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Dale Lumme is a Maritime Advisor and Strategic Planner for The Spectrum Group - Washington's premier strategic advisory firm helping businesses where they need to be – at the profitable interface between business and government. Lumme is the President of the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association, Greater Washington Chapter, and also Co-Chairman of the USS Zumwalt Commissioning Committee.

Dale Lumme is the President of the National Capital Council, and immediate past National Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Navy League of the United States, a civilian organization founded in 1902, dedicated to supporting the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the U.S.-flag Merchant Marine, and educating American citizens and elected officials about the importance of Maritime Security.

Lumme is a retired naval aviator and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. After his first duty assignment with the CNO's Politico-Military Policy Planning office he reported to Pensacola for flight training, receiving his wings in May 1982. Lumme's first operational assignment was flying the Light Airborne Multi-Purpose Systems (LAMPS) MK-I, SH-2F with HSL-33, deploying aboard the USS *Robert E. Peary*, USS *Leftwich*, and USS *David R. Ray*. His next underway assignment was as Flag Lieutenant to Cruiser Destroyer Group Three (CCDG-3), embarked in USS *Enterprise*. He then continued his Aide & Flag Lieutenant duties assigned to Commander Seventh Fleet, embarked in USS *Blue Ridge*. Lumme was then assigned as an intern with the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), followed by a tour with the Secretary of the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs.

Returning to the fleet, Lumme transitioned to the LAMPS MK-III, SH-60B assigned to HSL-49 as the Officer-In-Charge of detachments embarked in USS *Chosin*, USS *O'Brien*, and USS *Elliot*. He then transferred to Atsugi, Japan and was a plankowner with the Warlords of HSL-51, serving as Maintenance Officer, and Officer-In-Charge of deployed detachments embarked in the USS *Curts*, USS *Bunker Hill* and USS *Carl Vinson*.

Following his overseas assignments, Lumme's next tour of duty was at the National Military Command Center, J-3, The Joint Staff. Lumme was the Commanding Officer of the Shooters of VT-6, and then Commanding Officer of Atlantic Fleet Shore Activities. Lumme was the Executive Assistant to the Commander-In-Chief Atlantic Fleet, and continued working for Admiral Clark as the Deputy Executive Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations. His last active duty assignment was on Capitol Hill as the Secretary of the Navy's Staff Director of the House of Representatives Liaison in the Office of Legislative Affairs.

Lumme received his Joint Professional Military Education after completing the U.S. Air Force Air War College and the Joint Forces Staff College. Additionally, Lumme has a Masters of Education (M. Ed. Leadership) from the University of West Florida. In recognition of his numerous sea duty deployments and challenging assignments, Lumme is authorized to wear personal, campaign and Battle Efficiency Awards, Meritorious and Navy Unit Commendations, but is most proud of the unit commendations because they represented the hard work, sacrifice, and synergistic accomplishments of all ship, command, and squadron mates. Lumme was also awarded the Department of Homeland Security, Distinguished Civilian Public Service Medal, and the Department of the Navy Superior Civilian Public Service Medal.

Lumme is also a Director on several Boards, including the 'Global Nexus Alliance' Board of Directors – focusing on international security and engagement alliances. Lumme serves on several Advisory Boards and on Boards of Directors of Veteran Support Organizations, including the Navy League of the United States, 'Remember My Service' – dedicated to honoring the legacy of service members, National League of POW/MIA Families, 'Unite US', a peer-to-peer community organization that connects veterans, members of the military, their families, and supporters - to enable direct access to jobs, schools, medical support, and other needed resources, and the Veterans Transition Forum. Lumme is a National Director, Board of Directors, Navy League of the United States; and the immediate past-Chairman of the National Maritime Policy Committee.

After Naval Service, Lumme spent 6 years with Alliant Techsystems Inc. as an aviation and maritime operations business development and government relations executive, before his appointment as the National Executive Director of the Navy League of the United States. Dale Lumme is a native of Madison, Ohio and is an avid [and frustrated] Cleveland Indians and Browns fan.