

Mr. Howard H. Hoege III is the President and CEO of The Mariners' Museum and Park in Newport News, VA. The Mariners' Museum and Park connects people to the world's waters – to our shared maritime heritage – because that is how we are connected to one another. Designated as America's National Maritime Museum by Congress in the 1990's, the museum serves as a steward of the rich maritime culture that binds together not only the Hampton Roads community, but also our nation and our world.

Hoege began his career serving for fourteen years in the U.S. Army, first as an infantry officer and later as a JAG officer. A 1995 Ranger School graduate, Hoege served as an infantry platoon leader, aide-de-camp, and detachment commander in the First Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX. In 1999, the Army selected Hoege for the Funded Legal Education Program and three years later, he graduated with his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Just weeks after reporting to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) as a JAG Officer, Hoege deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I (March 2003). In Iraq, he worked on international and operational law issues like rules of engagement and targeting. Hoege taught Iraqi criminal law to several Iraqi police academy classes and taught various aspects of international law to several Iraqi border guard academy classes. In late 2003, Hoege prosecuted his first courts-martial in a makeshift courtroom in Mosul, Iraq. Upon returning to Fort Campbell, KY, Hoege became the 101st Airborne Division's senior prosecutor. In Hoege's final assignment in the JAG Corps, he served on the criminal law faculty at the U.S. Army's JAG School.

Since leaving the Army in 2008, Hoege taught a seminar in the Law of War at the University of Virginia School of Law. He also served as an investigative counsel on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee from 2009 – 2010 and was one of the authors of the SASC's 2010 report, "Inquiry Into the Role and Oversight of Private Security Contractors in Afghanistan." Hoege left the SASC to become the Assistant Dean for Admissions and Strategic Initiatives at the University of Virginia's Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy. There, he taught courses on strategic planning in the context of national security policy, the legal and moral dimensions of public policy, and regularly led workshops and seminars for a variety of organizations on topics of leadership and national security.

In 2015, Hoege founded 3H3 Leadership, LLC, a consulting firm that helps small businesses, nonprofit, and civic organizations integrate strategy, culture, and leadership development into their day-to-day operations.

Hoege is a 1994 graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, where he was the First Captain of the Corps of Cadets. He lives in Newport News, VA with his wife, Cinda, and two children. Cinda runs her own small business, White Birch Events.