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## BLACKMER APPOINTS WILLIAM ERWIN DIRECTOR, MILITARY & MARINE DIVISION

**Grand Rapids, MI** – Blackmer has announced the appointment of William Erwin to the position of Director, Military and Marine. In this role, Mr. Erwin will be responsible for the overall growth and development of Blackmer’s military and commercial products to military agencies. He will direct a group that has a long history of providing reliable pump technology to the U.S. Military. Since 1914, Blackmer has been a proud supplier to the U.S. Military and for the past 50-plus years has provided mission-critical flow solutions for the U.S. Navy.

“Bill has more than 25 years of experience with operations and maintenance on board multiple Naval vessels,” stated John Pepper, Vice President of Sales & Marketing, North America. “We are more than happy to add a person with so much hands-on experience to our Military/Marine group at Blackmer. Bill will be able to seamlessly take this position and continue to build upon Blackmer’s strong reputation in the military and marine market.”

Mr. Erwin is retired from the Navy, where he held several positions. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1981 as an Electricians Mate, and quickly rose through the enlisted ranks to Senior Chief Petty Officer in less than 12 years. In 1995, Mr. Erwin was commissioned as an Ensign under the Engineering Limited Duty Officer program. He held several positions in a variety of Sea to Shore stations, such as Maintenance Man (USS Vulcan), Work Center Supervisor (USS Ponce’ & USS Puget Sound), Chief Engineer (Service Craft NNSY), Leading Chief (USS Iwo Jima & USS America), Electrical Officer (USS Nassau), Engineering Inspector (Commander Amphibious Group 2) and Main Propulsion Assistant (USS Kearsarge). In addition, Mr. Erwin held the post of Assistant Repair Officer at the Mid Atlantic Regional Repair Center, where he was in charge of 1,400 personnel for maintenance and intermediate level repairs to all Atlantic Fleet surface ships.

For more information on Bill Erwin’s appointment, or Blackmer’s Military and Marine product lines, please visit [www.blackmer.com](http://www.blackmer.com) or contact John Pepper at (616) 248-9270.

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