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**Robert Haddick, USMC (Ret.)**, is a Visiting Senior Fellow at the Mitchell Institute. Haddick supports the Institute's mission to develop the roles of air, space, and cyber capabilities and explore their contributions to national security strategies. Later in 2016, the Institute will publish *The Long Range Standoff Weapon: Assuring the Bomber Nuclear Mission*, a peer-reviewed monograph authored by Haddick.

Haddick is the author of *[Fire on the Water: China, America, and the Future of the Pacific](#)* (Naval Institute Press, 2014). *Fire on the Water* discusses how China's reemergence as a great power is leading to a growing clash of interests in the Asia-Pacific region. The book explains how China's strategy, based on non-military assertiveness and its exploitation of the missile and sensor technical revolution, is taking advantage of vulnerabilities in long-standing U.S. and allied operational concepts in the region, which current U.S. policies and programs are struggling to address. *Fire on the Water* provides a detailed description of diplomatic, military, and acquisition reforms the U.S. and its partners in the region should undertake if they are to maintain stability and protect their interests. *Fire on the Water* [received advanced endorsements](#) from former Secretary of the Navy John Lehman; former commander of U.S. Pacific Command Admiral Timothy Keating, USN (ret); former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asia & Pacific Security Affairs Lt. Gen. Wallace "Chip" Gregson, USMC (ret); Lt. Gen. David Deptula, USAF (ret), chief planner of the 1991 Persian Gulf air campaign; and Congressman J. Randy Forbes, (VA-4), chairman of the House Armed Services subcommittee on Seapower & Projection Forces.

Haddick is a former U.S. Marine Corps officer. He served in infantry and field artillery units in the 3rd Marine Regiment and commanded a rifle company in the 23rd Marine Regiment. While on deployment he conducted security force assistance activities with host nation and partner military forces in the Western Pacific, East Asia, the Indian Ocean region, and Africa. He served on a battalion staff and participated in the Personnel Reliability Program.

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