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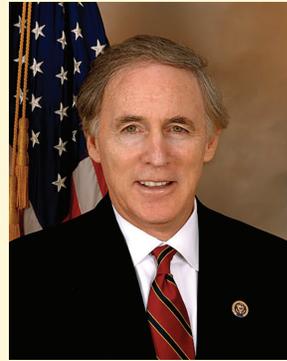


**2016 Year-End Report**



# A Message from the President

Dear Colleagues,



On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), I wish you and your families a peaceful and wonderful holiday season. It has been a busy year for the Association and having served as your president since July 1, I would like to bring you up to date on the highlights of our activities.

Our association is uniquely positioned to serve as an **educational and political resource** both here and throughout the global community. As former Members, each with our own political and personal experience, we are more than qualified to bring informed discussions to any forum. Because of our bipartisan structure we have the freedom to bring a broader perspective to our conversations. I especially want to thank our past president, Barbara Kennelly, for all her hard work and leadership during the past two years and her able support as I transitioned into the presidency. Thanks to her I inherited a vibrant, active and impactful nonprofit, doing work on our membership's behalf that is reconnecting the public with its representative government.

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# President...

The future success of our association will draw strength from our seasoned members and those new members that join our ranks. We continue to develop programs that encourage the next generation of America's leaders to understand the privilege and importance of service. Whether this next generation chooses to serve in their local communities, in the military or on the state or national level, being exposed to a bipartisan approach to problem solving will only add to their understanding of effective government. We pride ourselves in showcasing how Republicans and Democrats, still being political and partisan beings, can nonetheless have a **productive and respectful dialogue** on the many issues facing our country. The groups we interact with, most notably the thousands of students touched by our Congress to Campus program, are extremely receptive to this important message.

Your support of the association comes in many forms and all are greatly appreciated. The **Congress to Campus** program brings the opportunity for close conversations with students where they learn, often at colleges where local leaders are formed. The **Envision** program and **The Members**, our annual charitable golf tournament, have become annual parts of our programming as well. And through the **Common Ground Project**, which most notably hosts a series of public policy forums in partnership with the National Archives, we involve the public in issue-specific dialogue on a bipartisan basis. Our board of directors is extremely proud of the fact that you – our colleagues and our association's membership – have donated **more than 6,000 volunteer hours** to make our programs possible. And we never tire to share with the public and the media that all of those hours are donated to us pro bono. Thank you for your incredible commitment!

In addition to these important domestic projects, we also create numerous opportunities for former and current Members to engage with their peers from other countries. Our **Congressional Study Groups** send current Members and senior congressional staff to countries, including Germany and Japan, and bring delegations from those nations here to the United States. In addition, through **global partnerships with reputable NGOs**, we have been able to send former Member delegations overseas so that we can establish a dialogue which current Members often cannot have. For example, I had the privilege, along with four of our colleagues, to travel to China for ten days as part of a former Members fact-finding mission. In Beijing we focused on security issues, including the

South China Sea. In Chongqing and Shanghai, our program included trade and economic relations. We were briefed by the State Department and current Members before leaving, and we debriefed them upon our return. This goes to show that former Members can play a pivotal role when it comes to engaging other countries and their elected officials.

However, these activities require financial support. And your commitment is vital to sustainability.

Annual activities like the **Statesmanship Awards Dinner** are the backbone of our annual fundraising efforts. **This year's dinner is especially exciting because we will be honoring the public, corporate and NGO sectors coming together to address the STEM and computer science education shortage in our nation's classrooms.** Specifically, the honorees will be Senator Mark Warner and Representatives Anna Eshoo, Bob Goodlatte and Lamar Smith; as well as Microsoft and Code.org. We are on our way towards a fundraising goal of half a million dollars, but we need your help to get there. Currently we have several Fortune 500 companies confirmed as sponsors, including VW and Lockheed Martin. You can support the event by purchasing a table or soliciting a corporate table sponsorship. **Please see our website ([www.usafmc.org](http://www.usafmc.org)) for more information, or contact our CEO, Pete Weichlein, at [pweichlein@usafmc.org](mailto:pweichlein@usafmc.org).**

At a FMC panel not too long ago, the moderator described our Association the following way, and I could not agree more: "FMC is the seamless fabric that connects the wisdom of those who have served with the challenges of those who currently serve." I think that truly encapsulates what we do at the Association on a daily basis, and all our programs in one way or another are designed to support Members and/or Congress as an institution. I do hope our activities meet with your approval and I would welcome any input you wish to share. Thank you!

With best regards,

Cliff Stearns  
FMC President

Left photo: Master of Ceremonies Jennifer Griffin, Senator Max Cleland (D-GA), Robin King, The Navy SEAL Foundation, and Scott Keogh, Audi of America, Inc. Right photo: Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) and Statesmanship Award Honoree Senator Max Cleland (D-GA).



## 2017 Annual Statesmanship Awards Dinner

It's hard to believe we will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Statesmanship Awards Dinner on March 29, 2017. Our theme for this historic year - *STEM: Empowering Tomorrow's Technology Leaders* - will pay tribute to individuals and organizations who support and promote STEM and computer science education.

Microsoft, the Corporate Statesmanship Award Honoree, and Code.org, our Civic Statesmanship Honoree, are committed to bringing STEM education to every student and have become champions in their own right for this worthy cause.

We sincerely hope you will join us on March 29, 2017 to help us celebrate our 2017 Statesmanship Award recipients and the outstanding work they do to further STEM and computer science education in our nation's schools.

The 2016 Dinner – *Recognizing Those Who Support our Nation's Heroes* – provided a tremendous opportunity to honor our nation's armed forces and those that provide assistance to veterans. FMC honored Silver and Bronze Star recipient and national hero, Senator Max Cleland of Georgia, a distinguished public servant for nearly 50 years; Audi of America, for its company-wide commitment to facilitate the transition of active duty personnel and veterans into the labor force; and The Navy SEAL Foundation, whose mission is to provide immediate and ongoing support and assistance to the Naval Special Warfare community.

As in past years, we hope our membership will find some time to reach out to clients and colleagues that may be willing to help celebrate the 2017 honorees. A successful dinner enables FMC to continue all the impactful work we do. Your help can make our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Statesmanship Awards Dinner the most successful yet!

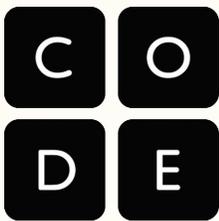
Please reach out to Rachel Haas at [RHaas@usafmc.org](mailto:RHaas@usafmc.org) or visit our website at [usafmc.org](http://usafmc.org) for more information.



We are thrilled to announce our slate of honorees: The Statesmanship Award recipients are Representative Anna Eshoo (D-CA), Representative Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), Representative Lamar Smith (R-TX) and Senator Mark Warner (D-VA). These esteemed Members of Congress



believe in the value of a substantive computer science education and



have shown their commitment to helping American students succeed in a technologically advanced global society.

Cliff Stearns (R-FL), Rep. John Lewis (D-GA), Senator Max Cleland (D-GA), Jennifer Griffin, Master of Ceremonies, Robin King, The Navy SEAL Foundation, Scott Keogh, Audi of America, Inc., Martin Frost (D-TX) and Pete Weichlein, FMC CEO.





*Distinguished Service Award Luncheon at the Library of Congress.*

## 2016 Annual Meeting and Memorial Service

The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting began in a familiar location, the House Floor, with Jim Walsh (R-NY), outgoing Vice President, presenting FMC's Annual Report that detailed the impressive work that has been accomplished over the past year. Thanks were extended to outgoing President Barbara Kennelly (D-CT) and to Jim Walsh (R-NY) for their service and leadership. And incoming President Cliff Stearns (R-FL) and incoming Vice President Martin Frost (D-TX) were welcomed. Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) expressed his gratitude for all of the former Members' careers in public service and the importance of bipartisanship, while recalling the core tenants of public service and civic understanding. Democratic Whip Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) also reflected on how closely he had worked with many of the former Members in the audience, and complimented FMC's efforts to act as a springboard for the promotion of bipartisanship within the current Congress.

The remainder of the day was full of insightful and interesting discussions, beginning with *Congress and the Public Trust*, presented by Betsy Hawkings, Program Director for the Democracy Fund's Governance Initiative. The presentation focused on the current legislative state with an analysis of the intricate web between political relationships, public opinion and outside influences. A discussion of possible remedies for some of the problems that are we are currently facing concluded the discussion.

Next former Member Bart Gordon (D-TN) led a *Conversation with Retiring Members* aimed at advising them and their families on what steps to take as they complete their time in Congress. Former Members shared their insights and experiences of their life after Congress, and how FMC can help in the transition and beyond.

The retiring Members were then recognized with our Distinguished Service Award at a luncheon in their honor. The Hon. Marjorie Rendell of the U.S. Court of Appeals, the keynote speaker, shared her experiences as the President of The Rendell Center for Civics and Civics Engagement, reinforcing the desperate need for awareness of politics and civics amongst the nation's youth. In the name of the retiring Members, a Scholarship for Civic Responsibility was presented to a DC public high school student who demonstrated a thorough understanding of the importance of civic participation.



**Judge Rendell's speech in its entirety can be found at [usafmc.org/events/Rendell](http://usafmc.org/events/Rendell).**



*Keynote speaker Judge Margorie Rendell.*

A DC student receives the Civic Responsibility Scholarship from FMC President-elect Cliff Stearns (R-FL).



## Annual Meeting *con't*

Two panel discussions followed the lunch: First, *US-Cuban Relations Enter a New Phase*, with Miguel Fraga, First Secretary of Cuba, former Members Jim Moran (D-VA), Ron Sarasin (R-CT) and Professor William LeoGrande of American University. The panel reflected on the burgeoning relationship between the United States and Cuba. Fraga revealed an intense desire from most Cubans to strengthen relations between the two countries. From his visits with American politicians, businessman and educators, he concluded that the American perspective is similarly very optimistic. Former Members Moran and Sarasin, who had traveled to Cuba on the FMC study tours, concurred with this stance from their observations and conversations with Cubans during their visit. Professor LeoGrande, who has authored several books on Cuba, articulated the current state of Cuban politics. The discussion was moderated by Lenny Steinhorn, a CBS news political analyst and a Professor at American University who also traveled to Cuba this year with FMC.

The concluding panel of the day was a press roundtable – *What an Election Campaign!* – with former Member Martin Frost (D-TX), Jennifer Jacobs of Bloomberg Politics, who had traveled with the Trump campaign, Ina Ruck of German ARD Television, who provided an international perspective, and Lenny Steinhorn of CBS Political News who provided comprehensive insight to how we got here.

The Annual Meeting concluded with a Memorial Service honoring current and former Members who had passed away in the preceding 18 months. FMC, along with FMC Auxiliary, held a beautiful and moving service in Statuary Hall attended by family members, friends and colleagues of the thirty deceased congressmen. Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) read an excerpt from *Plutarch's Lives*, conveying the importance of political thought and engagement in light of the impressive careers of those being remembered. FMC and the Auxiliary are already working on the memorial for next year and hope it will become a well-attended tradition.

**Mark your calendars: The 2017 Annual Meeting will be held June 13-14, 2017.**

Left photo: Cuba discussion with Miguel Fraga, Jim Moran (D-VA), Ron Sarasin (R-CT), Professor William LeoGrande and Lenny Steinhorn. Right photo: Press discussion on the 2016 election with Ina Ruck, Martin Frost (D-TX), Jennifer Jacobs and Lenny Steinhorn.

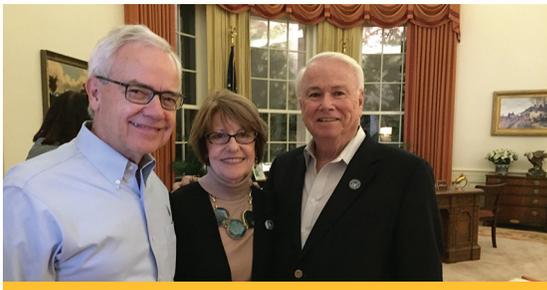




*President Reagan Library: Peter Smith (R-VT), Pete Weichlein, Jerry Patterson (D-CA), Elton Gallegly (R-CA), Bob Clement (D-TN), Phil Gingrey (R-GA), Billie Gingrey, Mary Clement, Linda Petterson, Sharon Witiw and Leticia Chambers*

## Fall Regional Meeting in SoCal

This year FMC centered their fall study tour around a visit to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Over the four day visit, 11 former Members and spouses, participating in a mini Congress to Campus visit at UCLA, visited the USS Iowa Battleship and Queen Mary Cruise Liner, had a private tour of The Getty Museum and saw Plácido Domingo perform in *McBeth* at the Los Angeles Opera House. On the final day of the visit the group traveled to Simi Valley for a private VIP tour of the Reagan Library, which included the Peace Through Strength Gallery, named in honor of former Member Elton Gallegly (R-CA). Elton and his wife Janice graciously hosted the group at their beautiful home in Simi Valley for dinner and a bipartisan watch of the second presidential debate.



### STUDY TOUR TO CUBA

The 2015 Fall Study Tour to Cuba was in such high demand there was a second tour in January 2016. Though the changes to the US-Cuba relationship are still evolving, the few month between the two visits revealed a slight thaw of the icy relationship between the two countries. On the second visit, the group traveled outside of Havana for a day to visit a self-sustaining village.

Upon on their return from the Study Tour, former Members Ron Sarasin (R-CT) and Vic Fazio (D-CA) penned an op-ed piece for *The Hill*, which can be found on our website.



**Read *The Hill* op-ed piece at [www.usafmc.org/events/cuba-the-hill-blog](http://www.usafmc.org/events/cuba-the-hill-blog).**

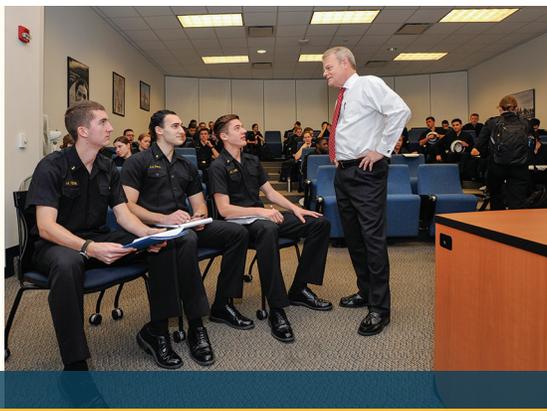
*"Connecting with Former Members of Congress was one of my favorite events of the fall. It was incredibly valuable to learn how Congress operates and how it has evolved over the years, especially as a public policy graduate student considering future career options."*

*- Student at UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs*



*Above left: Bob Clement (D-TN), Mary Clement and Elton Gallegly (R-CA) at the Reagan Library. Bottom left: Phil Gingrey (R-GA), Peter Smith (R-VT), Lynn Schenk (D-CA) and Bob Clement (D-TN) on the UCLA campus for Congress to Campus. At left: Second Study Tour to Cuba in front of the US Embassy in Havana.*

Left photo: Mike McIntyre (D-NC) at the US Naval Academy for a Congress to Campus visit. Right photo: Peter Torklidsen (R-MA) and Les AuCoin (D-OR) at Palm Beach State College.



## Congress to Campus 2016: The Busiest Ever!

*"This program helps demystify Congress for our students and makes careers in politics seem more accessible and realistic in their own lives. I think it also helps students understand that partisanship and ideological polarization are historically variable."*  
 -Professor at Muhlenberg College

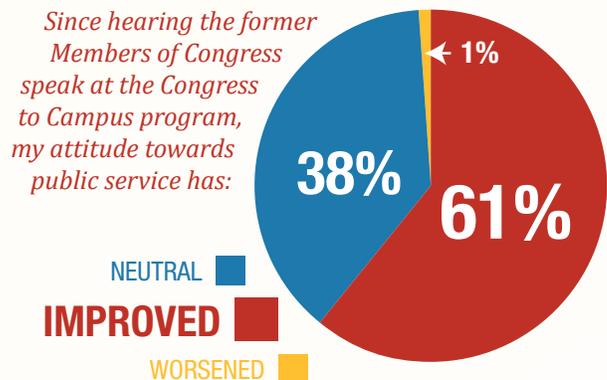
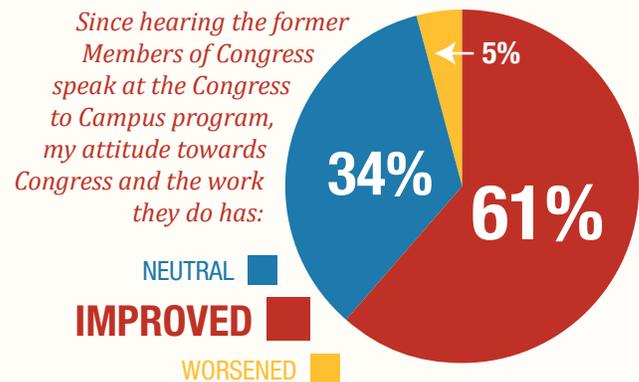
Is it the current presidential campaign or the growing reputation of our Congress to Campus program that explains the increase in demand? We say it is the program's growing reputation! More than 22 schools applied for the Congress to Campus program for the fall semester. By years end more than 50 former Members will have traveled to colleges and universities across the US and abroad, logging in nearly 5,000 volunteer hours.

For years civic education has been marginalized in the public school system to make room for the expansion of other areas of study. Fodder for late night television, the American public often cannot answer basic civics questions. In a recent survey by the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania, just a quarter of the group surveyed could name all three branches of government, and nearly a third could not name a single branch. (Strauss, Valerie "Many American know nothing about their government. Here's a Bold Way Schools Can Fix That." *The Washington Post*, September 27, 2016.) Recently, US Education Secretary John B. King Jr. acknowledged the need to expand civic education in schools. King, in a speech at the National Press Club on October 19, 2016, noted that schools have a responsibility to prepare students for their role in a democracy.

Former Members and the Association have been serious about educating students about Congress and encouraging public service for decades. Congress to Campus is just one of FMC's many programs that will continue to take up the mantle of Secretary King's concerns. Just this year more than 6,000 students heard from former Members through FMC's various civic education programs, including Congress to Campus and speaking to high school and middle school students here in DC. The former Members' efforts to increase civic literacy, to demonstrate civil discourse and to promote the value of public service is clearly having an impact.



Gil Gutknecht (R-MN) and Sam Coppersmith (D-AZ) at Coastal Community College District.





If you'd like to volunteer for one of our Congress to Campus visits in 2017, please contact Sharon Witiw at 202-222-0922 or [switiw@usafmc.org](mailto:switiw@usafmc.org).

Our Congress to Campus International Program also had a busy year, with visits to Jordan, Spain, Canada and two visits to the United Kingdom. These visits are a week long and often require visiting several universities, as well as meetings with government or community leaders.

Slightly outside the Congress to Campus umbrella, but firmly in the civic education realm, more than 15 former Members spoke to hundreds of middle school students this summer through a partnership with Envision. We also are building a relationship with the DC public schools and have had several former Members speak at several DC high schools this fall. FMC will continue to reach out to the secondary schools, along with our work with colleges, to bring our Membership's unique understanding of Congress to more students. We would like to thank the many former Members (too many to list this year!) that have supported the program mission. We would also like to thank our partner, The Stennis Center for Public Service, and the staff at the host schools for making the Congress to Campus program so incredibly successful.

*"It is amazing to watch such individuals talk and answer questions that are so widely debated from both sides. They answered questions with grace and stayed on message while listening and letting the other side know they are heard."*

-Student from Indiana University Purdue



Top left: Lynn Schenk (D-CA) speaks with UCLA students. Bottom left: Jim Slattery (D-KS) and Tom Hartnett (R-SC) at the US Naval Academy. Below: Ambassador Tim Roemer (D-IN) and Tom Petri (R-WI) at Boise State.



*"The understanding of Congress that I held was that the two parties cannot and will not work together. From the former Congressmen's visit I learned that it is perfectly feasible for the two parties to work together if they laid to rest their partisanship."*

-Student at Arizona State University

Sen. Bennett Johnston (D-LA), Meredith McGehee, Sen. Bill Brock (R-TN), Amb. Tim Roemer (D-IN), Tim Petri (R-WI) and Jeff Shesol discuss the History of Finance in American Politics at the National Archives.



## National Archives Panel Series Now in its 6<sup>th</sup> Year

The Association continued its extremely productive partnership with the National Archives. Now in its sixth year, the NARA Program offers FMC the opportunity to bring to the public bipartisan panels having a timely discussion on the issues of the day. All panel discussions are free of charge and often are carried live by C-Span or an affiliated channel.

2016 certainly was no different and featured three outstanding panels. We focused on the role of money in politics in February. Speaking to a standing-room only audience, former Members Tim Petri (R-WI), Bennett Johnston (D-LA), Bill Brock (R-TN) and Tim Roemer (D-IN) were joined by issue experts Jeff Shesol and Meredith McGehee. The group focused on the *History of Finance in American Political Campaigns*, from the beginning of our nation to today's Super PACs, as well as the failed attempts by Congress to enact impactful campaign finance reform.



The audience at the National Archives panel discussions.

In April, *New York Times* columnist Tom Edsall interviewed former Members Lee Hamilton (D-IN) and Ray LaHood (R-IL) about their public service and their efforts at strengthening bipartisanship. The conversation was anchored by the books both former Members had recently released: Ray LaHood's *Seeking Bipartisanship, My Life in Politics*, and Lee Hamilton's *Congress, Presidents and American Politics*. In addition to reflecting on their experiences while serving in Congress, both former Members were more than qualified to comment on our current political gridlock and possible solutions to this problem.

The most recent FMC panel, on November 9, brought former Members Joe DioGuardi (R-NY) and Steve Horsford (D-NV) together with issue experts on the question of race relations in the United States. With the previous day's election as the backdrop, this conversation could not have been more timely or more important. Other panelists included Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), as well as Sam Fullwood of the Center for American Progress and Dr. Jeffrey Sammons of New York University. Award-winning journalist Charlayne Hunter-Gault moderated the presentation. A large part of the discussion focused on a racially segregated military during World Wars I and II, and Joe DioGuardi's efforts to have Medals of Honor awarded posthumously to African-American troops who were denied that recognition because of the color of their skin.

We thank these former Members and our other panelists for donating to us their time and expertise, and we also very much appreciate our continued partnership with the National Archives.



Secretary Ray LaHood (R-IL), Lee Hamilton (D-IN) and Tom Edsall of the *New York Times* discuss the former Members' books and current political gridlock at the National Archives.



## The Members: FMC's Annual Congressional Charity Golf Classic

The Members is FMC's Annual Charity Golf Classic. In 2016, we changed it up a bit and held the tournament in April rather than the summer. The weather was beautiful, the wounded warrior players were truly inspiring and the current and former Members showcased bipartisanship!



Mark your calendars for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Members charity golf tournament on July 17, 2017!

Not only was it fun, but this year we raised more than \$130,000 for the charities and are closing in on raising a million dollars for charity since the tournament became a charity event. Disabled Sports USA of Warfighters Sport and Tee It Up for the Troops continue to be the sole beneficiaries for the tournament. Both organizations use golf to help warriors regain physical strength and movement and improve motivation and spirit of the warriors. The tournament is fortunate to have former Members Dennis Hertel (D-MI) and Ken Kramer (R-CO) as Co-Chairs, along with Honorary Co-Chairs Congressmen Jimmy Duncan (R-TN) and Gene Green (D-TX), to put together such a wonderful event.

Next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the charitable tournament. With such a significant anniversary of an outstanding event, we hope all former Members will consider coming to play or finding a sponsor for the tournament.



If you'd like to learn more about our 2017 golf tournament, please contact Sharon Witiw at 202-222-0922 or [switiw@usafmc.org](mailto:switiw@usafmc.org).

Former Members Vic Fazio (D-CA), Bart Gordon (D-TN), Mike Ferguson (R-NJ) and Bob Livingston (R-LA) discuss the presidential election with moderator Lenny Steinhorn.



*We would like to thank the countless former Members who helped with the many events in 2016.*

## 2016 FMC Calendar of Events

**FEB** Luncheon Discussion with visiting Turkish Parliamentarians

Second Study Tour to Cuba

Panel Discussion: *Climate Change and Energy: Sino-American Partnership after Paris*

Panel Discussion at National Archives: *History of Finance in American Political Campaigns*

FMC Board Appreciation Night at Ford's Theater

Congress to Campus: Palm Beach State College

Congress to Campus: Denison University

Congress to Campus: Suffolk University

Congress to Campus: Allegany College

Congress to Campus International: UK

**MAR** Retiring Members Breakfast Roundtable: *Life After Congress*

Panel Discussion at American University: *Making a Hard Case for Soft Power*

Panel Discussion: *China's One Belt One Road Initiative*, featuring Former Chair of China Banking Commission

Congress to Campus: US Naval Academy

Sen. Carol Moseley Braun (D-IL) and Mary Bono (R-CA) at the debate style discussion in Germany.



Congress to Campus: University of Maryland, focused on Voting Rights Act

**APR** Debate Style Discussions in Germany: *Who are the Presidential Candidates*

Panel Discussion: *US-Japan-South Korea Trilateral Discussion*

The Members: FMC's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Panel Discussion at the National Archives: *Congress, Presidents and American Politics: 50 Years of Writings and Reflections*

Smithsonian hosts former Members: *American Democracy Program*

Congress to Campus: Coastal College District

Congress to Campus: Indiana University East Indiana

Congress to Campus: Boise State University

Congress to Campus International: Jordan

Congress to High School: Duke Ellington High School, Washington, DC

Congress to High School: HD Woodson High School, Washington, DC

**MAY** Roundtable with fellows visiting from Morocco and Tunisia: *The US Congress and Being a Member*

Former Members speak with an international group of Emerging Young Leaders visiting DC

Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians Annual Meeting hosts a FMC Board Member

European Union Association of Former Parliamentarians Annual Meeting host a FMC Board Member

Congress to Campus: West Point Military Academy

**JUN** A Delegation of former Members travel to China

46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Memorial Service



Former Members Ron Sarasin (R-CT), Jim McCreery (R-LA), Tom Petri (R-WI) and Martin Lancaster (D-NC) with a visiting delegation of educators from China.



Top photo: Cliff Stearns (R-FL), Ambassador Robert R. King, Frank Wu, Susan Lawrence and Scott Snyder at a discussion on North Korea. Bottom photo: Former Members Cliff Stearns (R-FL), Jim McCreery (R-LA), Tom Petri (R-WI), Tim Roemer (D-IN) and Mike Ross (D-AR) at the Great Wall of China.

Five Sessions of former Members speaking to middle school students on the House floor  
 Panel discussion: *Defiant North Korea: An Urgent need for US-Sino Cooperation*

**JUL** Roundtable discussion about Congress with visitors on a German-Jewish Exchange program

Three sessions of former Members speaking to middle school students on the House floor

Roundtable discussion: *The US and Russia: Is a Bilateral Dialogue Possible?*

**AUG** Three sessions of former Members speaking to middle school students on the House floor

**SEP** Three-panel Forum for visiting educators from China: *2016 Elections and the US-China Relations*

Panel Discussion and Reception: *2016 Election*

Luncheon Discussion: *The 2016 Election and Campaigns* featuring Charlie Cook

Oktoberfest

Congress to Campus: Johns Hopkins University

Congress to Campus: Park University

Congress to Campus: Alcorn State University

Congress to Campus: Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

Congress to Campus: Wilkes University

Congress to Campus: Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Congress to Campus: Penn State University Erie

Congress to Campus International: Canada

Congress to High School: Rockville High School, Rockville, MD

**OCT** Roundtable Discussion with fellows visiting from Egypt and Algeria: *The US Congress, and the Role of NGOs in the US*

Panel Discussion: *Navigating Tensions in the South and East China Seas*

Fall Regional Meeting, Southern California

Congress to Campus: University of Northern Iowa

Congress to Campus: University of Maine

Congress to Campus: Muhlenberg College

Congress to Campus: Bradley University

Congress to Campus: Lake Forest College

Congress to Campus: Arizona State University

Congress to Campus: US Naval Academy

Congress to Campus International: Spain

**NOV** Panel Discussion at the National Archives: *From the Trenches of WWI to the November 2016 Elections: Race Relations in America*

Congress to Campus: Nicholls University

Congress to Campus International: UK

Congress to High School: Duke Ellington High School, Washington, DC

Congress to High School: HD Woodson High School, Washington, DC

**DEC** Life After Congress panels



Left photo: Gwen Moore (D-WI) along with former Member and current Mayor of Milwaukee Tom Barrett (D-WI) and FMC Secretary Tom Petri (R-WI). Right photo: A meeting with Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch.



## The 2016 Battleground Study Tour

Americans and foreign observers alike tend to think of American presidential campaigns as national elections, but in truth many elections come down to which candidate gains the greatest number of Electoral College votes in a small number of battleground states.

For the past decade, The Congressional Study Groups have organized The Battleground Study Tour – an experiential program that immerses foreign, federal and state government officials and other opinion leaders firsthand in the issues, candidates and politics of the American electoral system on a local and regional level.

In October 2016, our Congressional Study Group on Germany partnered with Atlantik-Brücke to bring a cross-sectoral delegation of German leaders to Madison, Milwaukee and Waukesha, Wisconsin. The week-long program included roundtable discussions with federal, state and local politicians, pollsters, journalists, academics, students and industry representatives. The delegation also visited both Democratic and Republican campaign field offices. And, of course, the group had the chance to celebrate Wisconsin's German heritage with a visit to Lakefront Brewery.



Wisconsin State Senator Fred Risser, the longest-serving state legislator in American political history, addresses the delegation of the 2016 Battleground Study Tour in Madison, Wisconsin.

### FEATURED DISCUSSANTS:

#### Politics

- Governor Scott Walker
- Governor Rebecca Kleefisch
- US Representatives Gwen Moore (D-WI), Mark Pocan (D-WI) and Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI)
- State Senator Fred Risser
- Mayor Tom Barrett, City of Milwaukee
- Pete Meachum, Wisconsin State Director of Donald J. Trump for President
- Kory Kozloski, Executive Director, Democratic Party of Wisconsin

#### Academia & Civil Society

- Dr. Ray Cross, President of the University of Wisconsin System
- Prof. David Canon and Prof. Kenneth R. Mayer, UW-Madison Department of Political Science
- UW-Madison College Democrats, College Republicans and Associated Students of Madison

#### Journalists, Industry & Other Key Experts

- Jeff Mayers (WisPolitics), Paul Maslin (FM3 Research), and Brandon Scholz (The Capitol Group LLC)
- Charlie Sykes (620 WTMJ)
- Tom Still, President of the Wisconsin Technology Council and Council Corporate Members

#### Site Visits

- Coordinated Campaign Offices
- Lakefront Brewery

*Special thanks go to Scott Klug (R-WI) and Tom Petri (R-WI) for sharing their hometown networks with us.*



Former Members LF Payne (D-VA), Mickey Edwards (R-OK), Steven Horsford (D-NV) and Anne Marie Buerkle (R-NY) brief members of the European press on the state of the 2016 US elections.

## The Congressional Study Groups in 2016

**FEB** “Opportunities and Barriers for Transatlantic Innovation,” featuring Mr. Ulrich Grillo, President of the Federation of German Industries

“Post-New Hampshire – What The Results (Don’t) Tell Us About The Next President,” featuring The Hon. Bart Gordon (D-TN), The Hon. Dennis Hertel (D-MI), The Hon. Bob Livingston (R-LA) and The Hon. Bob Walker (R-PA)

Roundtable: “Prospects for Economic Engagement in Iran,” featuring Mr. Christopher Backemeyer (US Department of State) and The Hon. Stuart E. Eizenstat

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congressional Delegation to Japan (Okinawa and Tokyo)

“The Syrian Crisis: Challenge for the US-Turkish Alliance,” featuring CSGT Co-Chair The Hon. Ed Whitfield (R-KY), Dr. Soner Çağaptay (The Washington Institute for Near East Policy), Dr. Ömer Taşpınar (Brookings) and Dr. Joshua Walker (GMFUS)

“A Conversation with the Honorable John B. Emerson, US Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany”; hosted by The Hon. Ted Deutch (D-FL), CSGG Co-Chair

**APR** “A Conversation with Dr. Markus Ederer, State Secretary in the German Federal Foreign Office”; hosted by the leadership of The Congressional Study Group on Germany



**MAR** 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress-Bundestag Seminar (Florida, Nebraska, and Washington, DC); hosted by The Hon. Ted Deutch (D-FL), CSGG Co-Chair

Former Members of Congress Election Analysis Trip in Japan, featuring The Hon. Thomas Petri (R-WI) and The Hon. Dennis Hertel (D-MI)



Above left: Alan Lowenthal (D-CA) and Suzan DelBene (D-WA) at a roundtable on public-private partnerships in cybersecurity. Above right: Peer Steinbrück of the German Bundestag and Ted Deutch (D-FL) chair a session of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress-Bundestag Seminar in Boca Raton, Florida. Lower right: Charlie Dent (R-PA), co-chair of the Congressional Study Group on Germany, learning about Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale during the the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress-Bundestag Seminar.



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Left photo: Delegates of the 2016 Senior Congressional Staff Study Tour to Germany pose with US Ambassador John Emerson on the terrace of the US Embassy in Berlin overlooking the Brandenburg Gate and Reichstag. Right photo: Delegates of the inaugural District Directors Study Tour pictured at Airbus Operations in Hamburg, Germany.



**MAY** "JP-ROK-US Trilateral Discussions," hosted by the Mansfield Foundation; featuring The Hon. Dennis Hertel (D-MI), The Hon. Dan Maffei (D-NY) and The Hon. Tom Petri (R-WI)

"One Month to Warsaw," featuring Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) and The Hon. Douglas Lute, US Ambassador to NATO

2016 District Director Study Tour (Hamburg)

"Voices from Hiroshima: Security in East Asia and the Future of US-Japan Alliance," with a delegation of Hiroshima Prefectural Assembly

**JUL** "The GOP 2016 and Beyond," featuring the House Republican Co-Chairs of The Congressional Study Groups

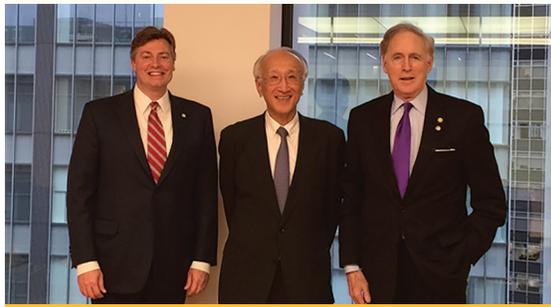
Top photo: Former Members Jason Altmire (D-PA) and Cliff Stearns (R-FL) in Japan with President of Sasakawa Peace Foundation Mr. Nobuo Tanaka. Bottom photo: Japanese Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae presents Connie Morella (R-MD) with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star on behalf of the Emperor of Japan.

"EU-US Joint Efforts to Combat Terrorism," hosted by H.E. Henne Schuwer, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

"Stopping the North Korean Threat," with special guest Frank. H. Wu, Chairman of the Committee of 100

"US-Japan Relations Ahead of the G-7," hosted by The Hon. Diana DeGette (D-CO) and The Hon. Billy Long (R-MO), Co-Chairs of The Congressional Study Group on Japan

Reception in honor of the Staff Advisory Council, hosted by H.E. Jean-Louis Wolzfeld, Ambassador of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg



Senior Congressional Staff Study Tour to Germany (Berlin)

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Senior Congressional Staff Study Tour to Japan (Okinawa and Tokyo)

**AUG** "Post-Conventions: Three-Month Election Countdown with Former Members of Congress," featuring Rep. Mike Ferguson (R-NJ), Rep. Bart Gordon (D-TN), Rep. Dennis Hertel (D-MI) and Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL); for members of the Japanese press



**JUN** "Does the Gender Gap Have a Generation Gap? Examining the Women Vote in 2016," hosted by H.E. Kirsti Kauppi, Ambassador of Finland

**SEP** Senior Congressional Staff Roundtable "Turkey: Post-Coup", featuring Mr. James Zanotti and Dr. Kemal Kirişçi

"The European Union post Brexit," hosted by H.E. David O'Sullivan, Ambassador of the European Union Delegation

“The Democratic Party 2016 and Beyond,” featuring the House Democratic Co-Chairs of The Congressional Study Groups

“Bilateral Economic Outlook in 2017,” featuring The Hon. Evan Jenkins, The Hon. Nikki Tsongas, and a delegation from the Keizai Doyukai

Election Discussion and Reception, featuring The Hon. Vic Fazio (D-CA), The Hon. Bart Gordon (D-TN), The Hon. Bob Livingston (R-LA) and The Hon. Mike Ferguson (R-NJ)

Welcome Dinner for Mr. Boris Ruge, incoming Deputy Chief of Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany

**OCT** “One Month to the Election Panel with European Press,” featuring The Hon. Ann Marie Buerkle (R-NY), The Hon. Mickey Edwards (R-OK) and The Hon. Albert Wynn (D-MD); for members of the European press

2016 Battleground Study Tour (Wisconsin), in cooperation with Atlantik-Brücke e.V.

“One Month to the Election,” in cooperation with Kyodo News Wire Service and Martin Frost (D-TX) and Cliff Stearns (R-FL)

“Update from Fukushima: Revitalization Five Years After March 11<sup>th</sup>,” featuring The Hon. Masao Uchibori, Governor of Fukushima Prefecture

“U.S. Election Update” for a delegation from Bavaria, featuring The Hon. Martin Frost (D-TX) and The Hon. Bob Walker (R-PA) in partnership with the Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung

Pre-Election Study Tour for Female Politicians; in cooperation with Turkish Coalition of America

Former Members of Congress Election Analysis Trip in Japan, featuring The Hon. Jason Altmire (D-PA) and The Hon. Cliff Stearns (R-FL), in cooperation with Sasakawa Peace Foundation

“US-China Relations in the South and East China Sea”

“Populist Movements in the US and Europe,” featuring Prof. Dr. Udo Zolleis, Chief Strategist to the European People’s Party

**NOV** “NOT the US Elections: Europe’s Own Changing Political Landscape,” featuring The Hon. Ralf Fücks, President of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung

“Reconciliation or Recrimination? American Politics in the Aftermath of the 2016 Election,” featuring The Hon. Ann Marie Buerkle (R-NY), The Hon. Bart Gordon (D-TN), The Hon. Dennis Hertel (D-MI), The Hon. Bob Livingston (R-PA) and The Hon. Ed Whitfield (R-KY)

“The Next President and the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress: What can the transatlantic business community expect?” featuring The Hon. Cliff Stearns (R-FL), The Hon. Martin Frost (D-TX) and Dr. Stefan Mair, Member of the Executive Board of the Federation of German Industries (BDI)

**DEC** Friends of The Congressional Study Groups Appreciation Reception

**LEADERSHIP** **The Congressional Study Group on Germany**  
(Founded 1983)  
Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL)  
Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)  
Rep. Charlie Dent (R-PA)  
Rep. Ted Deutch (D-FL)

**The Congressional Study Group on Japan**  
(Founded 1993)  
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)  
Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)  
Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)  
Rep. Billy Long (R-MO)

**The Congressional Study Group on Turkey**  
(Founded 2005)  
Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-VA)  
Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY)

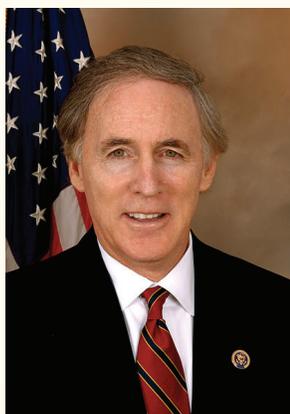
**The Congressional Study Group on Europe**  
(Founded 2011)  
Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)  
Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT)  
Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)  
Rep. Peter Welch (D-VT)

*FMC President Cliff Stearns (R-FL) and FMC Vice President Martin Frost (D-TX) share their insights on the US elections with members of the Japanese press.*



# Our New Leaders and Board

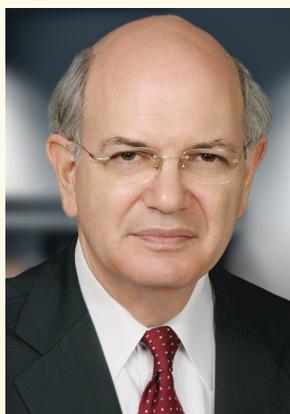
## OUR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT



**Cliff Stearns (R-FL), President, US Association of Former Members of Congress**

Over his 24-year tenure in Congress, he watched the institution undergo dramatic changes. As politicians have become more entrenched in their ideologies, they are spending more and more on their campaigns to point out the differences between them and their opponents, which leads to fundraising efforts dominating a legislator's time.

"But the real impact that I saw was that Congress really became unwilling to compromise," said Stearns, and he highlighted the budget fights over the past decade. When the appropriations process fails, Congress is giving up its own "power of the purse." He believes that our increasingly polarized news media and the rise of the internet as the source of information only compounds the problem.



**Martin Frost (D-TX) Vice President, US Association of Former Members of Congress**

"A lot of people my age, my contemporaries, got into politics because of the Vietnam War or because of Watergate," said former Member Martin Frost, who began a two-year term as Vice President of the US Association of Former Members of Congress in July 2016. "My primary motivating factor was civil rights."

Though the historic Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* declared segregation of public schools to be unconstitutional in 1954, change came slow to the country, including Ft. Worth, Texas, where former Member Martin Frost grew up. His high school would not desegregate until eight years after his graduation – 14 years after the *Brown* decision – but Frost was eager for change.

To see the complete *InProfile* articles of our newly elected President and Vice President or to see other *InProfile* articles, please go to [www.usafmc.org/Inprofile](http://www.usafmc.org/Inprofile).

## OUR BOARD MEMBERS



**The Hon. Mike Ferguson (R-NJ)  
House of Representatives  
2001-2009**

Mike Ferguson served New Jersey's 7<sup>th</sup> district from 2001 to 2009 where he was a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee. Mike was Vice Chairman of the panel's Health Subcommittee and was a leader in key policy reforms, including the enactment of several prescription drug and medical device user fee authorizations. Mike also served as a member of the Telecommunications and Internet Subcommittee as well as the the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. He also served on the House Financial Services Committee, where he played leadership roles in the enactment of Sarbanes-Oxley and the initial terrorism risk insurance law following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. After retiring from Congress, Mike founded Ferguson Strategies, a government affairs and public policy consulting firm. Mike also served as co-chairman of Chris Christie's successful 2009 gubernatorial campaign in New Jersey. Mike is chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the New Jersey Sports and Exhibition Authority and is currently a Senior Advisor at the global law firm Baker Hostetler. Mike joined the FMC Board in June of 2016.



**The Hon. Phil Gingrey (R-GA)  
House of Representatives  
2003-2015**

Phil Gingrey, a physician, served Georgia's 11<sup>th</sup> congressional district from 2003 until 2015. He served on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Health Subcommittee, the Committee on Education and the Workforce and on Armed Services. Phil was a ranking member of the Science Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation. He sponsored and won passage of several major initiatives, such as the bipartisan Generating Antibiotic Incentives Now Act and the Green Chemistry Research and Development Act. In 2009 Phil founded the

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GOP Doctors Caucus. Phil was also on the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe and was the co-chairman for the Congressional Study Group on Germany and the Congressional Taiwan Caucus. Prior to serving in Congress, Phil served two terms in the Georgia State Senate. He is currently a senior advisor in the Government & Regulatory Affairs Practice Group and the District Policy Group at Drinker Biddle. Phil joined the FMC Board in June of 2016.



**The Hon. Dan Maffei**  
(D-NY)  
House of  
Representatives  
2009-2011; 2013-2015

Dan Maffei served as a member of the United States House of Representatives during the 111<sup>th</sup> and 113<sup>th</sup> Congresses serving New York's 25<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> districts. For ten years, he was a senior communications strategist and spokesperson in the U.S. House, U.S. Senate, and political campaigns. As a Member of Congress, Dan served on four committees: Financial Services, Armed Services, Judiciary and Science and Technology. Dan worked on the House Committee on Armed Services to improve the military's capacity to defend the country from terrorist and cyber security threats. While serving on the House Committee on Financial Services in the majority, he helped pass the Credit Cardholder's Bill of Rights. Dan was a staffer for Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ), Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY) and Congressman Charles B. Rangel (D-NY), as well as a senior staff member of the House Ways and Means Committee, before running for Congress himself. Dan is currently a Commissioner on the Federal Maritime Commission. Dan joined the FMC Board in June of 2016.



**The Hon. L.F. Payne**  
(D-VA)  
House of  
Representatives  
1988-1997

L.F. Payne, a businessman who served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1988 until 1997, represented Virginia's 5<sup>th</sup> congressional district. He was one of the founders of the Congressional Blue Dogs. L.F. served on the House Ways and Means Committee and its Trade, Tax Policy, and Social Security Subcommittees. L.F. is currently a President at McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC, where he directs the federal public affairs efforts for clients. His areas of expertise include trade, tax issues, healthcare, real estate and transportation. Prior to his congressional service, L.F. was the builder of Wintergreen Resort Community and he served as chairman and president of Wintergreen Development Inc. L.F. joined the FMC Board in June of 2016.



**The Hon. Tom Petri**  
(R-WI)  
House of  
Representatives  
1979-2015

Tom "Tim" Petri represented Wisconsin's 6<sup>th</sup> congressional district for 18 terms until he retired in January 2015. He was a senior member of both the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Committee on Education and the Workforce. In the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, he served as Chairman of the Highways and Transit Subcommittee and previously served as chair of the Aviation Subcommittee. Tim pursued

legislative initiatives in several areas, including student loan reform, the federal highway program, cost-sharing for federal water projects, tax and welfare reform and health care reform. He also sponsored bipartisan legislation, the Making Work and Marriage Pay Act, which would establish a commission to examine and report to Congress on the disincentives for low-income couples to work and marry created by uncoordinated state and federal social safety net programs. Tim joined the FMC Board in June of 2016.



**The Hon. Nick Rahall**  
(D-WV)  
House of  
Representatives  
1977-2015

Nick Rahall represented West Virginia's 3<sup>rd</sup> congressional district for over thirty years. He served as the Ranking Member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and as Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee from 2007 to 2011. First elected in 1976, Nick is recognized as the youngest-elected, longest-serving Member in the history of the House. As the longest-serving Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, he was part of every federal highway debate since coming to Congress. Nick worked to build and repair the nation's highways and bridges, improve and modernize airports and provide critical water, sewer systems and flood control projects throughout West Virginia and the nation. Nick joined the FMC Board in June of 2016.

# Class Notes

**88<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS** **Ed Foreman (R-TX)(R-NM)**  
**House of Representatives 1963-1965;**  
**1969-1971**

Ed Foreman was the only person elected to the U. S. House of Representatives from two different states since the early years of our Republic, and is still actively engaged in a variety of business endeavors, including real estate, oil and gas exploration and development, transportation, public speaking seminars, et al. He recently returned from a speaking tour (health, wealth and happiness) in England, Scotland, Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands. Ed still rides horses, motorcycles and hot air balloons. He is a notable benefactor to New Mexico State University (Civil Engineering, 1955), and was recently named a member of the NMSU Foundation Board. Ed and his wife of 62 years, Barbara, reside in Dallas, Texas.

**89<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS** **Richard L. Ottinger (D-NY)**  
**House of Representatives 1965-1971;**  
**1975-1985**

Richard Ottinger just published “The UN Guide to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Laws,” a 400-page study of which he was Editor in Chief and co-author with 20 experts from around the world. It should be valuable to the many countries seeking to satisfy their commitments under the Paris Climate Change Agreement and UN Sustainable Energy Goals, all of which focus on transition from fossil fuels to sustainable energy resources. Richard was also inducted into the American Council of Environmental Lawyers and will be receiving the Gold Honor Medal from the National Institute of Social Sciences.

**Lester Wolff (D-NY)**  
**House of Representatives 1965-1981**

Lester Wolff was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor for his service in World War II.

**93<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS** **Robert E. Bauman (R-MD)**  
**House of Representatives 1973–1981**

Bob Bauman authored and published the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of *The Passport Book, The Complete Guide to Offshore Residency, Dual Citizenship and Second Passports*. Bob is a member of the District of Columbia bar and is a graduate of Georgetown University’s Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and the GU Law Center. He serves as legal counsel to The Sovereign Society and was editor of its daily e-letter, *The Sovereign Society Offshore A-Letter*. He is the author of *The Gentleman from Maryland* (Hearst Book Publishing, NY 1985); *How to Lawyer-Proof Your Life* (Shot Tower Press, Boca Raton, FL, 1995); *The Complete Guide to Offshore Residency, Dual Citizenship and Second Passports* (The Sovereign Society, 2016); co-author of *The Offshore Money Manual* (The Sovereign Society, 2002); editor of *Forbidden Knowledge* (The Sovereign Society, 2015); and author of *Where to Stash Your Cash Legally: Tax Havens of the World* (The Sovereign Society, 2014). His writings have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *National Review* and other publications.

**94<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS** **Bob Carr (D-MI)**  
**House of Representatives 1975-1981;**  
**1983-1995**

Bob Carr was named a GSPM Fellow, in addition to his duties as an adjunct professor at George Washington University. Bob will participate in select school-wide activities over the course of two years, serving as a guest lecturer, panel speaker, tour guide on the Hill and case study contributor. Bob is also a Senior Advisor at Brookings Executive Education, where in addition to teaching the budget and appropriations process, he co-leads the Brookings Legislative Fellows program. Bob has also been appointed to be a Regents’ Lecturer at UCLA in the department of Public Policy in the Luskin School of Public Affairs during the spring quarter for the 2016-2017 academic year.

**96<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS** **Jim Courter (R-NJ)**  
**House of Representatives 1979-1991**

Jim Courter was elected Chairman of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, LA, which according to Trip Advisor is American’s fourth most popular museum.

**Richard Cheney (R-WY)**  
**House of Representatives 1979-1989**

Vice President Richard Cheney supported his daughter Liz Cheney in her campaign for election of the at-large seat for Wyoming.

**98<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS** **J. Roy Rowland (R-GA)**  
**House of Representatives 1983-1995**

J. Roy Rowland of Dublin, Georgia, has written his life story in collaboration with former administrative assistant, Selby McCash. The memoir mainly focuses on his years in Congress, particularly his efforts to enact a bipartisan health care reform plan during the 1993-94 term. He chronicles his experiences growing up in a rural Georgia town during the depression years, as a family physician and as a moderately-conservative Democratic candidate in a state transitioning from blue to red. The book is scheduled to be released in the spring of 2017.

**99<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS** **Joe DioGuardi (R-NY)**  
**House of the Representative 1985-1989**

Joe DioGuardi was honored by FMC at the Statesmanship Awards Dinner 2016 for what he has done for the African American military heroes. For thirty years Joe has worked to obtain Medals of Honor, our nation’s highest Military Award, for African American soldiers from WWI and WWII who were recommended but denied the Medal due to racial segregation. Joe published an op-ed in *Roll Call* for Memorial Day on honoring African American War Heroes as an act of justice. Joe also published an article in the *Quarterly Journal of The Association of Government Accountants* in March titled *The National Debt: A Ticking Time Bomb Fueled by Rising Interest Costs*. Joe gave a keynote presentation on the National Debt at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention

of American Association of Accountants at the New York Hilton in August. At the AAA Convention, Joe also gave a speech on the *CFO Act: 25 Years Later*. This speech was later turned into an article published by Elsevier and distributed internationally. Joe authored another op-ed for *Roll Call* on the national debt which was published in September. Joe and his wife Shirley were instrumental in the preparation of, and Joe was a panelist at, the November 9<sup>th</sup> National Archives discussion, *From the Trenches of WWI to the November 2016 Elections: Race Relations in America*.

#### **Jim Kolbe (R-AZ)**

##### **House of Representatives 1985-2007**

Jim Kolbe was inducted into the Arizona Veterans' Hall of Fame in October of 2016.

#### **100<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS Curt Weldon (R-PA)**

##### **House of Representatives 1987-2007**

Curt Weldon was appointed Chairman of Emirates Agriculture City (EAC) in the United Arab Emirates (EAU). EAC is the first prototype Agriculture City in the world through a collaboration of Chinese, Russian and US Principals and Investors partnered with the Abu Dhabi Royal Family. This 1.3 billion dollar premier world initiative is consistent with UN Global Goals Initiatives and will include a research center, production center and International Conference Center with 5 Star Hotel and Village with all Organic Restaurants and Retail Outlets. Following delivery of the extensive Weldon Public Archives, consisting of 475+ cases of original files, notes, reports and original documents along with 5,000+ charts, displays, artifacts, awards and 'one of a kind' mementoes delivered to West Chester University, Weldon has 90% completed a massive Oral History that includes interviews with Curt, other Members of Congress and Administration Officials as well as foreign and domestic local, national and international leaders. The entire Weldon Archives is being indexed and will be placed on-line when completed in 2017.

Curt served as US Delegate to the Chatham House Strategic Futures Forum in Seoul in 2016 with Delegates from Korea, China, Russia and Japan discussing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Strategic Collaboration in the Far East. Furthermore, he served as Delegate and Speaker at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bosphorus Summit in Istanbul attended by 500 Delegates from 100+ nations. Curt was appointed Chairman of Royal Health Systems providing the world's first Telemedicine and Kiosk Health Assessment System for remote areas worldwide in partnership with Middle East Royal Families and Strategic Leaders worldwide.

#### **101<sup>st</sup> CONGRESS Peter Smith (R-VT)**

##### **House of Representatives 1989-1991**

Peter Smith was named "Man of the Year" by the global Open Education Consortium. Peter was also named Orkand Chair and Professor of Innovative Practices in Higher Education at the University of Maryland University College Park. He has started a blog called "Rethinking Higher Education" rethinkinghighereducation.net.

#### **Cliff Stearns (R-FL)**

##### **House of Representatives 1989-2013**

Cliff Stearns was elected President of the United States Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC) for the two-year cycle starting July 1, 2016. Cliff also recently published a book entitled "Life in the Marble Palace: In Praise of Folly" that became available November 2016. Cliff visited Japan on a trip sponsored by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation and the FMC Congressional Study Group on Japan. In addition, he visited China as part of a joint sponsorship with the China-United States Exchange Foundation and FMC.

#### **103<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS Lynn Schenk (D-CA)**

##### **House of Representatives 1993-1995**

Lynn Schenk was recognized by the University of California San Diego for her generous bequest to the campus to establish the C. Hugh Friedman and Lynn Schenk Dare to Fail Endowment Fund.

As the first woman to represent San Diego in the U.S. House of Representatives, Lynn has broken boundaries throughout her career, helping to make San Diego—and UC San Diego—what it is today.

#### **104<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS Michael Patrick Forbes (D-NY)**

##### **House of Representatives 1995-2001**

Michael Patrick Forbes, has earned dual degrees in canon law: Masters in Canon Law [M.C.L.] and Juris Canonici Licentia [J.C.L.], from the University of Ottawa and Saint Paul University, both at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. After five years of study and formation, Michael was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Church in 2013. He now serves as Tribunal Judge in the Catholic Diocese of Austin, TX for a term of five years after the appointment by Bishop Joe Vasquez, Diocese of Austin in 2016.

#### **105<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS Mike McIntyre (D-NC)**

##### **House of Representatives 1997-2015**

Mike McIntyre has been selected for the inaugural President's Award for leadership and service to rural communities by the NC Association of Electric Cooperatives. Mike also received the top award, the Saltire Award, for outstanding contribution to the promotion and preservation of Scottish history, culture & traditions from the Scottish Heritage Center Symposium at St Andrews University through his leadership as Co-Founder & Co-Chairman of the Friends of Scotland Congressional Caucus.

### Ciro Davis Rodriguez (D-TX)

#### House of Representatives 1997-2011

The Sports Foundation for Education, Inc. honored **Ciro Davis Rodriguez** with their “National Hispanic Heritage Hall of Honor” for celebrating Hispanic achievement and excellence. **Ciro Davis Rodriguez** was presented the award for “His Outstanding Achievement and Leadership in Public Service” at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas.

### 107<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS **Mike Ferguson (R-NJ)**

#### House of Representatives 2001-2009

**Mike Ferguson** joined **Baker Hostetler** on June 1, following in the footsteps of our dear departed former colleague **Mike Oxley**.

### **Robert R. “Rob” Simmons (R-CT)**

#### House of Representatives 2001-2007

**Rob Simmons**, who notes he was part of **Mike Pence** class, was elected First Selectman [Mayor] of his home town of Stonington, CT in November 2015. **Rob** noted: “So there is life after Congress”.

### 108<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS **Ben Chandler (D-KY)**

#### House of Representatives 2003-2013

**Ben Chandler** is the new CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky as of September 2016.

### 109<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS **Charlie Melancon (D-LA)**

#### House of Representatives 2005-2011

**Charlie Melancon** was appointed to serve as Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & fisheries by Govern **John Bell Edwards**.

## In Memoriam

**William Armstrong (R-CO, 1973-1991)**  
**Robert Bennett (R-UT, 1993-2011)**  
**Bill Barrett (R-NE, 1991-2001)**  
**Helen Bentley (D-MD, 1985-1995)**  
**John Brademas (D-IN, 1959-1981)**  
**Dale Bumpers (D-AR, 1975-1999)**  
**Frank Denholm (D-SD, 1971-1975)**  
**Allen Ertel (D-PA, 1977-1983)**  
*\*passed away end of 2015*

**Clyde Holloway (R-LA, (R-LA, 1987-1993)**  
**Melvin Laird (R-WI, 1953-1971)**  
**Steven LaTourette (R-OH, 1995- 2013)**  
**Delbert Latta (R-OH, 1959-1989)**  
**Abner Mikva (D-IL, 1969-1981)**  
**Robert Morgan (D-NC, 1975-1981)**  
**Mike Oxley (R-OH, 1981-2007)**  
**Martin Sabo (D-MN, 1979-2007)**  
**Ray Thornton (D-AR, 1973-1997)**  
**George Voinovich (R-OH, 1999-2011)**

## The Diplomatic Advisory Council

The Diplomatic Advisory Council (DAC) is an informal body of current Ambassadors posted in the nation’s capital and serves as a direct outreach to our strategic allies abroad. All of our programming benefits from the input, guidance and participation we receive from the members of DAC.

H.E. Kåre Aas  
*Ambassador of Norway*

H.E. Awang Adek Hussin  
*Ambassador of Malaysia*

H.E. Anne Anderson  
*Ambassador of Ireland*

H.E. Francisco Borja Cevallos  
*Ambassador of Ecuador*

H.E. Dr. Božo Cerar  
*Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia*

H.E. Jose L. Cuisia, Jr.  
*Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines*

H.E. Martin Dahinden  
*Ambassador of Switzerland*

H.E. Maguy Maccario Doyle  
*Ambassador of Monaco*

H.E. Domingos Fezas Vital  
*Ambassador of Portugal*

H.E. Petr Gandalovič  
*Ambassador of the Czech Republic*

H.E. D. Ramón Gil-Casares Satrústegui  
*Ambassador of Spain*

H.E. Geir H. Haarde  
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H.E. Kurt Jaeger  
*Ambassador of Liechtenstein*

H.E. Kirsti Kauppi  
*Ambassador of Finland*

H.E. Serdar Kılıç  
*Ambassador of Turkey*

H.E. Peter Kmec  
*Ambassador of the Slovak Republic*

H.E. Rolandas Kriščiūnas  
*Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania*

H.E. Lars Lose  
*Ambassador of Denmark*

H.E. Sylvie Lucas  
*Ambassador of Luxembourg*

H.E. Björn Lyrvall  
*Ambassador of Sweden*

H.E. George Cristian Maior  
*Ambassador of Romania*

H.E. Pisan Manawapat  
*Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand*

H.E. Ashkok Kumar Mirpuri  
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