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## **Dr. Hans Binnendijk**

Hans Binnendijk is currently the Theodore Roosevelt Chair in National Security Policy and Founding Director of the Center for Technology and National Security Policy at the National Defense University. He previously served on the National Security Council as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control (1999-2001). From 1994 to 1999, Dr. Binnendijk was Director of the Institute for National Strategic Studies at the National Defense University. Prior to that, he was Principal Deputy Director and Acting Director of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff (1993-1994). He also served as Deputy Staff Director and Legislative Director of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (1980-1985). He has received numerous awards for his government service, including two Distinguished Public Service Awards and a Superior Service Award. In academia, Dr. Binnendijk was Director of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University, where he was also the Marshall B. Coyne Research Professor at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service (1991-1993). He was Deputy Director and Director of Studies at London's International Institute for Strategic Studies and Editor of *Survival* from 1988-1991. He is author or co-author of more than 100 articles, editorials and reports. His most recent book is *Seeing the Elephant: The U.S. Role in Global Security* (Potomac Books: 2006). Dr. Binnendijk is a 1968 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He received his M.A.L.D. and his Ph.D. in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.

## **Admiral Dennis Blair**

Admiral Blair holds the John M. Shalikashvili Chair in National Security Studies with the National Bureau of Asian Research. Last year he held the Omar Bradley Chair of Strategic Leadership at the Army War College and Dickinson College. From 2003 to 2006 he was the president and chief executive officer of the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA), a federally funded research and development center based in Alexandria, Virginia. He is deputy director of the Project for National Security Reform, and a member of the Energy Security Leadership Council of Securing America's Future Energy. Prior to retiring from the Navy in 2002, Admiral Blair served as Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, the largest of the combatant commands. During his 34-year Navy career, Admiral Blair served on guided missile destroyers in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets and commanded the Kitty Hawk Battle Group. Ashore, he served as Director of the Joint Staff and as the first Associate Director of Central Intelligence for Military Support. He has also served in budget and policy positions on the National Security Council and several major Navy staffs. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Admiral Blair earned a master's degree in history and languages from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, and served as a White House fellow at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He has been awarded four Defense Distinguished Service medals, two National Intelligence Distinguished Service medals and



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has received decorations from the governments of Japan, Thailand, Korea, Australia and Taiwan.

## **General Carlton Fulford, Jr.**

General Fulford presently consults with U.S. government and other private organizations on security matters. He served as Director of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, a Department of Defense regional center, from 2003-2006. He retired from the Marine Corps in February 2003 with the rank of General after serving as Deputy Commander of U.S. European Command, a position that included extensive work on U.S.-Africa relations and travel throughout Africa.

## **Mr. David Gompert**

David C. Gompert is a Senior Fellow at the RAND Corporation and a member of the faculty of the RAND Pardee Graduate School. Prior to this, he was Distinguished Research Professor at the Center for Technology and National Security Policy, National Defense University. His government positions have included Senior Advisor for National Security and Defense, Iraq (2003-2004); Special Assistant to President George H. W. Bush (1990-1993); and at the State Department, Deputy to the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, Deputy Director for Political-Military Affairs, and Special Assistant to the Secretary of State (1975-1983). At RAND, he has been Vice President and Director of the National Defense Research Institute (1993-2000) and President of RAND Europe (2000-2003). Mr. Gompert has published extensively in the field of international affairs, national security policy, defense strategy and information technology.

## **Dr. John Gordon IV**

Dr John Gordon completed a Bachelors degree in History from The Citadel in 1977, Masters of Arts in International Relations from St Mary's University in 1988, MBA from Marymount University in 1996, and a PhD in Public Policy from George Mason University in 2005. The subject of his dissertation was the Quadrennial Defense Review process. He joined RAND in 1997 following a 20-year U.S. Army career. While in the Army, he served as a field artillery officer. He participated in the 1994-95 Roles and Missions Commission, the 1996-97 Quadrennial Defense Review, and the Deep Attack Weapons Mix Study, all while on the Army Staff in the Pentagon. Since joining RAND, he has participated in and led numerous studies for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Departments of the Army and Navy. Dr Gordon has authored or co-authored numerous RAND reports. He has led or participated in RAND research projects for the governments of the Sweden, Italy, and Germany. The projects for European clients have included assessments of the strategic challenges that each nation faced and the adequacy of their national force structures and



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modernization plans to address those challenges. He has also authored over 20 articles on defense topics in professional journals. Dr Gordon is also an adjunct professor at both Georgetown and George Mason Universities, teaching courses in counterinsurgency, federalism, strategy, and modern conventional military operations.

## **Dr. Daniel Gouré**

Dr. Gouré is a Vice President with the Lexington Institute, a nonprofit public-policy research organization headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. He has held senior positions in both the private sector and the U.S. Government. Most recently, he was a member of the 2001 Department of Defense Transition Team. Dr. Gouré spent two years in the U.S. Government as the director of the Office of Strategic Competitiveness in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He also served as a senior analyst on national security and defense issues with the Center for Naval Analyses, Science Applications International Corporation, SRS Technologies, R&D Associates and System Planning Corporation. Prior to joining the Lexington Institute, Dr. Gouré was the Deputy Director, International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). At CSIS, Dr. Gouré was responsible for analyses of: U.S. national security policy, the future of conflict and warfare, the information revolution, counter-proliferation, and defense industrial management. He directed analyses of emerging security issues with a special emphasis on U.S. military capabilities in the next century. Dr. Gouré also has done extensive consulting and teaching. From 1990 to 1991 he led a study for the U.S. Institute of Peace on deterrence after the INF Treaty. Dr. Gouré has consulted for the Departments of State, Defense and Energy. He has taught or lectured at the Johns Hopkins University, the Foreign Service Institute, the National War College, the Naval War College, the Air War College, and the Inter-American Defense College. Since 2001, Dr. Gouré has been an adjunct professor in graduate programs at the Center for Peace and Security Studies at Georgetown University, and an adjunct professor at National Defense University since 2002 – teaching a Homeland Security course at both. Dr. Gouré is a well-known and respected presence in the national and international media, having been interviewed by all the major networks, CNN, Fox, MSNBC, the BBC, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The Christian Science Monitor, the Chicago Tribune and the Los Angeles Times. He has published/written extensively in over two dozen journals and periodicals. He is also an NBC national security military analyst. Dr. Gouré holds Masters and Ph.D. degrees in international relations and Russian Studies from Johns Hopkins University and a B.A. in Government and History from Pomona College.

## **Dr. Thomas Hammes**

In his thirty years in the Marine Corps, Hammes served at all levels in the operating forces to include command of a rifle company, weapons company, intelligence company, infantry



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battalion and the Chemical Biological Incident Response Force. He participated in stabilization operations in Somalia and Iraq as well as training insurgents in various places. Hammes earned a DPhil in Modern History from Oxford in 2008 and is the author of "The Sling and the Stone: On War in the Twenty-First Century". He has published over 80 articles and opinion pieces in Washington Post, New York Times, Jane's Defence Weekly, and various professional journals.

## **Dr. James Keagle**

Dr. James M. Keagle is the Director of the Transforming National Security seminar series at the Center for Technology and National Security Policy at the National Defense University. Prior to this position, Dr. Keagle was the National Defense University's Provost (effective 2004) and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Prior to these positions, he served as a professor of National Security Strategy at NDU. In that role Dr. Keagle worked as a research faculty member assisting with NDU's modeling and simulation and work with interagency education and training. Accepting an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, he graduated second academically in his class in June 1974. Following graduation, he went to the University of Pittsburgh to complete his Master's of Arts degree in political science and earned a graduate certificate in Latin American studies. After a tour as a munitions maintenance officer, Dr. Keagle went on to become an assistant professor of political science at the U.S. Air Force Academy. In 1980, he went on to Princeton University where he completed both a Master's of Arts degree and Ph.D. in politics. He proudly notes his honorary Ph.D from the Military Technical Academy of Romania--the only United States citizen so honored. Following his extensive education, Dr. Keagle's next six tours were political-military assignment that included direct access and interaction with Cabinet-level government officials on national security related matters. These assignments included work for two Combatant Commanders as a senior strategist; for the Office of Secretary of Defense pertaining to Cuba; Deputy Director, Office of the Secretary of Defense Bosnian Task Force; and for the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force in International Affairs as Senior Strategist. Military medals include the Defense Superior Service Award, the Legion of Merit, and the Purple Heart. Since leaving military service, Dr. Keagle has held the position of adjunct professor at a number of institutions to include: Syracuse University, American University, Central Michigan University, Catholic University, University of Colorado, and Lake Superior State College. He also holds an honorary professorships with Transilvania University in Brasov, Romania, as well as the Mongolian Defense University--again, the only American so honored . Dr. Keagle and wife Kay are the proud parents of three children.

## **General Jack Keane**

General Jack Keane is Senior Managing Director and co-founder of Keane Advisors, LLC, a private equity firm. He has been elected to the Board of Directors of Metlife and General



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Dynamics. He is also a member of the Secretary of Defense's Policy Board, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a director and member of numerous non-profit organizations. General Keane, a retired four-star general, completed 37 years in public service in December 2003, culminating as acting Chief of Staff and Vice Chief of Staff of the US Army. Still active in national security, General Keane conducts frequent trips to Iraq for senior defense officials having completed multiple visits in 2007 and 2008. He serves as a national security analyst.

## **General Ronald Keys**

General Ron Keys retired in November of 2007. His last assignment was as Commander, Air Combat Command, the Air Force's largest major command. He was responsible for organizing, training, equipping, and maintaining combat-ready forces for rapid deployment and employment for more than 1,200 aircraft, 27 wings, 17 bases and 200 operating locations worldwide with 105,000 active-duty and civilian personnel. General Keys is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours in four fighter types. In his forty-year career, he commanded a fighter squadron, the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School, an F-15 wing, an A-10 and F-16 wing, the Combat Air Forces Operational Test and Evaluation Wing, a numbered air force, and Allied Air Forces Southern Europe. Additionally, General Keys was the first commander of the Air Force Doctrine Center, and served as an executive assistant to the Air Force Chief of Staff and to an Assistant Secretary of Defense. Prior to his last assignment, he was Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. General Keys now resides in Woodbridge, Virginia and is an independent consultant (RK Solution Enterprises), advising clients on strategic planning, policy, and technology across a broad range of defense and non-defense issues.

## **General Gregory Martin**

General Martin retired from the United States Air Force in September 2005 after more than 35 years of active duty. Commissioned from the US Air Force Academy in 1970, General Martin flew combat missions as a fighter pilot in Southeast Asia and advanced through ranks as an F-4 and F-15 pilot which included command duties as a squadron commander and wing commander of three wings. General Martin had a rich career in staff positions dealing with operations, training, programs, requirements and acquisition. In 2000, General Martin was selected to command the United States Air Forces in Europe and NATO's Northern Air Forces and in his final assignment, he was selected to command the Air Force Material Command at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Since retirement General Martin has become an independent consultant for a number aerospace and defense firms and Chairs the National Academies' Air Force Studies Board, the Durango Group and the MITRE Air Force Advisory Board.



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## **Mr. David H. Morrison**

David H. Morrison is Principal and Chair of the National Security and International Policy practice at the Podesta Group. He assumed this position after retiring from a 22-year career in Federal government service. Mr. Morrison most recently served as the Staff Director/Clerk of the House Defense Subcommittee on Appropriations chaired by Congressman John P. Murtha. He also held the position of Minority Staff Director of the House Defense Subcommittee, from February 2003 to January 2007. During this time, Mr. Morrison was the senior Democratic staff member on the Appropriations Committee responsible for developing legislation to fund all U.S. military and national foreign and defense intelligence activities. He was the principal defense advisor to Congressman Murtha and to the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, David Obey. He also served as a key advisor to Speaker Nancy Pelosi on defense and intelligence matters. Mr. Morrison began his Federal government career in 1985 as a budget analyst with the Office of Management and Budget's National Security Division. In 1990, he became a professional staff member on the Senate Appropriations Committee/Defense Subcommittee. In that position he oversaw all of the Department of Defense's operation and maintenance programs, the Defense Health Program, and all working capital fund activities. Through his tenure on the Committee, Mr. Morrison became recognized as one of the leading experts on DoD's operations and support activities, including contingency operations. Mr. Morrison returned to the Office of Management and Budget in 1995, serving as the Deputy Chief of the National Security Division. In 1997, he became the Deputy Associate Director of OMB for National Security – the chief of the National Security Division and the President's senior civil servant advisor on the Defense budget. Following a brief stint as Lockheed Martin's Vice President for Legislative Affairs (in 2000), Mr. Morrison returned to the Senate Appropriations Committee/ Defense Subcommittee in 2001, where he served until moving to the House. David Morrison entered Federal service as a Presidential Management Intern (class of 1985). He received numerous awards for his work, notably the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal in 2000. Since joining the Podesta Group this past January, Mr. Morrison was named a Senior Adviser for the Center for Strategic and International Studies, was contracted by the National Defense University to prepare and publish an analysis of defense budget and program trends, and recently was named as a board of director for RTC, Inc., a robotics consortium. Also, Mr. Morrison is completing the review process for being appointed to the Army Science Board.

## **Dr. Kalev Sepp**

Dr. Kalev I. Sepp is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations Capabilities. Dr. Sepp is responsible for the Department of Defense global counterterrorism portfolio. This includes policy oversight of all special operations world-wide, and formulation of the Department's global counterterrorism strategy. He received his current



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appointment in July 2007. A former U.S. Army Special Forces officer, he earned his Ph.D. at Harvard University, and his Combat Infantryman Badge in the Salvadoran Civil War. His unit assignments included the 82d Airborne Division, the 2d Ranger Battalion, the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, and the 2d Infantry Division, among others. He served as an analyst and strategist in Iraq and Afghanistan, and as an expert member of the Baker-Hamilton Bipartisan Commission on Iraq, a.k.a. the Iraq Study Group. For his work in Iraq, he was awarded the Department of the Navy Superior Civilian Service Medal, and the Secretary of Defense Medal for the Global War on Terrorism. Dr. Sepp also graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College with a Master's degree in Military Art and Science. He previously taught at the U.S. Military Academy and the Naval Postgraduate School.

### **Ms. Alisa Stack-O'Connor**

Ms. Alisa Stack-O'Connor is the Principal Deputy for the Office of Forces Transformation and Resources. Since joining the office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) in 1997, Ms. Stack-O'Connor has held several positions including Acting Director, Policy Planning; Deputy Director, Detainee Policy; and Assistant for Sensitive Special Operations. In Policy's 2006 reorganization, she established the office of Support to Public Diplomacy, where she served as Principal Director until 2008. Ms. Stack-O'Connor represented Policy on the faculty of the National War College from 2005 to 2006, where she conducted research on how and why terrorist groups employ women. Her findings have been published in several journals, including *Joint Force Quarterly* and *Terrorism and Political Violence*. From 1997 to 1999, Ms. Stack-O'Connor was an OSD Presidential Management Fellow, working in then Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence), the Joint Staff, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), and OUSD(P). In 2008, Ms. Stack-O'Connor was selected as a member of the Senior Executive Service. Prior to joining the OSD, Ms. Stack-O'Connor was a Legislative Assistant to Senator Slade Gorton, covering defense, foreign affairs, veterans, and trade issues. She also has extensive experience in the non-profit, "think tank" community, including serving as the Director, AccessAsia at the National Bureau of Asian Research and working for the Soros Foundation in Albania. Ms. Stack-O'Connor holds a Master of Science from the National War College, a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University, and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the University of Washington.