

# **Executive Women in Government 2020 Leadership Summit**

## **Keynote Speakers Offer Impressive Expertise in Their Fields**

When the [Executive Women in Government \(EWG\) 2020 Leadership Summit](#) takes place on Thursday, March 12, you can expect a day filled with informative topics offered by impressive keynote speakers and panel experts. These individuals will take the spotlight and inform and educate the crowd on topics related to their specialized field.

The itinerary has been released and we are pleased to announce the following keynote speakers who will be featured at the Leadership Summit:

### **Opening Keynote Speaker:**

### **Beth Hannan, The Arbinger Institute**



[Beth Hannan](#) is a consultant and facilitator dedicated to helping organizations orchestrate programs and strategies to maximize growth and impact. With more than ten years of experience in the healthcare and non-profit sectors, Beth's background ranges from supporting grief-stricken families in the most challenging of times to helping tech entrepreneurs identify their value proposition and mentoring African professionals as they become leaders in their communities. Prior to working with Arbinger, Beth developed and led high-performing teams at various organizations to increase the number of organ transplants done for needy recipients. Beth was a key influencer and leader who was able to inspire and motivate others to have a greater impact, even in high-stress environments. Beth earned a bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and an executive master's degree in leadership from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business.

## Luncheon Keynote Speaker

### E. Anne Sandel, Executive Director, Office of Naval Research



Ms. Sandel assumed the duties of Executive Director, Office of Naval Research in July 2018 where she is responsible for oversight of the coordination, execution, and promotion of science and technology for the United States Navy and Marine Corps.

Ms. Sandel was appointed to the Senior Executive Service during May 2000 for the position of Deputy Program Manager for the newly established Program Executive Office (PEO) Carrier Programs Office (PMS 378) where she was responsible for the CVN 77 Nimitz Class Aircraft Carrier Acquisition Program, the CVNX (1 & 2) Future Carrier Acquisition Programs, (Later the Ford Class) as well as all aircraft carrier technology development.

In October 2002, the ASN(RDA) assigned her to be the founding Executive Director, for the PEO Integrated Warfare Systems (PEO IWS), responsible for realigning all Navy surface ship and submarine combat systems, missiles, radars, launchers, electronic warfare systems, anti-submarine warfare systems, and gun systems from five PEOs into a single integrated organization.

During January 2004, Ms. Sandel was requested by the ASN(RDA) to be the first Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Integrated Warfare Systems (DASN IWS), exercising advisory and oversight responsibilities for the cost, schedule, and performance of all surface ships, submarines, and Marine Corps combat systems, weapon systems, electronic warfare systems, shipboard radars, and Navy missile defense programs. She was the DASN responsible for initial implementation of Open Architecture within the DON.

Ms. Sandel was requested by ASN (RDA) during August 2008 to be the Program Executive Officer for Littoral, Mine Warfare (PEO LMW). She was responsible for design, development, production, testing, and delivery of all warfighting capabilities for the littoral battlespace as well as lifecycle support. She led eight program offices comprised of over 220 programs, including multiple Acquisition Category I programs and several SOCOM initiatives addressing urgent warfighting needs.

Ms. Sandel was later requested by ASN(RDA) to lead the transformation of PEO LMW into the newly established PEO Littoral Combat Ships (PEO LCS) where she was responsible for establishing the organizational structure, operating precepts, and business processes necessary to integrate Littoral Combat Ship development and construction programs, mission modules, and the newly created Fleet Support Program Office.

In November 2012, Ms. Sandel reported for duty as Executive Director, NAVSEA Surface Warfare Maintenance and Modernization, responsible for Fleet support of all Navy non-nuclear surface ships (surface combatants, amphibious, auxiliary, mine warfare and patrol craft), inactive ships, foreign military fleet support, and ship transfer programs. Her management oversight responsibility for the Surface Warfare portfolio exceeded \$15 billion.

Ms. Sandel was later requested to take over the role of Executive Director, Navy International Programs Office in March 2016 where she was responsible for oversight of the development, planning, and implementation of the Department of the Navy's International Programs, primarily in the areas of Security Cooperation, Cooperative Production, Research and Development, Technology Transfer, and Strategic Planning.

She began her professional career with the Newport News Shipbuilding Engineering Team where she worked aircraft carrier and submarine design & production. She was recruited to join the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Engineering Directorate in 1988 Ms. Sandel served in a series of progressively more responsible positions associated with design and development of surface combatants, aircraft carriers, submarines, polar icebreakers, and mobile offshore base design, construction and management.

Ms. Sandel's personal awards include the Silver Medal Award, Association of Scientists and Engineers, the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award (3 Awards), the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award (3 Awards), and the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award (3 Awards).

## Afternoon Keynote Speaker

### **Dr. Mamie Parker, M.A. Parker & Associates, Former Assistant Director of Fisheries and Habitat Conservation at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

A current board member of the Chesapeake Conservancy, [Dr. Mamie Parker](#) is the former Assistant Director of Fisheries and Habitat Conservation at the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Prior to this position, she made history when appointed the first African American as the FWS Regional Director of the 13 Northeastern states. Dr. Parker has an extensive amount of experience as a fish and wildlife biologist and an executive. She has worked in the following locations: Genoa, La Crosse, Madison, and Lake Mills, Wisconsin; Columbia, Missouri; New London and Minneapolis, Minnesota; Atlanta, Georgia; Hadley, Massachusetts; and, Washington, DC. She served as the Ecosystem Coordinator in the Great Lakes and Big Rivers Region and worked in many programs including the national fish hatcheries, national wetlands and coastal mapping, contaminants, invasive species, marine mammals, wetland restoration and protection programs, among others.

Parker was designated the authorized official for the negotiations with General Electric Corporation to clean up the Hudson River and played a major role in helping to protect our nation's waters from the invasive species such as the Asian carp and snakehead fish. This extensive amount of experience led her to receiving the Annual Ira Gabrielson Award, an award given by FWS leaders to the most outstanding leader. The President of the United States presented Dr. Parker, a senior executive service member, with the Presidential Rank award, the highest award given to government employees. She has appeared on the Steve Harvey Show and was featured in Dudley Edmundson's *Black and Brown Faces in America's Wild Places*." She is an author in the American Fisheries Society's most recently released book entitled, "The Future of Fisheries." The Governor of Arkansas inducted her into the Arkansas Hall of Fame for her accomplishment as the first Arkansas native to rise to the Head of Fisheries in this country.

Parker is a leader in various organizations and serves on the board of directors of the following organizations: National Wildlife Refuge Association, Defenders of Wildlife, and the Chesapeake Conservation Partnership Steering Committee. The Council of World Women Leaders, under the leadership of former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and women prime ministers, awarded her with an Aspen Institute fellowship. In this capacity, she participated in an exchange program and gave speeches to the Prime Minister cabinet members, legislators and the U.S. Ambassador in the Kingdom of Lesotho, in addition to various natural resource organizations in Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa.

## Closing Remarks

### Kathy Kraninger, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau



[Kathy Kraninger](#) became Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in December 2018. From her early days as a Peace Corps volunteer and her role establishing the Department of Homeland Security to her policy work at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the CFPB, Director Kraninger has dedicated her career to public service.

Director Kraninger came to the CFPB from the Office of Management and Budget, where as a Policy Associate Director she oversaw the budgets for executive branch agencies including the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Homeland Security (DHS), Housing and Urban Development, Transportation (DOT), and Treasury, in addition to 30 other government agencies.

She previously worked in the U.S. Senate, where she was the Clerk for the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security, which provides DHS with its \$40 billion discretionary budget. On Capitol Hill, she also worked for the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security as well as the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Ms. Kraninger also served in executive branch posts with the Department of Transportation. There, after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, she volunteered to join the leadership team that set up the newly created DHS.

Her work at DHS led to awards including the Secretary of Homeland Security's Award of Exceptional Service, the International Police and Public Safety 9/11 Medal, and the Meritorious Public Service Award from the United States Coast Guard.

Ms. Kraninger graduated magna cum laude from Marquette University and earned a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. She served as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in Ukraine.

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