

ROBERT C. POWERS' BIO

President, Department of the Navy/Marine Corps, Physical Evaluation Board (PEB)

Robert Powers currently serves as President, Department of the Navy/Marine Corps, Physical Evaluation Board, (PEB) located in Washington, DC. The PEB is an Administrative Law Board which adjudicates Marines' and Sailors' fitness for continued military service. The PEB is comprised of Adjudicators (19) (administrative law judges); Administrative Staff (31); and PEB Liaison Officers (PEBLOs) (17) located at Naval Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF) worldwide.

Robert Powers, a member of the PEB since June 2005, manages seven functional areas involving PEB case management and physical disability adjudication of nearly 7,000 cases annually. He maintains liaison with Medical Treatment Facilities, the Department of Veteran Affairs, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Navy/Marine Corps Service Headquarters, and Congressional Staff. As PEB President, he ensures the PEB remains in compliance with relevant Federal law and DoD/VA regulations involving the adjudication of service members for continued naval service while ensuring due process within the disability evaluation system. Additionally, he responds to all Congressional inquiry responses, and other external correspondence regarding the PEB.

Before his current employment with the PEB, Robert Powers served as a Judicial Intern for the Honorable C. Philip Nichols, Jr.; a Professor/Company Officer at the United States Naval Academy; and as a Legislative Assistant for the Honorable Roscoe Bartlett (6th MD).

While in the U.S. Marine Corps, Robert Powers served as a Force Reconnaissance Commander; Maritime Special Purpose Force Commander for 22nd MEU; and as a Light Armored Reconnaissance Officer. His military education includes the Naval War College, and USMC Command & Staff.

Robert Powers is a graduate of Washington College of Law American University *cum laude*, Naval Postgraduate School, and the Citadel *summa cum laude*. He is a member in good standing of the Maryland State Bar.

He is married to the former Faye Penner of Venice, Florida, and has two daughters, Jessica, and Rachael. Faye is a congressional staffer, Jessica is a Physician Assistant, and Rachael is a chef with her own catering business.