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Ann E. Rondeau served for 38 years in the United States Navy, attaining the rank of Vice Admiral. Her last active duty assignment was President, National Defense University (NDU). Serving in the Navy during dynamic years of transition, Rondeau served in leadership, staff and command assignments in myriad mission areas: fleet operations (anti-submarine warfare, air operations, operational intelligence, maritime transportation and sealift), strategy and policy, policy planning, strategic logistics, operations analysis, training and education, workforce development, business enterprise and installations management. She was selected as a White House Fellow, Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Fellow and as permanent member of the Council of Foreign Relations.

As President of NDU, she was a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace and served as a Department of Defense liaison to The Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress. She has been active with the National Defense Transportation Association. Rondeau serves on the Board of Directors of the German Marshall Fund and the Board of Trustees of the American Public University System. She is a member of the Center for Naval Analysis Military Advisory Board (which studies impact of climate change on national and global security) and is a member of the Atlantic Council. She also serves as an advisor for The Canadian Defense College Foundation. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and as co-Chair of CHEA's Commission on Quality Assurance and Alternative Higher Education.

Rondeau holds a Bachelor's Degree in History and Social Science from Eisenhower College, a Master's Degree in Comparative Government from Georgetown University and a Doctorate in Education from Northern Illinois University and has attended several senior executive training and education courses. She was awarded an honorary doctorate in Public Service from Carthage College and has received numerous awards for leadership and public service, including the New York City USO 2008 Woman of the Year award and, in 2013, The Women's Center's Leadership Award.

She is currently an independent consultant with IBM's leading edge cognitive computing project, The Watson Group.



Rod Canion

Former Co-Founder of Compaq Computer Corporation
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Rod Canion was the co-founder of Compaq Computer Corporation in 1982 and served as its chief executive officer from inception through a decade of unprecedented growth and challenges. During his tenure as CEO, Compaq set records for the largest first-year sales in the history of American business, reaching the Fortune 500 and the \$1 billion revenue mark faster than any other company in history. By 1991, Compaq employed more than 10,000 people and operated in 65 countries worldwide. Canion left Compaq late in 1991.

Since leaving Compaq, Canion has been involved in a long list of startups and early stage companies as an angel investor, advisor and director. He helped found the Houston Technology Center in 1999 and the Goose Society of Texas in 2005, two organizations focused on encouraging entrepreneurs and helping early stage companies succeed. He is currently a director of Invesco, Ltd., ChaCha Search, Inc., and Houston Methodist Research Institute. He is an advisory director of Encore Health Resources and Dynamics, Inc.



Michael Marquardt

Founder and CEO, Global Compass Strategies, Inc.

Director, Commonwealth Trust Company, Asia Assistance International, American Cancer Society's South Atlantic Division, ACS Cancer Action Network

Michael serves as a global business advisor to corporations in the United States, Europe, and Asia. He works closely with the CEO and members of the senior leadership team on issues strategic to the enterprise and advises Audit Committees and Boards of Directors on effective risk management measures, corporate governance, and emerging technology issues.

Since 2007 Michael has served as the independent non-executive Chairman of a large healthcare logistics and technology company based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with offices in ten countries. In the United States, he serves on the Board of Directors of Commonwealth Trust Company, an independent trust company with more than US\$17 billion in assets under administration.

Soon after founding his global risk management firm, former FBI Director Louis J. Freeh asked Michael to serve as the company's first president. He also assisted with the group's business development efforts in Europe years later.

Michael grew up in Berlin and immigrated into the United States two years after witnessing the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. He had the opportunity to lead a fast-growing technology company in the Detroit area before being recruited to lead a new start-up venture in late 1999. He served for seven years as co-founder and chief executive of MediGuide and led the company's marketing and business development initiatives in Europe and in the Asia-Pacific region.

Michael graduated from the University of Virginia and the University of New England, is a board leadership fellow of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), and a member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO), and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA).

Following his personal passions, he serves on several non-profit organization boards in the United States, including the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) and is a passionate wine collector.