

## CANDIDATE INFORMATION

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## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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**Explain how your background, training, experience and/or personal qualities support your candidacy to assume a governance position on the Executive Committee. Provide resume as a separate attachment.**

Served nearly 29 years in the US Army, spending the last five and a half years of my career assigned to JPEO Armaments and Ammunition where I was the PM for Joint Services twice and PM Close Combat Systems once. Since my retirement from the Army in 2015, I worked for Chemring North America, first as the Vice President of Business Development, then as the Vice President of Global Business Development, and finally as the President of Chemring North America with Profit and Loss responsibility. Have been with Day&Zimmermann since 2017 and currently serve as the Vice President of Strategic Client Relations as well as the Managing Director of the Joint Venture DZ has with Rheinmetall. I also serve as the Chairman of the NDIA Munitions Executive Summit and am the master of ceremony for this annual event.

I have been a member of the ammunition community since my arrival at Picatinny Arsenal since 2009 and have a perspective of being on the government side and on the industry sides of the table. I think I have a good reputation in the ammunition enterprise and value opportunities for win-win outcomes. I know the ammunition community is close knit, competitive at times, collaborative at other times. I think serving on the NAC Board would be warmly received by members of the ammunition community both in industry and government.

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**What do you see as the most significant challenge(s) facing the business type you will represent and how would you propose to address those challenges if elected?**

My biggest concerns for not only Day&Zimmermann, but the entire ammunition enterprise are as follows:

1. Knowing that the current levels of government funding for ammunition are not sustainable. At some point the budgets will contract and that will be a significant event in the ammunition enterprise.
2. The excess capacity that has been created over the last few years to support Presidential Drawdown activities in support of Ukraine will lead to winners and losers in the ammunition enterprise.
3. Preservation of primacy of the United States ammunition as a worldwide supplier. This will help nullify the impacts of the first two areas of concern.
4. Maintaining and creating opportunities for advancement in technology to stay ahead of our near peer competitors such as China.

These issues can all be address through advocacy from both inside the USG and with industry. I think NAC can play a key role in helping advance key technologies through the DOTC process that can position the US for continued preeminence.

**Please describe the importance of the NAC to your organization and provide a synopsis of the participation in NAC/DOTC since becoming a member (e.g., number of proposal submissions, awards, industry days and membership meeting attended).**

D&Z was active with the NAC when Steve Dart was a teammate via the DOTC process. We have done several projects with the NAC via DOTC and all have been favorable. I do think there is an opportunity for more collaboration though. Our attendance at the NAC annual meeting has been consistent having attended it myself.

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## **WILLINGNESS TO SERVE CERTIFICATION**

**Signature**



**Date**

06/18/2025

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**Steven F. Cummings**

Vice President, Strategic Client Relations  
Day & Zimmermann  
Managing Director, RDZM Joint Venture



Steven F. Cummings, Vice President of Strategic Client Relations and Managing Director, Day&Zimmermann and Rheinmetall Joint venture, RDZM, joined Day&Zimmermann in October of 2017. Prior to joining DZMG, Steve was the President of Chemring Group US, President, Chemring Sensors and Electronic Systems, and President of their US board. In this capacity, Steve was responsible for Chemring's wide range of critical and lifesaving chemical, biological, and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) detection systems including a number of US Government Acquisition Category II Programs of Record. Prior to that position, Steve was the Chemring Group Vice President of Global Business Development and it's Vice President of Business Development for North America responsible for customer relations and growing the business.

Prior to entering private industry, Mr. Cummings had a distinguished 28-year career in the US Army retiring at the rank of Colonel. Steve served in a number of significant Army leadership positions including Project Manager Close Combat Systems at PEO Ammunition, where he was responsible for procurement and management of more than 200 ammunition items and counter-IED equipment. He also personally led the training teams that were fielding that equipment in Afghanistan in 2011. During his final position in government as Project Director Joint Services, Mr. Cummings led the conventional ammunition demilitarization program for the Department of Defense and was responsible for the modernization of the Army's Government Owned Contractor Operated (GOCO) ammunition production facilities.

Steve holds multiple educational degrees, including a Bachelor of Science from the US Military Academy at West Point, an MBA from Clemson University and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College. Mr. Cummings' military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, two awards of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star for service in Afghanistan, and the Army Staff Badge. Mr. Cummings also serves on the Board of Advisors for Tworx, LLC and on the Board of Directors for the Greenrose Holding Corporation OTC (GNRS).