

# ENTREPRENEUR HALL OF FAME

Honoring Neal Blue and Linden Blue Jan. 28, 2009



























## **AGENDA**

11:00 a.m.

Registration and Networking

11:40 a.m.

Ballroom Opens; Luncheon Seating Begins Lunch is served

12:30 p.m.

**Luncheon Program Begins** 

Welcome
Duane Roth, CEO, CONNECT

**Opening Remarks** 

Jim Sahagian, Vice President, Corporate Development, Sempra Energy

**Introduction of Honorees** 

Mary Walshok, Associate Vice Chancellor, Public Programs and Dean, UC San Diego Extension

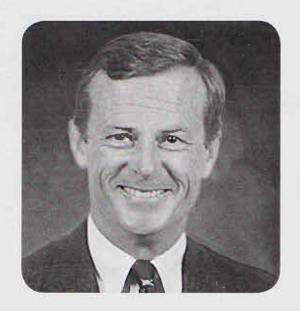
Conversation with Neal Blue, Chairman and CEO of General Atomics, and Linden Blue, Vice Chairman of General Atomics and CEO of Spectrum Aeronautical LLC

Jane Mitchell, Producer and Anchor, Channel 4 San Diego's "One on One with Jane Mitchell"

2:00 p.m.

**Program Closes** 





## **Neal Blue**

Biographical Highlights

Neal Blue is chairman and CEO of General Atomics (GA), a diversified international high-technology company with world leadership positions in nuclear fusion, fission, laser technologies, ultra wide-band telecommunications, and electromagnetic propulsion technologies ranging from aircraft carrier launch and recovery systems to magnetic levitation for rail transport.

Since 1986, he has managed GA's portfolio of businesses, focusing his attention on the company's development of advanced energy and defense systems and General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. (GA-ASI), which he founded and leads as CEO. GA-ASI makes unmanned air-vehicle systems, such as the Predator®, which has become the acknowledged leader in the delivery of situational awareness in support of American forces.

In addition, Blue is co-founder and chairman of Cordillera Corporation, a holding company with principal assets in real estate, agriculture, natural gas utilities, and oil and gas production, and is the chairman of Cordillera's Canadian gas and oil production subsidiary Harvard International Resources Ltd. He is also the chairman of the supervisory board of Spezialtechnik Dresden GmbH with principal subsidiaries in the German states of Saxony and Brandenburg, and Quasar Resources Pty Ltd, an Australian uranium holding and exploration company.

Under Blue's leadership, GA established the General Atomics Sciences Education Foundation, with the goal of enhancing K-12 science education in San Diego County. Blue is also a former member of the board of trustees for the Salk Institute and the University of San Diego Foundation.

Earlier, Blue was a correspondent for the Yale Asian Expedition and later the Yale Aerial Expedition to South America, served on active duty with the U.S. Air Force in the U.S. and Germany, and was a partner in a cocoa and banana plantation in Nicaragua, where he was recognized by the Nicaragua Red Cross and the Nicaragua Air Force for his efforts delivering food and medical supplies to victims of the Chinandega flood disaster.

Blue received his bachelor's degree from Yale University.





## **Linden Blue**

Biographical Highlights

Linden Blue is vice chairman of General Atomics, a diversified international high-technology company with world leadership positions in nuclear fusion, fission, laser technologies, ultra wide-band telecommunications, and electromagnetic propulsion technologies ranging from aircraft carrier launch and recovery systems to magnetic levitation for rail transport.

Since 1986, he has focused his attention on the company's development of advanced energy research.

In addition, Blue is also CEO of Spectrum Aeronautical LLC, a company involved in the development of advanced composites aircraft manufacturing systems. From 1982 to 1984, he was president and CEO of Beech Aircraft Corporation and a director of Raytheon Company.

Blue sits on the board of overseers of the Center for Naval Analysis and the board of trustees and executive committee of the Hudson Institute. He is also involved with the Green Foundation, National Parks Foundation and Burnham Institute.

Earlier, he was correspondent for the Yale Aerial Expedition to South America, served on active duty with the U.S. Air Force, and was a partner in a cocoa and banana plantation in Nicaragua, where he was recognized by the Nicaragua Red Cross and the Nicaragua Air Force for his efforts in delivering food and medical supplies to victims of the Chinanbega flood disaster.

Blue received his bachelor's degree from Yale University and attended Harvard's Advanced Management Program.





# Jane Mitchell

Channel 4 San Diego

Jane Mitchell produces and anchors "One on One with Jane Mitchell," giving viewers an in-depth look at San Diego's top sports figures. Now in its 13th season on Channel 4 San Diego, the signature show has featured more than 80 people including Ted Williams and Tony Gwynn. She has earned 22 Emmys and numerous other local, regional and national awards for her work.

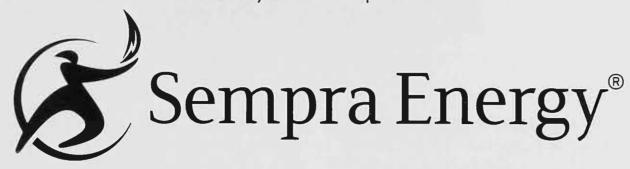
Jane is also a feature reporter for the Padres pre and postgame shows and co-hosts the in-depth interview show "Forefront" and the annual "Holiday Bowl Parade."

She has degrees from UC San Diego and Northwestern and has worked in television news in Texas, Oklahoma and San Diego. In 1996 she was hired by Cox to help create Channel 4 San Diego and entered the world of sports.

She is Board Chairman of the ALS Association, Greater San Diego Chapter, in honor of her father who died of Lou Gehrig's Disease. Her passion for journalism and storytelling stems from her growing up in a Navy family; traveling the world; and being encouraged by her mother, a teacher, to write about her experiences.



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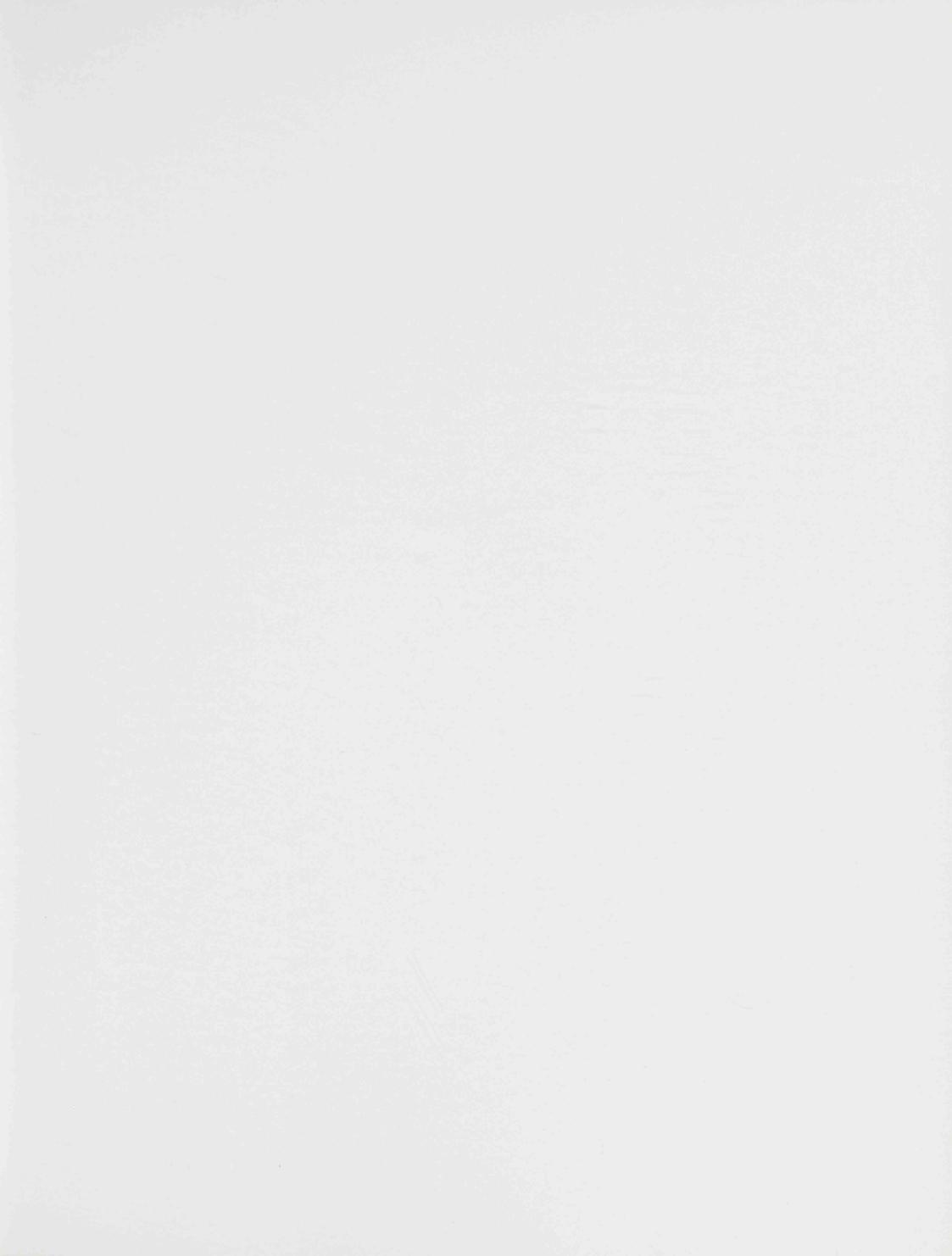
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