

Title: Admiral. E.R. Zumwalt, Jr—Insights from His Daughter

Speaker: Ms. Mouzetta Zumwalt-Weathers

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### **Synopsis:**

Admiral Elmo R. “Bud” Zumwalt, Jr., the US Navy’s 19th Chief of Naval Operations, was considered controversial during his tenure. History has proven he was quite the visionary. Fifty years ago, the Admiral stated “THERE IS NO BLACK NAVY, NO WHITE NAVY--JUST ONE NAVY-- THE UNITED STATES NAVY.” He directly addressed issues of racism and sexism in the Navy giving women and minorities opportunities to serve based on the merit they were due rather than gender, color, or religion.

Mouzetta Zumwalt-Weathers is Admiral Zumwalt’s youngest child and will share insights on his upbringing and how those early experiences shaped his philosophy and approach in life. She will also discuss the powerful partnership between Bud Zumwalt and his wife, Mouza and his meteoric rise surpassing 33 senior admirals when President Nixon appointed him as CNO during the height of the Vietnam War. Admiral Zumwalt continues to remain the youngest CNO ever appointed at the age of 49 (a record that still has yet to be broken).

This presentation will focus on the moral courage it takes to lead with devotion to humanity and dignity.

### **Bio:**

Mouzetta Zumwalt Weathers was 12 years old when her father was appointed Chief of Naval Operations. She received her BA from Methodist University and initially worked in the banking industry. She is married to Ronald O’Neal Weathers.

When her brother was diagnosed with cancer from exposure to Agent Orange, she donated bone marrow to aid with his treatment. Mouzetta was inspired by her brother’s example

and created the National Marrow Donor Program. She has spent the last several years working in the pharmaceutical industry and is a proud co-sponsor of the USS ZUMWALT.