David "Dave" Reilly was elected to the office of the national president of the Navy League and is serving his term from June 2021 to June 2023. Reilly became a Navy League member following his retirement from the Navy after more than 38 years of active service. His active service included tours on three submarines, selection to the Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP) earning his bachelor’s in electrical engineering, assignment to Navy Postgraduate School earning his master’s in mechanical engineering, selection to the Engineering Duty Officer community, and serving at various shipyards and ashore commands culminating in his assignment to Strategic Weapons Facility, Atlantic (SWFLANT) as commanding officer.

Reilly joined the Navy League in 1998 as a lifetime member. In the Navy League, Reilly has served in various positions at the local level, including council president, area president and region president. At the national level, Reilly has served as national vice president, national judge advocate, national senior vice president and president-elect. Service in these positions has provided Reilly with in-depth understanding and appreciation of the organization and its role in supporting the sea services. He is a long-time member of the President’s Circle, one of the Navy League’s philanthropic societies.

He has contributed to the success of the league in transitioning the Navy League to its current governance structure. He has also received many awards acknowledging his deep commitment to the mission of the Navy League. As national president, Reilly continues to focus on the volunteers that make the Navy League the premier sea service support organization in the country.

Reilly is a member of the Camden Kings Bay Council, located in Camden County, Georgia, near the Kings Bay Navy Submarine Base in St. Marys.

Reilly is married to Betty Reilly for over 60 years. They have three children, Debra Ann, a nurse in California; David James, a government contractor and retired Navy lieutenant commander in Florida; and Kimberly Ann, an accountant in North Carolina.