

## William F. “Bill” Foster, Jr.

Captain Bill Foster, USN (Ret.) is President of Jones Group Middle East, a wholly owned subsidiary of Jones Group International (JGI) commercially registered in Saudi Arabia. In that role, Foster manages the firm’s business in the Middle East-North Africa region and leads a growing Riyadh-based team of consultants, focused primarily on the defense, security, and healthcare markets. On his watch, Jones Group Middle East has grown by over 200% year over year, gaining the confidence and satisfaction of a diverse group of senior leader clients.

Foster graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1980 where he earned his commission in the Navy through the NROTC program. As a Surface Warfare Officer, his sea assignments include USS MULLINNIX (DD 944); USS PORTLAND (LSD 37); USS CARR (FFG 52); USS THOMAS S. GATES (CG 51); and USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20). He served as Commanding Officer of USS CONSTITUTION (66th in command).

Foster’s assignments ashore included: Flag Lieutenant for Commander, Military Sealift Command; Surface Junior Officer Detailer in the Bureau of Naval Personnel; Aide to the President of National Defense University; Executive Officer, Command, Control and Communications Directorate (J6), United States European Command; Director of Communications (J6), Joint Task Force PROVIDE PROMISE; and Director, Center for Career Development, Navy Personnel Command.

Captain Foster retired from the Navy in August 2008. In September 2008, he joined the management consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton. His work at Booz Allen spanned international commercial, civil, and defense markets. As a principal in the firm, he led Booz Allen’s Riyadh-based team of over 100 consultants engaged in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Defense Transformation 2015 - 2018.

In 2019, Foster joined Jones Group Middle East as Vice President and General Manager. He was appointed to his present role as President in October 2021, and continues to rapidly expand the firm’s business in the Middle East-North Africa region. Foster concurrently serves as Executive Vice President of Jones Group International.

Foster holds a Master of Arts Degree in National Strategic and Security Studies from United States Naval War College. He currently serves as Chairman of American Chamber of Commerce Saudi Arabia, member of the World Defense Show 2024 Steering Committee, and on the Board of Directors, UNC NROTC Alumni Association. Foster’s past board assignments include Board of Directors, UCP of the Mid-South; Board of Directors, American Business Group Riyadh; and Board of Overseers, USS CONSTITUTION Museum.