Bock Memorial Lecture Series

The Bock Memorial Lecture Series was established at the United States Naval Academy in March 1993 in honor of the late Professor Emeritus Arthur E. Bock. Professor Bock was born in Dubuque, Iowa, on September 30, 1916. He was a graduate of Kansas State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. Later he received a Master’s degree in engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he was a faculty member from 1940-1944.

Professor Bock served as a naval officer from 1944-1946 during which time he was an engineering instructor at the Naval Academy. He became a civilian faculty member in the Academy’s Marine Engineering Department in 1946, eventually attaining the rank of full professor. While at the Academy, Professor Bock served as chairman of the Naval Engineering Department, as a senior professor of engineering, and was a member of many boards and committees.

A leading authority in the field of marine engineering, Professor Bock was coauthor of the book, *Elements of Applied Thermodynamics*, which has five editions and was used by midshipmen for more than 40 years. For his contribution to the Academy, he was named Professor Emeritus by the Secretary of the Navy upon his retirement in 1981. Professor Bock passed away on February 25, 1989.

The purpose of this series is to support and enhance academic excellence in the Department of Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering by inviting world-renowned personalities who have made substantial contributions to the disciplines.

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- Jack J. Hauser
  - CEO Survivor Maritime, Inc.
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  - CEO, LET’S GO Boys & Girls

Spring 2014
- Brig. Gen. Kent D. Stover
  - CG, USACE, North Atlantic

Fall 2013
- Mr. R. Keith Michal
  - President, Webb Institute

Spring 2013
- Mr. William Lewis
  - President and COO, PSEG Poser

Fall 2012
- RADM Matthew Klander, USN

Spring 2012
- Mr. Mark D. Gordon
  - Odyssey Marine Exploration

Fall 2011
- CAPT David A. Roberts, USN
  - CG, Submarine School

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- Dr. Robert G. Dean
  - Emeritus Professor of Coastal and Oceanographic Engineering
  - University of Florida

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- Dr. William H. Moore
  - American Stewardship Owners Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association

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- David W. Joerden
  - President, Nautilus

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  - National Geographic Society

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- Mike Potter
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  - NAVSEA

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  - National Transportation Safety Board

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  - University of New Hampshire

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Jack is a native Texan & received his BBA in 1983 from the University of Texas – Permian Basin.

Jack is a well-rounded executive specializing in full leadership of companies, whether in a growth mode to improve market share, add business segments, expand through acquisition, and improve operations or to lead companies in tough economic times or turnaround situations. His executive roles have included CEO, CRO, COO, CFO and CSMO across several industries, including recreational, retail, furniture, plastics manufacturing, body armor, foundry, auto parts, textiles, and semiconductors. Jack believes that most companies struggle in three critical areas: Focus, Discipline, and Accountability. As a result, mediocrity is a corporate way of life. Jack’s approach is to build and empower well-functioning executive teams, set strategy, and lead a company to significant advantages by out-strategizing, out-thinking, out-planning, and out-working the competition.

Jack joined Malibu in 2009, when the company was in the midst of a severe marine-industry depression. Under Jack’s leadership, Malibu has been completely transformed, and the company is now more successful than it has ever been, standing as the clear global market-share leader in the performance-towboat industry.

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