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Dr. Juliana Geran Pilon is a Senior Fellow at the Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization. In 2014, she helped found the Daniel Morgan Academy in Washington, DC. Her new book *The Art of Peace: Engaging a Complex World*, will be published by Transaction in October 2016. A new edition of her autobiographical book, *Notes From the Other Side of Night*, was released in 2013 by Transaction. Her anthology entitled *Cultural Intelligence for Winning the Peace*, was published by IWP Press in September 2009; *Soulmates: Resurrecting Eve*, was published by Transaction in 2011; *Why America is Such a Hard Sell: Beyond Pride and Prejudice* was published in 2007, as was *Every Vote Counts: The Role of Elections in Building Democracy*, which she co-edited with Richard Soudriette. The *Bloody Flag: Post-Communist Nationalism in Eastern Europe -- Spotlight on Romania* was published by Transaction in 1991. Her anthology on civic education, funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, *Ironic Points of Light*, was published in Estonian and Russian in 1998. She has also written and edited a textbook on civic education, which is being used, in country-specific versions, throughout Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan, endorsed by the Departments of Education in these countries. She has published over two hundred articles and reviews on international affairs, human rights, literature, and philosophy, and has made frequent appearances on radio and television. During the 1990s, she was first the Director and later the Vice President for Programs at IFES – the International Foundation for Electoral Systems - where she designed, conducted, and managed projects related to a wide variety of democratization projects. Born in Romania, she emigrated with her family and arrived in the U.S. as a teenager. After receiving her Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Chicago, she held post-doctoral fellowships in international relations at Stanford University's Hoover Institution and at the Institute of Humane Studies. She has also taught at Emory University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University, George Washington University, American University, the Center for Advanced Defense Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology, and the Institute of World Politics where she was Director of the Center for Culture and Security. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Affairs and has served on the board of advisors of the Auschwitz-based human rights organization Oswiecim Institute for Human Rights and the International Advisory Board of B'nai Brith.

**EXPERT GUESTS:**

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Dr. Barnes has been a Supervisor for Radio and Multimedia Operations at VoA for nearly two decades, managing studio engineers and Central Recording technicians for the Radio and Multimedia Operations. He has also been a Public Affairs Officer in the Maryland Defense Force since 2012. He plays the trumpet, string bass, electric bass guitar and valve trombone player with the MDDF Band, representing the militia of the state of Maryland under the command and control of the governor. He has served as a PIO (Public Information Officer) with MEMA (the Maryland Emergency Management Agency) during disaster relief exercises, was a Commander at the Armed Forces School of Music, and a member of the U.S. Army Field Band for twelve years.

## [Steve Bryen](#) - Senior Fellow, American Foreign Policy Council

Dr. Stephen Bryen is Senior Fellow in Defense Studies at the American Foreign Policy Council. He has 40 years of experience in government and industry, having served as a senior staff director of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Trade Security Policy, as the founder and first Director of the Defense Technology Security Administration, as the President of Finmeccanica North America, and as a Commissioner of the U.S. China Security Review Commission. Prior to his government career, Dr. Bryen was Assistant Professor of Government at Lehigh University. Dr. Bryen is the author of three books, numerous articles, and chapters in compendiums on technology and strategy. His books include: *The Application of Cybernetic Analysis to the Study of International Politics*; *Essays on Technology, Security and Strategy* and *Technology Security and National Power: Winners and Losers*. Dr. Bryen serves on the editorial advisory board of Common Defense Quarterly, and on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the U.S.-Israel Bi-national Science Foundation, which promotes bi-national research in basic science. For his work at the Defense Department, Dr. Bryen was twice awarded the Distinguished Public Service Medal.

## **Josh Carter** - Military Legislative Assistant, Sen. John Hoeven

Josh Carter has been a military and homeland security staff member for the United States Senate, and served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Presently he is the Military Legislative Assistant to Senator John Hoeven. Previously he was the Minority Staff Director, Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Josh first came to Washington from his native Kansas to serve on Senator Sam Brownback's staff from 2003 to 2004, then returned from 2006 to 2011, first as National Security Advisor/Legislative Assistant and later as Legislative Director. In the interim two years, from 2005-2006, he was a Foreign Affairs Specialist in Office of the Secretary of Defense, where he developed and coordinated briefings on Iraq policy for the Secretary of Defense and senior DoD leaders. The previous year, from 2004 – 2005, as Legislative Affairs Coordinator Iraq Project and Contracting Office, he briefed Congressional offices on Iraq reconstruction strategy and contracting process. He holds an MA in International Affairs from American University.

## [Seth Cropsey](#) - Director, Center for American Seapower at the Hudson Institute

Dr. Seth Cropsey is the Director of the Center for American Seapower at the Hudson Institute. He began his career in government at the Defense Department as Assistant to the Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and subsequently served as Deputy Undersecretary of the Navy in the Reagan and Bush administrations, where he was responsible for the Navy's position on efforts to reorganize DoD, development of the maritime strategy, the Navy's academic institutions, naval special operations, and burden-sharing with NATO allies. In the Bush administration, Dr. Cropsey moved to OSD to become acting assistant secretary, and then principal deputy assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict. Dr. Cropsey served as a naval officer from 1985-2004. During the period that preceded the collapse of the USSR, from 1982 to 1984, Dr. Cropsey directed the editorial policy of the Voice of America on the Solidarity movement in Poland, Soviet treatment of dissidents, and other issues. Returning to public diplomacy in 2002 as director of the US government's International Broadcasting Bureau, Dr. Cropsey supervised the agency as successful efforts were undertaken to increase radio and television broadcasting to the Muslim world. Dr. Cropsey's work in the private sector includes reporting for *Fortune* magazine and as a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, as well as as director of the Heritage Foundation's Asia Studies Center from 1991 to 1994. The author of the highly acclaimed

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Dr. Glenn Alexander Crowther grew up in Ethiopia, Brasil, Bolivia and Indonesia where his father worked as a civil engineer. He has extensive government service, including a decade each in the Cold War, the post-Cold War era and the post 9/11 era. He has worked as a Western Hemisphere specialist, a strategist and a political advisor. He served overseas eight times: three times in Latin America, twice in Korea, twice in Iraq and once in Belgium. He has a variety of awards from the Departments of Defense and State as well as the Canadian government. His work at the strategic level includes tours at the Army Staff, the Joint Staff J5 (Strategic Plans & Policies), and as a Research Professor at Strategic Studies Institute (the US Army's think tank). He was personally selected to be a Counterterrorism Advisor for the US Ambassador to Iraq, a Political Advisor for the MNC-I Commander and a Special Assistant for the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. He is currently a Cyber Policy specialist in the Expert Consultant program at the Center for Technology and National Security Policy (CTNSP) at the National Defense University in Washington, DC. He is also an adjunct Senior Political Scientist at the RAND Corporation and an adjunct Research Professor of National Security Studies at the Strategic Studies Institute. Alex has a BA in International Relations from Tufts University, an MS in International Relations from Troy State University, and a Ph.D. in International Development from Tulane University. He was also an International Security Studies Fellow at the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy. He has professional fluency in Spanish and specializes in strategy; Western Hemisphere issues; cyber policy issues; international development; insurgency/counterinsurgency; Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental and Multinational (JIIM) issues and the Comprehensive Approach.

[Chuck Downs](#) – Former Deputy Director, East Asia and Pacific Region, Pentagon

Chuck Downs is a Fellow at the Institute for Corean-American Studies. His career in defense and national security issues spans more than two decades. His book *Over the Line: North Korea's Negotiating Strategy* was written while serving as Associate Director of the Asian Studies Program at the American Enterprise Institute. The book explains how North Korea succeeds even though it brings very little to the negotiating table. A Korean version was published within months of the book's release and a Japanese version in 2002. He retired in June 2000 from the position of Senior Defense and Foreign Policy Advisor to the U. S. House of Representatives. From 2001-2008, he served on the Board of Directors of the United States Committee for Human Rights in North Korea; in 2008 he was asked by the Board to take over the duties of Executive Director, in which capacity he served from 2008-2011. He served the majority of his career in the Pentagon, as Deputy Director for Regional Affairs and Congressional Relations in the Pentagon's East Asia office. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (1996) and Defense Civilian Service Medal (1993). As Assistant Director of the Office of Foreign Military Rights Affairs, he was involved in negotiating arrangements in Singapore, Australia, and Diego Garcia. In the 1980s, as Chief of Policy Analysis in the Department of the Interior's territorial and international affairs office, he participated in the Micronesian status negotiations. Mr. Downs has published numerous articles on foreign policy in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Wall Street Journal. In addition to being the author of *Over the Line* (AEI Press, 1999), he is co-editor with Ambassador James R. Lilley of *Crisis in the Taiwan Strait* (NDU Press, 1997). Mr. Downs graduated with honors in political science

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**Sean Durns** - Media Assistant, Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA)

Sean Durns is the Media Assistant for the Washington D.C. office of CAMERA, the Boston-based, 65,000-member Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America. He holds an M.Sc. in international history from the London School of Economics, where his research focused on U.S. and British foreign policy in the early Cold War-era Middle East, and a B.A. in history from the University of Arizona. He is currently studying terrorism at the University of St. Andrews Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence. Prior to working for CAMERA, Sean served as a research assistant to a former U.S. Under Secretary of Defense, where he focused on Arab politics in British-ruled, Mandate-era Palestine.

[Jack Dziak](#) - Distinguished Fellow in Intelligence Studies, American Foreign Policy Council

Dr. John J. Dziak is a Distinguished Fellow in Intelligence Studies at the American Foreign Policy Council. He has served almost five decades as a senior intelligence officer and Senior Executive (SES-4) in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and in private consulting, with long experience in counter proliferation, counterintelligence, counter deception, strategic intelligence, and intelligence education. Dr. Dziak has worked in cabinet and sub-cabinet groups on a wide range of intelligence and counterintelligence assignments. He has served as DIA representative to DCI-led major espionage damage assessments, with special emphasis on U.S. critical technologies, and was U.S. representative to senior-level allied intelligence groups concerned with espionage penetrations and hostile special operations. Dr. Dziak received his Ph.D. from Georgetown University, is a graduate of the National War College, and is the recipient of numerous defense and intelligence awards and citations from DoD, DIA, CIA and the Director of National Intelligence, including the Defense Medal for Distinguished Civilian Service. He lectures at the National Intelligence University, has taught at the National War College, Georgetown and George Washington Universities, the Institute of World Politics, and lectures on intelligence, counterintelligence, and foreign affairs throughout the US and abroad. He is the author of the award-winning, *Chekisty: A History of the KGB* (1988), numerous other books, articles, and monographs, including *The Military Relationship Between China and Russia, 1995 – 2002* (2002) prepared for the American Foreign Policy Council, and is currently researching a book on foreign counterintelligence systems. Dr. Dziak is co-founder and President of Dziak Group, Inc., a consulting firm in the fields of technology transfer, intelligence, counterintelligence, and counter deception, with clients in the defense research world and the Intelligence Community.

[Lee Edwards](#) - Co-founder and chairman of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation

Lee Edwards, Ph.D. is co-founder and chairman of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation. A leading historian of twentieth century politics and American conservatism, Dr. Edwards is the author or editor of more than 20 books, including biographies of leading anti-communist leaders such as Ronald Reagan, Barry Goldwater, Walter Judd. His works have been translated into Chinese, Japanese, Swedish and French. Dr. Edwards is a distinguished fellow at the Heritage Foundation and an adjunct professor of politics at the Catholic University of America. He was the founding director of the Institute of Political Journalism at Georgetown University and a fellow at the Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Edwards is a past president of the Philadelphia Society and a media fellow at the Hoover Institution. Among his awards and honors are the Millennium Star of

Lithuania, the Cross of Terra Mariana of Estonia, the Friendship Medal of Diplomacy from the Republic of China (Taiwan), the John Ashbrook Award, the Reed Irvine Accuracy in Media Award, the Walter Judd Freedom Award, and an honorary doctoral degree in humane letters from Grove City College. Dr. Edwards earned a doctorate in world politics from the Catholic University of America. He has a bachelor of arts degree in English from Duke University and did graduate work at The Sorbonne, Paris.

### **Fawzia Etemadi** - Vice President, Muslim Women Association

Ms. Etemadi is Vice President of Muslim Women Association (MWA), in Washington DC, an organization whose main goal is to work and assist MWA's scholarship committee members to advertise, solicit, search and select scholarship for Muslim women. From 2012-2013, she worked for the High Peace Council, HPC, Kabul, Afghan Peace and Reconciliation Program, Afghanistan, where she was appointed as the head of Gender Unit. From 2009-2011, she was Senior Cultural Advisor, International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF), employed by McNeil Technology/AECOM Kabul to provide cultural insights and analysis in pursuit of peace and security in Afghanistan. As Executive Director of International Relations for Afghanistan National Institute for Peace and Justice from 2007-2009, she promoted peace building and conflict resolution projects among the Afghan tribes and ethnic peoples in Kabul and other provinces of Afghanistan and also served as a liaison between the governs of Afghanistan (Mazari Sharif, Paktia, Baghlan, Jalalabad and the government of the United States (Department of States, Department of Defense, Commerce, Agriculture and USAID) to establish a set of strategic development plan to strengthen the economic growth and overcome poverty in these provinces. From 1997-2008, she worked for the Bureau of Citizenship & Immigration Services, where she was responsible for making complex determinations on sensitive and multifaceted NACARA (Nicaraguan, Salvadoran and Guatemalan) eligibility based on Immigration and Neutralization Services (INS) policies and procedures, relevant to international treaties. She was an Honorary Cultural Advisor to the Embassy of Afghanistan in Washington from 2001-2008, and from 1996-2000 was Founder and Executive Director of the Afghanistan Foundation, Washington D.C. From 1989-199 she was the founding member and Executive Director of International Federation of Afghan Women (IFAW) She has a Masters in International Affairs from George Washington University.

### **Louis Goodman** - Professor and Dean Emeritus, School of International Service, American University

Dr. Louis Goodman is Professor and Dean Emeritus of the School of International Service at American University. He carries out research on social change and politics in Latin America and in Asia. His current research focuses on public goods, regional alliances and development. He has published widely on civil-military relations in Latin America, on foreign investment in developing countries and on determinants of career success for blue-collar workers. He has researched and lived abroad in Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and Singapore. In 1992 Dr. Goodman served as the President of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs. He earned his MA and PhD from Northwestern University and BA from Dartmouth College.

### **Eric Hannis** - Senior Manager, Raytheon

Eric Hannis is Senior Manager for International and Civil Programs and Policy at the Raytheon Company, a Senior Fellow in Defense Studies at the American Foreign Policy Council, and Senior Fellow at the Alexander Hamilton Institute. Previously he served on Capitol Hill, where he was the principal defense advisor and Military Legislative Assistant to Rep. Randy Forbes (VA-4), a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) and current Chairman of the HASC Seapower and Projection

Forces Subcommittee. Harris was also the Senior Military Legislative Assistant to Rep. Dave Weldon (FL-15), a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, focusing on military and civil space issues. In the private sector, Hannis was Vice President and head of the defense practice at The Russ Reid Company, a government relations firm, as well as Executive Director at Etherton and Associates, a defense consulting firm. While at both firms, he represented both small and large defense companies on Capitol Hill, in the Pentagon, as well as in other government agencies. Hannis also currently serves as a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve and is certified as an International Affairs specialist by the Department of Defense. He has served over nineteen years in the military, including over nine years on active duty, which included assignments in international political-military affairs, operations planning, fighter aircraft maintenance and munitions operations, logistics, and Congressional affairs. His last active assignment was as the Country Director for Afghanistan and Central Asia for the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for International Affairs (SAF/IA). Hannis' military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, as well as the German Armed Forces Military Proficiency Badge, gold level. He is a graduate of Air Command and Staff College (ACSC) and is currently a student in Air War College. Hannis earned a B.A. with honors from Hamilton College (NY) and holds a J.D. from Catholic University School of Law (DC) with a certificate of specialization in international law.

**Omran Hasan** - News producer, Alhurra TV, Middle East Broadcasting Networks

Omran Hasan has been a news producer for Alhurra TV at Middle East Broadcasting Networks, since 2009. From 2006-9 he was the founder and director of the Arab Reform Project AAFAQ (Horizons), which linked pro-democracy activists throughout the Middle East. From 2003-6 he was a journalist for Radio Sawa where he created and ran a news program broadcasting to the Middle East, featuring political, economic, and cultural news to the Middle East. From 2004-5, he was Senior Editor of the "Iraq Democracy Papers" for the Foundation for the Defense of Democracy in Washington DC, which entailed supervising the production of a 6-part study of key ideas and pillars of liberal democracy from different areas and cultures (Arabic, Islamic, Western and Asian). From 2002-3 he was a journalist for Al-Jazeera Channel in Doha, Qatar. He received his B.Sc. in Telecommunication Engineering at the College of Telecommunication in Sofia, Bulgaria, and studied journalism at the University of Bahrain. He is fluent in Arabic, English, and Bulgarian.

**Todd Leventhal** - Lead for Academic and NGO Information and Europe, Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications, Department of State

Todd Leventhal has served at the State Department for the past four years, as Lead for Academic and NGO Information and Europe for Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications, an interagency organization that uses communication to discourage recruitment to al-Qa'ida and similar groups. From 2002-2010, he was a Senior Policy Officer for Countering Disinformation and Misinformation, which countered September 11 conspiracy theories, Iraqi propaganda and disinformation, and many other false anti-American allegations. Wrote webpage and blog on "Conspiracy Theories and Misinformation." From 2000 till 2002, he was an analyst for the Defense Department, where he analyzed Russian and other foreign perception management operations. After the September 11 attacks, he wrote and edited daily compendium of foreign perceptions on the war on terror for Secretary of Defense and Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff. From 1987 to 1996, he was a Senior Policy Officer for Countering Disinformation. Countered Soviet, Iraqi, and other disinformation, misinformation, conspiracy theories and urban legends, including false stories about AIDS, depleted uranium, adoption for organ trafficking, and other anti-

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[Ambassador Hamdullah Mohib](#) – Afghanistan’s Ambassador to the U.S.

Before being appointed Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Hamdullah Mohib served as Deputy Chief of Staff to H.E. The President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. The role included oversight of the spokesperson’s office, the office of correspondence and diplomatic communications, protocol office, petitions office, and the Presidential secretariat. During his tenure at the Presidential Palace, his role involved liaison with governmental counterparts and drafting of bilateral and multilateral agreements. Dr. Mohib also engaged in the substantive preparation and implementation of official presidential visits to Azerbaijan, Belgium, China, Germany, India, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States as part of the administration’s strategy for geopolitical and economic integration. Dr. Mohib led the presidential negotiating team for several inter-government cooperation agreements and the formulation of Afghanistan’s national development "Realizing Self-Reliance" reform strategy. Dr. Mohib has a PhD and Bachelors degree with honors from Brunel University in the United Kingdom. The university honored him with an award for social and cultural contributions to campus, and a research scholarship to pursue a Doctorate of Philosophy. Before joining the government, Dr. Mohib worked for the American University of Afghanistan and Intel Corporation. Dr. Mohib has been an active leader in civil society among the global Afghan community. He founded the largest Afghan diaspora youth association in Europe, the Afghan Students Association of the UK. He also founded and served as Chairman of the Board for the Afghan Professionals Network (APN). As part of APN, he started a think-tank “Discourse Afghanistan”, and initiated community service programming to support special needs orphans in Kabul, and to recognize achievements of Afghan women. Dr. Mohib is fluent in English, Pashto, and Dari, with proficiency in Urdu/Hindi. He is a published writer on Afghan politics, as well as on academic research.

[Tomasz Mroczkowski](#) – Professor of International Business and Management, Kogod School of Business Management, American University

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[Michael Poliakoff](#) - President, American Council of Trustees and Alumni

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[Marion Smith](#) - Executive Director, Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation

Marion Smith is a civil-society leader, expert in international affairs and has been Executive Director of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation since March 2014. As Executive Director, he provides strategic leadership for VOC and spearheads its educational initiatives. In addition to his work at VOC, Smith is also founding president of the Common Sense Society, an international foundation that promotes civic engagement, entrepreneurship, and leadership virtues among young professionals in the United States and Europe. Smith is a native of South Carolina, where his ancestors fought as both Patriots and Tories during the American War of Independence. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Wofford College with a bachelor of arts degree in Government & History. He has studied in England, France, The Netherlands, and Hungary, where he received a masters' degree in International Relations from Central European University. He is chairman of the National Civic Art Society and was previously a visiting fellow at the B. Kenneth Simon Center for Principles and Politics at The Heritage Foundation. Smith's research focuses on the role of ideas in American foreign policy, U.S. diplomatic and military history, and on the future of transatlantic security cooperation. His articles have appeared in various publications, including USA Today, CNN.com, The Hill, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, National Review, and The Weekly Standard.

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**Anatol Steck** - Project Director of the International Archival Programs, USHMM

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**Cully Stimson** – Manager, National Security Law Program, Davis Institute for International Studies, Heritage Foundation

Charles “Cully” Stimson is a widely recognized expert in national security, homeland security, crime control, drug policy and immigration. A senior legal fellow at The Heritage Foundation since 2007, Stimson became Manager of the National Security Law Program in Heritage's Davis Institute for International Studies in April 2013 after serving as Heritage's chief of staff for a year. Stimson writes and lectures on policy issues such as the law of armed conflict, terrorist detainee policy and interrogations, the Geneva Conventions, military commissions, the Patriot Act and FISA, criminal law and the death penalty, immigration and the war on drugs. As chief of staff to then-Heritage President Edwin J. Feulner, he was a key adviser on public policy matters as well as manager of Feulner's office staff and Heritage's day-to-day operations. Stimson's many research papers, op-eds and articles include special reports such as “Adult Time for Adult Crime,” a comprehensive study on the constitutionality of life sentences for teenage murderers, and Sexual Assault in the Military: Understanding the Problem and How to Fix It, a ground-breaking paper detailing the inner workings of the military justice system compared to its civilian counterpart. His work on criminal and immigration law has been cited in briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court. He testifies before the U.S. Senate and House on national security issues, and recently testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee on the Law of Armed Conflict, Law of War, and the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force. Before joining the think tank in 2007, Stimson served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs. He advised then-Secretaries of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Robert Gates and coordinated the Pentagon's global detention policy and operations, including at Guantanamo Bay and in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was chairman of detainee-related panels such as the Defense Senior Leadership Oversight Committee, and the Special Detainee Follow Up Group. He represented the United States before the U.N. in Geneva, Switzerland in May 2006 where he led the DOD delegation in defense of the United States' Second Period Report on the Convention Against Torture. An accomplished trial lawyer, Stimson worked as a prosecutor at the local, state and federal levels, where he concentrated on violent crimes such as homicide, sexual assault and domestic violence. A third generation naval officer, Cully also served as a military prosecutor, defense counsel, and recently served as Deputy Chief Judge of the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary. He continues to serve, with the rank of Captain, as the Commanding Officer of the Appellate Government Division of NR Navy-Marine Corps Appellate Review Activity. Stimson's thousands of media interviews and appearances include Fox News Channel, MSNBC, CNN, BBC, NPR and C-SPAN. He has been quoted by most major newspapers,

including The Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and London Times. A businessman and educator by training, Stimson is Vice Chairman of his family's commercial real estate company in Seattle. Before 9/11, he was a Vice President at a New York-based global financial services and insurance brokerage firm where he ran the private equity mergers and acquisitions D.C. operation. Stimson holds a law degree from the George Mason University School of Law, where he later taught as an Adjunct Professor of Law. He is a graduate of Kenyon College, where he was Captain of the men's varsity soccer team and an All-Conference player. He also studied at Harvard and Exeter universities. An avid soccer player and triathlete, he serves as Chairman of the Board of the United States Soccer Foundation, the charitable giving arm of U.S. Soccer.

### [John Sullivan](#) – Founding Executive Director, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

Dr. John D. Sullivan recently retired after 32 years as the executive director of the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), an affiliate of the US Chamber of Commerce. As associate director of the Democracy Program, Dr. Sullivan helped to establish both CIPE and the National Endowment for Democracy in 1983. After serving as CIPE program director, he became executive director in 1991. Under his leadership CIPE developed a number of innovative approaches that link democratic development to market reforms: combating corruption, promoting corporate governance, building business associations, supporting the informal sector, and programs to assist women and youth entrepreneurs. Today, CIPE has more than 90 full-time staff with offices in Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, and Ukraine. Dr. Sullivan began his career in Los Angeles' inner city neighborhoods, helping to develop minority business programs with the Institute for Economic Research and the Office of Minority Business Enterprise. In 1976 he joined the President Ford Election Committee in the research department on campaign strategy, polling, and market research. Dr. Sullivan joined the public affairs department of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in 1977 as a specialist in business and economic education. Sullivan is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Russian Institute of Directors' Advisory Board, the Bretton Woods Association, and the American Political Science Association. He serves on the Advisory Board for the Ira M. Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Ownership at the Columbia University Law School. He is also a member of the UN Global Compact Working Group on the Tenth Principle and the OECD MENA Investment Task Force. Additionally, Dr. Sullivan serves as the Vice Chair of the Development Task Force of the Business Advisory Committee (BIAC) to the OECD. Born in Bisbee, Arizona, in 1948, Sullivan was raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He now resides in Alexandria, Virginia, with his wife, Patricia. He received a doctorate in political science from the University of Pittsburgh and is the author of numerous publications on the transition to democracy, corporate governance, and market-oriented democratic development. Dr. Sullivan is currently an adjunct faculty member at George Mason University Graduate School of Public Affairs.

### [J Michael Waller](#)

Dr. J. Michael Waller has been a scholar-practitioner in public diplomacy, political warfare, psychological operations and information operations in support of US foreign and military policy for more than 25 years. He was a member of the staff of the US House of Representatives and the US Senate, served on the White House Task Force on Central America, was an operative for members of the White House Active Measures Working Group, and has been a consultant to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the US Information Agency, the US Agency for International Development, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the US Army, and the US Special Operations Command. In 2006 he received a citation from the Director of the FBI for "exceptional service in the public interest." He has designed and

conducted specialized training courses for the US military and civilian agencies. Prof. Waller can think like an insurgent, having received military training as an insurgent with the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan Resistance in the 1980s. He successfully trained scores of U.S.-backed insurgent commanders (Nicaraguan) in political warfare and psychological operations and aided their demobilization and transition into a democratic society. He worked with Afghan resistance fighters against Soviet Army. He also successfully trained U.S.-backed foreign military counterinsurgency forces to defeat guerrillas and terrorists through non-kinetic means; and designed and implemented ideological warfare operations to infiltrate and disrupt adversary political front organizations and hostile foreign security and intelligence services. Currently he is the director of the only graduate studies program in the United States on the integration of public diplomacy and political warfare as low-cost/high-impact solutions to leverage, avoid or prevent lethal kinetic force. He is also the Founder and President of Strategic Information Services, LLC, an education, training, publishing and information strategy company.