in National Security for Senior Officials from the Kennedy School, Harvard University.

Mr. Penn is the Owner and President of Penn Construction Group, a Design/Build A&E firm. He is Chairman of the Board of Spectra Systems Corporation and on the Boards of AR-Global (Healthcare Trust Inc.), and Lone Star Analysis. He is Trustee Emeritus at The George Washington University, and on the Boards of the National Trust for the Humanities and the Naval Historical Foundation.