

GUESTS OF HONOR



Jason Frei grew up in Hazen, North Dakota and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1994 with distinction. He served in the United States Marine Corps as a field artillery officer and commanded Battery A, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines during the initial phases of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Jason was injured in the Battle of Nasiriyah when a rocket propelled grenade struck his vehicle. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V and the Purple Heart.

Jason retired from the Corps in 2004 and attended the University of Notre Dame's MBA program where he was elected president of his MBA class. Jason joined The Boeing Company after graduation and currently leads Ethics and Business Conduct for Boeing Defense, Space, and Security. He was selected in as 1 of 10 U.S. Eisenhower Fellows in 2017, studying Veterans Transition in Israel and Australia.

He is married to the former Valerie Howard of Carlsbad, California and has 7 children, Robert (18), Molly (17), Thomas (13), and Andrew (12), Joseph (9), Lilly (7) and Caeli (2).