

Hello Legacy Members!

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, the USS Indianapolis (CA-35) Legacy Organization uses the proposed slate of officers method for electing officers. This year, two positions are being elected to replace the officers who have reached their term limits. Our Nominating Committee vets multiple candidates, seeking people with the skill sets necessary to further Legacy's mission. At the end of that process, the Nominating Committee presents to the Board the slate of candidates they have determined will best serve the organization. The Board has reviewed and accepted these candidates.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following candidates for Chairperson and Treasurer. You will find a link to the ballot immediately following their biographies.

**Nominee for Chairperson, for a term of 2 years:**

**Captain William (Bill) Toti, USN (Ret.)**

Immediately recognizable to survivors and Legacy members, Captain Toti has had an over 25-year relationship with the USS Indianapolis (CA-35) survivors. A 1979 graduate of Annapolis, he served for more than 26 years on active duty in the United States Navy, including three tours on the submarine USS Indianapolis (SSN-697), ultimately becoming Indy's captain, then commodore of Submarine Squadron 3 in Pearl Harbor, and finally CO of Fleet Antisubmarine Warfare Command, Norfolk. He is most proud of his effort in 1998 to join forces with the Indy survivors to help clear the name of the cruiser's captain, Charles B. McVay III. After Bill retired from the Navy, he served for more than fifteen years in industry, ultimately as Chief Executive Officer of Sparton Corporation, an antisubmarine warfare company. He is an honorary survivor of USS Indianapolis (CA-35).

Bill's attitude and leadership capabilities are aligned extremely well with the Legacy

Mission, with a real deep respect and commitment towards the propagation of the lesson of service and deserved honor extracted from all connected to the ship.



**Nominee for Treasurer, for a term of 3 years:  
Jennifer Brunson**

Jennifer Brunson has over 30 years of accounting experience, including 16 years serving as the accountant for the charitable branch of a non-profit health system. She has been a Certified Management Accountant for 28 years. She has volunteered with several non-profits over the years and is currently employed as a General Accounting Manager for a publicly traded company.

Jennifer attended her first Indianapolis reunion in 2019 after learning about the ship in a 2016 National Geographic article about sharks. Living near Survivor James Smith, she was quickly drawn in to the story, honor and service towards the Legacy Mission, accomplishing and organizing weekly Zoom calls with survivors during COVID and lending her talents to become a lead person on the Finance Committee.

Jennifer's talents as well as her attitude resonates with the Legacy Organization and this role at this time.

**NOW THAT YOU KNOW THE CANDIDATES, [CLICK HERE](#) TO VOTE.**

**BALLOTS MUST BE CAST BY FRIDAY, JULY 1.**

*Please note, while we encourage our student members to be aware of all aspects of the Legacy Organization, voting rights are reserved for adult members, age 18 and over, only.*

Doug Sinclair  
Chairperson, Nominating Committee