

Dear Colleague:

Connie Morella



On behalf of me, the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and the staff of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress, we wish you a wonderful holiday season and hope that 2013 will be a healthy and successful year for you!

As has become tradition, we are sending you an end-of-year newsletter in paper form to catch you up on all our activities and give you a sense as to our planning for 2013. During the year we also sent to your e-mail address several electronic newsletters, which are archived on our website at [www.usafmc.org](http://www.usafmc.org). We encourage you to check our website often since it contains our most up-to-date information on all our programs and upcoming events.

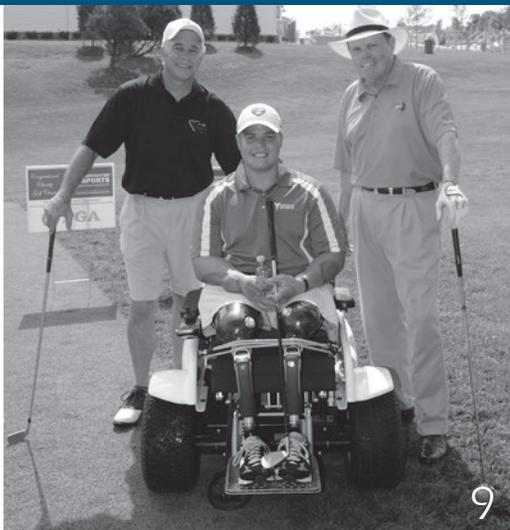
In this newsletter you will find reports and summaries of some of our 2012 projects. Our Association conducts a wide range of programming, involving former Members of Congress in projects domestically as well as abroad. Some of the highlights for 2012 include sending former Members of Congress on missions to China and the Middle East; conducting civic education programs with college, high school and middle school students throughout the United States; bringing Congress into the community, for example, via several panel discussions hosted at the National Archives; benefiting severely wounded veterans via our annual golf tournament; and keeping our members connected by organizing our annual meeting and a fall study tour to New York City. I hope you will take a minute to read about these and other programs in the following pages.

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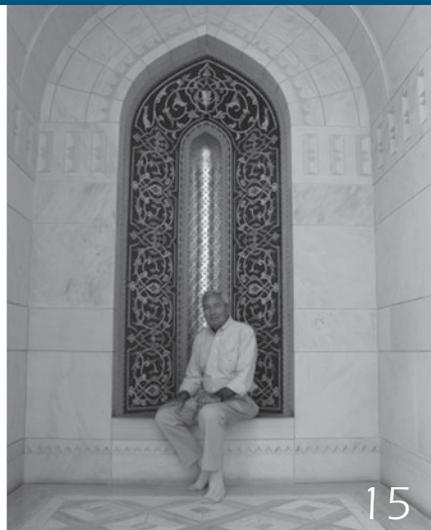
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# President's Message

## CONTINUING PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD

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Inevitably, when our Association's leadership or staff connect with former Members during one of our programs, the conversation turns to current politics and the low esteem in which America's voters hold our Congress. We all share your concern that the electorate has lost trust in the institution, and we therefore have commenced a number of activities that aim to broaden our message of public service and productive political discourse. For example, our Congress to Campus program has more than doubled the number of schools visited in 2012 vs. 2011. We also have added to a Congress to Campus visit a Congress to the Community component, so that our outreach is not limited solely to students.

We did this, for example, by conducting budget simulations in partnership with the Concord Coalition. Also, via the Common Ground Project, we continue to show that a vigorously partisan debate that is civil and respectful not only is possible, but also is the most productive means of addressing our nation's many challenges. There are many ways for you to become involved in this undertaking. We are constantly looking for former Member volunteers to participate in our bipartisan Congress to Campus visits, the Congress to the Community outreach and more specific projects. Please let us know of your interest!

There are many more ongoing programs and ad hoc projects in which you can become involved: for example, we are creating an active dialogue with China; we are hosting young professionals from the Middle East; and we are working with the U.S. Department of State so that former Members can talk about current issues with an international audience. To make these programs possible, we need your active participation!

The other ingredient that is necessary to accomplish all of the above is proper funding. As you know, while we are chartered by Congress, we receive no funding from Congress. No tax-payer dollars are earmarked for former Member activities, and that is the way it ought to be. In addition to your membership dues, our staff funds our many projects via grant monies and corporate donations. Most importantly, we depend on the success of our annual fundraising dinner for a large percentage of our budget. The Annual Statesmanship Dinner therefore is the most direct and beneficial way in which you can support our Association.

Under the leadership of our colleague Lou Frey, who has chaired this event since its inception, the dinner has become the financial lifeline of our organization. The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Statesmanship Award Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. I am very pleased to announce that our 2013 honorees are an outstanding example of the many ways public service can make a real difference, not only here in the United States, but also abroad. Senators Sam Nunn and Dick Lugar will receive the 2013 Statesmanship Award, actor Gary Sinise and the Gary Sinise Foundation will be recognized for his work on behalf of wounded veterans via the Civic Statesmanship Award, and Margery Kraus, Founder and CEO of APCO Worldwide, will be honored for her exemplary corporate philanthropy via the Corporate Statesmanship Award. These are all outstanding honorees and they truly fit our gala dinner's theme: A Salute to Service.

My wonderful Vice President, Barbara Kennelly, has joined me in setting a new and higher bar for our own membership to support this vital event. We hope you can commit to supporting this event in some way. We need your help in making this dinner a success, particularly during these challenging economic times. Maybe you or your firm could sponsor a table? Maybe a client of yours would be interested in becoming involved? Maybe you could make some phone calls to potential sponsors? We could supply you with names and phone numbers, as well as a script that never asks for money but instead gives you the opportunity to tell about the important work we do. **Please let our Chief Executive Officer, Pete Weichlein (pweichlein@usafmc.org; 202-507-4850) know if you can help.**

I have inherited a strong, active and vibrant organization from my outstanding predecessor, Dennis Hertel. On behalf of our board and membership, I want to thank Dennis for his leadership as our President for the past two years. He truly did an outstanding job! I also am very grateful to our Executive Committee for their counsel and guidance. They are Barbara Kennelly, our Vice President; Jim Walsh, our Treasurer; and Bill Delahunt, our Secretary. Also, at our last board meeting, our board of directors authorized me to expand our board by several additional seats earmarked for recently retired former Members, so that we can initiate a reinvigoration of our board. I am pleased to report that already this new initiative has seen some success and we can announce to our membership the addition of the following new board members: Russ Carnahan, Bill Delahunt, Bart Gordon, Cliff Stearns and Olympia Snowe. I very much look forward to working with these great former Members over the next two years.

I hope you will accept my invitation to become an active member of this unique and terrific organization!

With best regards,



Connie Morella  
Association President

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# “A Salute to Service:” 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Statesmanship Award Dinner

On Tuesday, March 19, 2013, FMC will celebrate its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Statesmanship Award Dinner with “A Salute to Service.” The focal point of the evening will be the presentation of the Statesmanship Awards, which recognize statesmanship by a current or former Member of Congress, a civic leader and a corporate leader, for their devotion to public service.

We are thrilled to announce that the Association will salute the service of Senators Sam Nunn (D-GA) and Dick Lugar (R-IN) as our Statesmanship Honorees for their outstanding political careers, service to our country and dedication to working together across party lines for the good of the country, most notably via the Defense Threat Reduction Agency



*Top row: Senators Sam Nunn and Dick Lugar. Bottom row: Gary Sinise and Margery Kraus.*

(DTRA). The Civic Statesmanship Award, which honors a person or a non-profit for having made significant improvement to our society, will be presented to actor Gary Sinise and the Gary Sinise Foundation for their dedication to veterans, first responders, their families and those in need. The Corporate Statesmanship Award, recognizing outstanding corporate citizenship, will be given to Margery Kraus the Founder and CEO of APCO Worldwide, for initiating exemplary corporate philanthropy at

APCO, as well as being a leader in civic education via the Close Up Foundation.

The dinner – FMC’s sole fundraiser – will take place at the Ritz Carlton in Washington, D.C. **Please contact Pete Weichlein at [pweichlein@usafmc.org](mailto:pweichlein@usafmc.org) if you are interested in participating as a sponsor.**

Our previous Statesmanship Award winners, include former President George Bush (Lifetime Honoree), Senator John Kerry, Former Speakers and Minority Leaders (represented by Dennis Hastert, Bob Michel, Tom Foley and Richard Gephardt), Secretary Ray LaHood, Veterans who are Serving in Congress (represented by John McCain, John Conyers and Dan Inouye), Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, Senator Rob Portman, SEC Chair Chris Cox, Senator John Breaux, Vice President Dick Cheney, the Greatest

Generation (represented by Bob Dole, Sam Gibbons, John Glenn, George McGovern and Bob Michel), Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary Norm Mineta, Secretary Lynn Martin, Chairman Lee Hamilton, Secretary Dan Glickman and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, on behalf of Women in Congress.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Statesmanship Award Dinner was hosted on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. Its theme also was “A Salute to Service.” The focal point of the evening was the presentation of the Statesmanship Award to Senator John Kerry (D-MA) for his outstanding political career and service to our country. There were exciting new additions to our dinner including three new awards in 2012. We recognized the Tug McGraw Foundation (Civic Statesmanship Award); David J. McIntyre, Chief Executive Officer, TriWest Healthcare Alliance (Corporate Statesmanship Award); and President George H.W. Bush (Lifetime Achievement Award, accepting via video).

As in years past, we had more than 400 guests attending the dinner, including prominent business and community leaders, members of the diplomatic community, corporate supporters, government officials and current and former Members of Congress.

Our sincere thanks to former Member Lou Frey (R-FL) who has chaired all 15 of the past dinners and has agreed to do so again for the 16<sup>th</sup> dinner in March. This year he will be joined by former Member Dennis Hertel (D-MI) as his co-chair. The success of the Association depends to a great deal on the success of this dinner and we would appreciate any assistance you can lend in connecting us with potential sponsors and ticket purchasers. Thank you and we hope to see you on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Senator John Kerry, 2012 Statesmanship Award Honoree*



# Congress to Campus

Congress to Campus continues to inspire and motivate students across the country by helping them understand how Congress operates, how it engages in productive civil discourse and the importance of public service. Having one of their most active years, pairs of bipartisan former Members criss-crossed the country visiting more than 25 different college campuses, from California State University Channel Islands to Dartmouth College, from the Naval Academy to Waubensee Community College. Congress to Campus continues its mission to bestow FMC's experience and knowledge to a variety of collegiate campuses, at various forums and to diverse student populations.

Congress to Campus captures the interest and attention of college level students and provides them with an intimate conversation about Congress and its Members, from those who have lived and breathed it, letting them know that our legislative branch is complex and complicated, and that the students, in fact, have a stake in our world today and the role that Congress plays in shaping it. It is important that students see themselves as citizens who understand the value of their input and importance of public service.

The schools acknowledge the program provides a uniquely educational experience to their students. Central Michigan University Congress to Campus Coordinator, Dr. Joyce Baugh, stated, when asked what was most beneficial about the fall visit by Barbara Kennelly (D-CT) and Steven Kuykendall (R-CA), "Everything -- the classroom visits, the interactions with students and faculty over meals, and the campus forum; helped students to understand: the real world of legislative politics, the ability of people from different parties to disagree without rancor and hostility, and that public service is honorable". In an article from BU Today, an online communication to all the students, staff

and faculty at Boston University, Virginia Sapiro, Dean of Arts & Sciences noted, "Students can see how people who disagree with each other about politics can engage in rational, civilized and intelligent discussion and deliberation about important policy issues," when commenting about having a Democrat, David Minge (D-MN) and Republican, Sue Kelly (R-NY), speak to students at their University. The entire article can be found at <http://www.bu.edu/today/2012/from-congress-to-campus-bu/>.

The program continues to grow and enrich both students and the former Members who participate. Already six schools have scheduled for the spring and preliminary plans have begun for Congress to Campus trips to Turkey and England. Plans are underway to have U.S. former Members not only meet with Turkish students but also with their Turkish counterparts, former Members of Parliament. **Please contact Sharon Witiw at 202-507-4847 or via email at [switiw@usafmc.org](mailto:switiw@usafmc.org) to get involved.**

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## People to People in 2012

In 2012, the Association again worked with People to People programs – an organization that provides hands-on learning opportunities for elementary school, middle school and high school students visiting Washington, D.C. – to facilitate former Members' participation and interaction with visiting student groups. On each visit, former Members meet and speak with students about the importance of public service, their personal experiences in Congress, and the value of character and leadership.

For every visit the Association arranges, we receive \$1,000 that goes directly to support our Congress to Campus program. We are grateful to those FMCs who took time out of their schedules to connect with students touring our nation's capital. Through the People to People partnership, we continue to demonstrate the importance of recognizing and fostering the abilities and interests of our nation's youth.

We'd like to express our gratitude to those former Members who participated in this year's People to People visits:

- The Hon. Jack Buechner
- The Hon. Bob Carr
- The Hon. Tom Davis
- The Hon. Dennis Hertel
- The Hon. Baron Hill
- Ambassador Jim Jones
- The Hon. Jim Kolbe
- The Hon. Kenneth Kramer
- The Hon. Larry LaRocco
- The Hon. Ron Sarasin
- The Hon. Charles Stenholm
- The Hon. Albert Wynn



## Association Continues Bipartisan Discussions and Public Panels

As part of the Association's Common Ground Project, FMC has partnered with several reputable entities to broaden its public message of constructive bipartisanship. The goal of the Common Ground Project is to demonstrate that partisan debate, no matter how vigorous, can be both respectful and productive, and that often times common ground results when differing points of view are subject to an in-depth debate and examination.



*Former Members Chet Edwards (D-TX) and Fred Thompson (R-TN) participate in the Association's National Archives panel focused on campaigning for office.*

The most active, prominent and influential component of the Common Ground Project is FMC's collaboration with the National Archives. For the third year in a row, FMC assembled panels of former Members to discuss with the public issues of concern and aspects of our current political climate. The National Archives helps promote the events and makes available to the public its McGowan Theater, which seats about 350 participants.

The first panel, held on April 26, brought together former Members Chet Edwards (D-TX), Bob Livingston (R-LA), Jim Slattery (D-KS) and Fred Thompson (R-TN) for a panel discussion moderated by author/professor/political pundit Lenny Steinhorn. The group was also joined by John Ashford, a renowned political consultant. The panel's focus was political campaigning and gave an insider's view into Congressional as well as Presidential campaigns. The discussion included messaging, the role of money (particularly following the Citizens United Supreme Court decision) and aspects of our political process such as gerrymandering and open primaries.

The second panel, held on July 10, brought together former Members of Congress to talk about unemployment and the role of government in jobs creation. Panelists included former Members Mark Kennedy (R-MN), Larry Pressler (R-SD) and Bob Clement (D-TN). They were joined by Dr. Nela Richardson, a Senior Economic Analyst with Bloomberg Government, and Dr. David Sicilla, an economics expert from the University of Maryland. The discussion was moderated by Hans Nichols who covers the White House for Bloomberg TV. The group focused on several aspects of jobs creation, including education (particularly the role of community colleges), action at the state vs. the federal level and what decisions need to be made now so that America stays competitive one generation from now.

The final 2012 panel was convened two days after Election Day, on November 8, and examined how candidates in this new age of social media communicate with the electorate. Former Members Tom Davis (R-VA), Bart Gordon (D-TN), Anne Northup (R-KY) and Albert Wynn (D-MD) were joined by David Plotz, the editor of *Slate* magazine. Journalist Steve Roberts led the discussion and focused on such aspects as data mining, online fundraising and Super PACs.

In addition to these highly successful public panels, the Common Ground Project has partnered with the National Institute for Civil Discourse in an effort to bring current Members from both sides of the aisle together for networking and get-to-know-you events. Former Members such as Dan Glickman (D-KS), Connie Morella (R-MD) and Mickey Edwards (R-OK) have served as bridge-builders and discussion leaders in an effort to facilitate dialogue across the aisle.

# Symposium on Job Creation as Part of FMC's 2012 Annual Meeting

As part of FMC's Annual Meeting, the Association hosted a symposium with former Members, experts in various academic and professional fields, and college students about the future job market. The conference was co-chaired by former Representative Bob Clement (D-TN) and former Senator Larry Pressler (R-SD).

The symposium included remarks by two keynote speakers addressing participants on different aspects of the current economy and the changes necessary to keep America competitive in the future global economy. First, Robert Hoffman, Senior VP of the Information Technology Industry Council, focused on the Information and Communication Technologies Industry (ICT) and how this industry is vital to making America more globally competitive. ICT is worth nearly \$1 trillion and makes up 7.1% of GDP. The high-tech industry is an essential component of the U.S. economy and could grow even more important in the near future.

This introduction set the backdrop for his main argument, that even with these advantages, America and the ICT industry face numerous challenges. If they are not addressed promptly, the American workforce will begin to precipitously fall behind in competitive advantage. The key challenges of the ICT industry according to Hoffman were 1) the untapped billions of dollars from unfilled ICT jobs; 2) the skills gap; 3) the broken immigration system; 4) "brain drain" and; 5) the archaic tax system.

After outlining the challenges, Mr. Hoffman then listed his solutions to the problems. His solution or "pipeline" calls for enhancing K-12 education, vocational education, higher education, and re-training programs. By improving these for all Americans, the workforce can increase its global competitiveness. In addition to those four elements in "the pipeline," Mr. Hoffman included

increasing Internet Protocol (IP) Market Access, bringing more skilled immigrants into the U.S., and tax reform as other beneficial solutions. Mr. Hoffman then talked specifically about advancing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs, the advantages of having skilled immigrants (since they are a major source of job creation), reducing high corporate taxes to increase ICT investments and dealing with foreign countries that prevent American IP standards from entering their markets.

The next keynote speaker was Dr. Thomas J. Kriger of the National Labor College. Dr. Kriger began his presentation by giving some background history about the National Labor College. The institution is the one of the only colleges that teaches union members and laborers exclusively. Most students are of working age with the average age of forty-five years old. Dr. Kriger juxtaposed the history of the college to the history of American productivity, with a particular focus on the income gap involving skilled labor versus management.

One statistic he highlighted is that according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) out of all the OECD's member states, the U.S. is at the bottom in terms of income equality. This is where the National Labor College can make an impact on breaking the historical trend of closing the wide income gap. He explained that the topic of wage equality is subject to divisive politics, especially in today's political climate. He said that Union members

enjoy both an increase in wages and benefits. Dr. Kriger acknowledged that this translates to an effective increase in cost for businesses, but it also means that all businesses across the U.S. will receive customers with higher incomes. In essence, a rising tide raises all boats. But to solve the aggregate problems engulfing the U.S. job market, more solutions need to be implemented.

Dr. Kriger's solution to the income gap problem was to increase the opportunities in the U.S. To do this, he proposed that America should first focus on training programs, then education. In addition, he suggested refocusing efforts in the public sector by updating old infrastructure to boost the construction job market, restoring "economic justice," and ending the "war on organized labor." To Dr. Kriger, these key areas are instrumental in strengthening the American economy and job market. In conclusion, he reemphasized that establishing an opportunity society and a fair playing field for all workers would make America's workforce strong again. After a brief question and answer session, the panel and participants broke out into discussion groups about three different topics: immigration, education and legislation.

## **Immigration Group:**

The discussion began with former Canadian Parliamentarian Dorothy Dobbie, who spoke to the group about changing intellectual property statuses abroad in India and China, in order to prevent economic espionage. Some group members talked about stopping

economic espionage with free trade agreements, harmonization, and helping countries like India create patent laws.

The discussion then diverged into the topic of the DREAM Act and how it relates to green card distribution. Mr. Hoffman added that 60% of green cards in Canada are given for economic reasons while 7% of green cards in the U.S. are given for economic reasons. “Economic reasons” in this sense means bringing money into the country. Some group members brought up the issue that once an immigrant becomes a

### **Education Group:**

Former Canadian Parliamentarian Léo Duguay began by discussing the bias of gender in math education. The members and students added on to the conversation by discussing how these biases affected their educational paths. The former Members and students also talked about how teachers intentionally weed out average students in math and science courses instead of encouraging them to succeed. One member said that students constantly talk about the difficulties of studying math and science subjects, and how this discourages other students from pursuing STEM degrees. Consequently, many students do not enter math or science fields because they believe they cannot succeed in them, even though both subjects are very manageable. The discussion ended with the group talking about ways to improve the educational system and how community colleges can be an essential step toward educational reform.

### **Legislation Group:**

The third small discussion group was composed of FMC President Connie Morella (R-MD), former Congressman Bill Zeliff (R-NH), former European Parliamentarian Richard Balfe, former Assembly Member of Ontario Lily Oddie, Dr. Thomas Kriger, Dr. Howard Rosen from the Peterson Institute, and students from the Washington Center. Dr. Rosen facilitated the discussion and began by asking the group why corporations are holding off on investments, and why the economy is in a persistent slump. Multiple ideas from all participants in the discussion group were addressed. The Hon. Richard Balfe stated that the United States does not have a strong job market for manufacturing, and this acts as a blockade for policies that are meant to boost job creation. Others believed that liberalizing patent procedures would allow intellectual

property to stay within U.S. borders and encourage start-up companies.

Another idea was for politicians to collectively commit to building the Keystone XL pipeline. The former Canadian Parliamentarians were especially receptive to the idea considering the boon of job creation it would create for our Northern neighbors. A student in the group brought up Congress’ historically low approval rating, the fact that the U.S. experienced its first credit down grade in history, and that consumer confidence is incredibly low because of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress’ addiction to short-term stopgaps. If businesses cannot predict what will happen in the future, and investments are supposed to be made based on predictions, it is especially difficult for corporations to unleash massive investments in times of uncertainty.

Dynamic targeted tax policies towards job creation were discussed in great detail. If state legislatures and Congress could identify tax credits that would spur job growth in specific industries, such as construction jobs or ICT positions, then the job market could improve. The legislation group thought of ideas to specific proposals, making the discussion particularly useful and productive.

After forty-five minutes, the group discussion session ended. One student representative and one member representative from each group spoke for five minutes and summarized their discussions to the audience. Each representative talked about the most pertinent issues and the general consensus of the group. After the representative presentations, former Congressman Bob Clement (D-TN) and former Senator Larry Pressler (R-SD) facilitated a question and answer session before the Jobs Conference was adjourned.

*Our thanks to FMC interns Christina Djossa and Zach Martin for this report.*

*Former Member Bill Zeliff (R-NH) joins students and issue experts during the Association’s Jobs Creation Conference.*



citizen, they can bring their whole family to the United States and how family group advocates and lobbyists do not want employers to allocate green cards. This can create a problem of bringing foreign talent into the country to create jobs. After addressing the issues with the DREAM Act and its effect on creating jobs, the group went on to talk about the new bill Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) are working on to reform H1-B visa restrictions. Mr. Hoffman talked about the specifics of the bill, and stated the legislation will prevent companies from abusing the system by stopping “small, fly by nights” and Indian based IT companies who restrict IP market access. The discussion ended with the group brainstorming ways to persuade foreign nationals who are educated in the United States to stay and work here permanently.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament Raises Almost \$80,000 for Wounded Warriors

Five years ago, the Association decided to take its traditional golf tournament pitting Democrats against Republicans in an informal golfing competition and convert it into a charitable event to raise funds for severely wounded veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Under the bipartisan leadership of former Members Dennis Hertel (D-MI) and Ken Kramer (R-CO), the five tournaments combined have raised nearly \$300,000 for this worthy cause.

We have kept the competitive nature of the event and still determine whether the Democratic team beat their Republican counterparts or vice versa (and this year, for the first time ever, we had a tie!), and still honor the bipartisan spirit of this friendly competition. But we are very proud of having added a mechanism where our time and energy benefits our heroes in uniform. Please see below for an article that ran the day following our 5<sup>th</sup> tournament in *RollCall*:

The Annual Congressional Charity Golf Classic took place Monday at the Army Navy Club in Arlington, Va.

The event, now in its fifth year, supports wounded warriors. Republican and Democratic members of Congress, both current and former, came out to show their support at the event. Current members spotted on the green included Rep. Joe Baca (D-Calif.), Rep. William Lacy Clay (D-Mo.), Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) and Rep. Heath Shuler (D-N.C.) among others.

The former members, part of 600 who belong to the Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), donate their time and experience for free to reach out with service-minded programs like this one. Through their volunteering, they have helped raise over \$250,000 for the Warfighter Sports Program, which allows military heroes to heal bodies and minds through sporting events.

Many teams could be heard laughing, saying “golf scores must be kept completely secret.” Father Patrick Conroy, a Jesuit priest, spent some time in a wooded area nearby a particularly difficult hole, searching for a missing golf ball. “It’s like an Easter egg hunt in here!” he could be heard exclaiming as the team found not only their ball but multiple others.



**Under the bipartisan leadership of our former Members, the five golf tournaments combined have raised nearly \$300,000 for severely wounded veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.**

The event benefited Warfighter Sports, a program of Disabled Sports USA and the PGA Foundation. Presenting sponsors included Lockheed Martin, US Family Health Plan and TriWest Healthcare Alliance.



*The Association’s Annual Charitable Golf Tournament has raised almost \$300,000 to support Wounded Warriors as they recover from severe injuries sustained in service to our country.*

## FMC Expands its Programming Focused on China

In the Spring of 2010, FMC created a partnership with the China-US Exchange Foundation and the China Association for International Friendly Contact, to send delegations of former Members to Beijing and other Chinese cities for a cultural and political exchange. Since then six delegations have been sent, three consisting of House Members and three involving former Senators. For 2012, FMC set as its goal to expand this exchange and supplement it with a DC-based component that will create a dialogue involving current and former Members of Congress with Chinese visitors and other experts.

Therefore in 2012, FMC hosted and participated in a number of events to discuss trade and security issues. In February, a former Member delegation led by Association President Connie Morella met with current Members participating in the US-China Working Group, a House caucus focused on dialogue with China. This meeting was to prepare the former Member delegation for their trip to Beijing and Shanghai later that spring. In June, FMC hosted two roundtable discussions: “Hong Kong 15 Years After the Return to China” on June 7, and “Business and Economic Relations” on June 20. Both events included participants from Hong Kong as well as Mainland China as well as current Members of Congress interested in learning more about the US-Chinese trade relationship.

On July 19, former Members who had travelled to China under the umbrella of the Association briefed senior Congressional staff on their findings and impressions. Former Member participants included Connie Morella (R-MD), Martin Frost (D-TX) and Bob Walker (R-PA). Five days later, FMC brought former Members together with several European Ambassadors and Congressional staff to

discuss China’s emergence as a global superpower and the ramifications to this development for the Western World.

On August 1, former Members Bill Zeliff (R-NH) and Bob Clement (D-TN), who both had traveled to China as part of an FMC delegation, were invited by Georgetown University to participate in a roundtable discussion with officials from the China Construction Bank. Again economic ties were the main focus of the discussion.

To conclude our DC programming for 2012, FMC brought together several former Members of Congress (including Connie Morella (R-MD), Don Bonker (D-WA), Dennis Hertel (D-MI), Barbara Kennelly (D-CT) and Bill Zeliff (R-NH)) with a Chinese delegation hosted by the US-Asia Institute. In addition to trade and business development, the two delegations discussed counter terrorism in Central Asia and the impact of the US elections on US-Chinese relations.



FMC believes this is a very important and productive undertaking where former Members can play a unique and valuable role. Our goal is to continue our two delegations per year and further expand our DC programming, so that eventually the China program will be as active a project as our other Study Groups that connect current Members and government officials overseas via the Congressional Study Groups.



*Former Member ExDEL led by FMC President Connie Morella (R-MD) meets with Chinese government officials during the Association’s 5<sup>th</sup> delegation to China.*

# Congressional Study Group on Germany: Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) Named Co-Chair

This past July, the Congressional Study Group on Germany, named Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) as its new Senate Co-Chair, joining Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL). We are thrilled with this exciting development and look forward to Senator Shaheen's guidance and leadership.

Through her years of dedicated service and leadership within the United States, as well as an interest and dedication to foreign affairs, Senator Shaheen "has the knowledge, wisdom and skill to help nourish and lead an informed dialogue with peers from one of America's most critical allies," said Ambassador Connie Morella (R-MD), President of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress.



*Jeanne Shaheen*

Her former positions as Governor of New Hampshire, Director of Harvard's Institute of Politics, and as an election monitor, Senator Shaheen's many leadership roles have enabled her to foster and strengthen the relationship between the United States and Europe through local, regional, and national means.

The Senator currently serves as the Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's European Affairs Subcommittee. In this capacity, she is responsible for overseeing U.S. involvement in NATO efforts around the world, and the U.S. foreign policy efforts in Russia, the Caucasus, the Balkans, and throughout Europe. During a Committee meeting called by Senator Shaheen in August on the Eurozone Crisis, she stated, "If there is one lesson we have learned over the past year, it is that Europe continues to matter a great deal to the U.S. economic engine and our prospects for growth." Through messages like this, it is clear that Senator Shaheen aims at actively deepening and expanding economic and diplomatic affairs with our close allies in Europe.

**"Senator Shaheen has the knowledge, wisdom and skill to help nourish and lead an informed dialogue with peers from one of America's most critical allies."**

-Connie Morella, President, FMC

## March 2013 Congress-Bundestag Seminar

The Congressional Study Group on Germany (CSGG) is excited to be in the midst of organizing its yearly Congress-Bundestag Seminar, which will be held this coming year in Berlin and Munich, Germany, from March 24 to 29.

Members of Congress and other participants will have the chance to meet with their counterparts from the German Bundestag, taking part in events and discussions focused on issues of interest to both the United States and Germany. Just a few of the confirmed participants so far include CSGG's co-chairs, U.S. Rep.

Phil Gingrey (R-GA) and Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH), and MdB Günter Krings, MdB Omid Nouripour, MdB Stefan Liebich, MdB Rainer Stinner, and MdB Hans-Ulrich Klose of the Bundestag.

In addition, CSGG will honor MdB Hans-Ulrich Klose with the International Statesmanship Award for his longstanding dedication to the U.S.-German partnership, particularly as Chair of the German-American Parliamentary Group, a position he has held for 10 years and will be retiring from soon after the Seminar.

CSGG is thankful for the support it receives from the many organizations that make the Annual Congress-Bundestag Seminar possible. This year, the Hanns Seidel Foundation and the Atlantik-Brücke will be our main partners.

## Bundestag to Battleground 2012: Nevada

From October 7-10, 2012, the Congressional Study Group on Germany convened the “Bundestag to Battleground” program in Nevada. This study tour, which takes place every two years, brings a delegation of German lawmakers to a highly-contested state to observe the American campaigning and election process through meetings with high-ranking state and party officials, candidates, top journalists and analysts, and local experts. The delegation also gets a hands-on feel with site visits to campaign offices and rallies.

This year, the group had meetings with Mayor of Las Vegas Carolyn Goodman; Congressional candidate and former Members of Congress Dina Titus; political journalists Steve Sebelius and Jon Ralston; Professors Mike Green, Dave Damore, and Sondra Cosgrove; leaders from SEIU Nevada and the Associated General Contractors of Las Vegas; Vice

President of Caesars Entertainment Marybel Batjer; and former Nevada Governor and U.S. Senator Richard Bryan (D-NV). The delegation was also treated to a public rally featuring former President Bill Clinton, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), and Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-NV).

The Hon. Karan English (D-AZ) travelled with the delegation as a regional advisor. Ms. English opined, “The opportunity to share western politics with the delegation from Germany was both an honor and an experience. The questions were probing. Why don’t we have ‘third parties’ in Congress? How do the voters feel about the wars? Why don’t we get involved in Syria? What makes Nevada a ‘battleground state?’ Explain the Electoral College? I found myself asking the some of the same questions! One of the most frequent topics was of course ‘water.’ The Southwest is arid and so many of the decisions made are inextricably linked to water, the Colorado River, and the impact of water on the environment, tourism, energy, and the economy.

The importance of water and the Colorado River became more visually prominent with our visit to Hoover Dam. This one location captured the essence of many of our conversations. The energy from the turbines, the use of the limited water resource, the endangered Humpback chub and the rich cultural heritage of the region provided an historical foundation for the tour and discussions. I was reminded of the potential of American ingenuity and manpower with the construction of Hoover Dam by the Civilian Conservation Corps.”



*Members of the German Parliament had the opportunity to go inside the Hoover Dam Power Plant and see the turbines up close while discussing energy production and resource management policy.*

# Congressional Study Group on Turkey:

The Congressional Study Group on Turkey (CSGT) was very busy this past year hosting several round table discussions with high-level Turkish officials, including the Turkish Foreign Minister Davutoglu, Turkish business delegations and Turkey experts, as part of its Distinguished Visitors Program on Capitol Hill.

Some of the events on the Hill included a luncheon discussion on the Arab Spring with H.E Namik Tan, Turkish Ambassador to the U.S.; a roundtable talk on security cooperation with H.E. Elin Suleymanov, Azerbaijani Ambassador to the U.S.; a Senior congressional staff luncheon on Iran in cooperation with GMF featuring Hugh Pope, Director of Turkey/Cyprus Project at the International Crisis Group; a coffee meeting for TABA/AmCham business delegation with Alan Makovsky, Senior Professional Staff Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; a luncheon discussion on the 2012 U.S. elections for TABA/AmCham business delegation featuring Hon. Dennis Hertel (D-MI), Hon. Robert S. Walker (R-PA), and Hon. Larry LaRocco (D-MI) and a luncheon discussion on 2012 U.S. elections for TOBB business delegation featuring Hon. Don Bonker (D-WA) and Hon. Mark Green (R-WI).

The highlight of this season's events was the February luncheon discussion with the Honorable Ahmet Davutoglu, Foreign Minister of Turkey. In addition to over a dozen of current Members of Congress, the event brought together senior congressional staff, senior representatives of the Turkish-American business and members of the academic communities. The Foreign Minister's remarks provided great insight on Turkish foreign policy, as well as the region's challenges following the Arab Spring.

In May 2012, the Study Group convened its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Senior Congressional Staff Study Tour to Turkey. The Study Tour, visiting both Ankara and Istanbul, included six Chiefs of Staff from the House of Representatives. The Study Tour consisted of discussions and meetings with the members of the Turkish Grand National Assembly, business leaders, journalists, think tank representatives and other government officials. TEPAV also hosted a roundtable discussion during the stay in Ankara where pressing regional issues, such as Syria and Iran and Turkey's role as a key player in the region, as well as an examination of Turkey's domestic and international policies relating to energy security and economic growth, were discussed.

Looking ahead, CSGT plans to focus on the recent developments in the Middle East and regional issues such as crisis in Syria, Iran and Russia, Turkey's role in the region and its relations with NATO, as well as the energy issues. At the end of November, CSGT and Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA)

are partnering to organize a roundtable discussion with Dr. Pelin Gundes-Bakir, AK Party Deputy, on Syria and the growing refugee population at the Turkey-Syria border. In December we will feature Dr. Bulent Aliriza, Turkey Director of Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), who will discuss the crisis in Syria and the policies of the governments in Turkey, Iran and Russia.

Finally, CSGT is happy to share the good news that in April 2013, Congress to Campus will convene in Istanbul and Ankara. Former Members of Congress will visit a number of universities and meet with the students for panel discussion to share with the students their unique insight. Additionally, plans are being made for to have the former Members meet with their counterparts at the Turkish Former Parliamentarians Associations to initiate a new partnership between the two organizations and sign a memorandum of agreement for future cooperation.



## Congressional Study Group on Japan: More Active Than Ever

As the Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ) looks forward to its upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary year in 2013, we celebrate a successful past twelve months of higher-quality and quantity programming than ever before. The revitalized legislative exchange convened four events in September and October 2012 alone and has renewed synergies with like-minded organizations dedicated to the U.S.-Japan relationship.

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Highlights of recent programs include a luncheon roundtable for Members of Congress featuring Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell, chaired by Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and moderated by former Speaker Dennis Hastert. Members were interested the Assistant Secretary's perspectives on the state of security cooperation in the region as well as tenuous negotiations for Japanese involvement in the Transpacific Partnership. In October, the Study Group also hosted Dr. Kiyoshi Kurokawa, Chair of the Diet's Nuclear Accident Independent Investigation Commission to discuss their findings about the "man-made" and "made in Japan" Fukushima power plant disaster. More information about all of our recent and upcoming events can be found online at [www.usafmc.org/events](http://www.usafmc.org/events).

The CSGJ would like to thank Sen. Jim Webb (D-VA) for his service as Senate Co-Chair, who will be retiring at the end of this term. We are working with him and his counterpart Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) to identify a successor in the new Congress. We are honored that Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA) continue to serve as Co-Chairs in the House of Representatives.

We also extend our gratitude and best wishes to H.E. Ichiro Fujisaki for his service as Ambassador of Japan for the past four years. His commitment to the U.S.-Japan friendship during a difficult period has been steadfast. We look forward to welcoming and working with his successor, Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae, in the coming year.

*CSGJ Co-Chair Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA) introduced featured speaker the Hon. Seiji Maehara at the September 12 dinner program.*



## CSGJ features the Hon. Seiji Maehara: "Japan's Security Policy and the U.S. Rebalance to the Asia Pacific"

On September 12, 2012, The Congressional Study Group on Japan featured The Honorable Seiji Maehara, Chair of the Democratic Party of Japan's Policy Research Council, to discuss "Japan's Security Policy and the U.S. Rebalance to the Asia Pacific."

"One major factor underlying Japan's support for America's rebalancing effort is that even as the global economic center of gravity shifts to the region, Asia Pacific security dynamics have become increasingly complicated," said Maehara. His remarks over the evening touched on China and territorial disputes in the South China Sea, hopes for enhanced trilateral U.S.-Japan-South Korea cooperation, base issues on Okinawa, and acceleration of U.S.-Japan defense cooperation.

Nearly 200 guests attended the dinner program, which was held in partnership with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation Japan and Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. CSGJ Co-Chair Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA) introduced Maehara, and the Hon. Jim Slattery (D-KS), a past president of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress, officially opened the dinner. Both Asian and American press were on-hand to cover the event, including Fred Hiatt, Editorial Page Editor of *The Washington Post*. His post can be found on the Washington Post website at <http://wapo.st/OkIrcq>. The full text of Maehara's speech is available at <http://bitly.com/Uxntri>. Full video of the evening's program is available on FMC's YouTube page at <http://www.youtube.com/user/usafmc1970>.

## Former Members Visit Oman and Morocco as part of the Middle East Fellows Program

For the third year in a row, FMC partnered with Legacy International to host two groups of young professionals from the Middle East in Washington, D.C. The Middle East Fellows Program is made possible via a grant from the U.S. Department of State. FMC and Legacy place the participants in fellowships on the Hill as well as within organizations in the nation's capital. Participants include attorneys, journalists, government officials, and NGO representatives from countries such as Kuwait, Oman, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia. In Washington, former Members lend their time and expertise to educate program participants about Congress and the U.S. government. The program also includes a return visit component which brings former Members to the region.

One delegation, which included former Member Bill Zeliff (R-NH), traveled to Morocco in September. U.S. delegates met with and supported Moroccan program participants in the implementation of their follow-on projects, traveling to Rabat, Fez, Casablanca and Ifrane.

The delegation spoke to groups of 50-100 students at the Moroccan Academy for Diplomatic Studies in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at Al-Akawayn University in Ifrane, and at the School of Economy and Government in Rabat. Delegates also gave a half-day training to women Members of the Moroccan Parliament, on how to use social media for political empowerment and met with over 100 representatives from non-governmental organizations in Fez and in Casablanca to exchange best practices and ideas for collaboration and effective and efficient program implementation.

A second delegation traveled to Oman and Kuwait. This delegation included former Members of Congress Les AuCoin (D-OR) and Ron Sarasin (R-CT) as well as Debra Gebhardt, Chief of Staff to Representative Thomas E. Petri (R-WI). This delegation was in Oman from September 23-28 and in Kuwait from September 28 to October 2, 2012.

In Oman the delegation attended panel discussions at the State Council, the Research Council and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Delegates spoke to Omani Students at the American Corner and participated in discussion

at the American Business Council. While in Oman the U.S. delegation met with program participants from Omani, mentoring them on their follow-on projects and helping to facilitate networking and collaboration.

In Kuwait the delegates were hosted by three division leaders at the Al-Salem Air force Base, met with the chairman of the Women's Cultural Society and the chairman of Kuwait's National Youth Project, and participated in events with Kuwait media members. The delegates also met with Members of Parliament, women's advocacy groups and spoke at Kuwait University to law students.

We are hopeful that a recently submitted grant proposal to the State Department will be successful and will ensure the continuation of this important dialogue. We also wish to thank former Members Larry LaRocco (D-MI) and Scott Klug (R-WI) for their leadership as Co-Chairs of the Middle East Fellows Program.



*Former Members Ron Sarasin (R-CT) and Les AuCoin (D-OR) visiting Oman as part of the Middle East Fellows Program.*

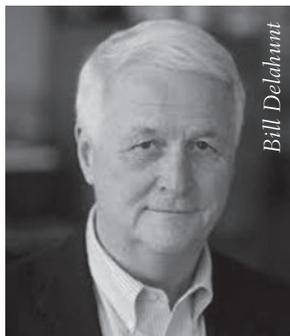


## Welcome to Our Newest Board Members...



**Russ Carnahan (D-MO)**  
House of Representatives 2004-2012

A lifelong Missourian, who attended the University of Missouri receiving his BS and went on to receive his JD from the University's Columbia School of Law. Before representing his district in Congress, Mr. Carnahan served in the Missouri state House of Representatives. Congressman Carnahan was on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Mr. Carnahan will join the Board on January 3, 2013.



**Bill Delahunt (D-MA)**  
House of Representatives 1997-2010

Mr. Delahunt was born in Quincy Massachusetts and attended Middlebury College before earning a JD from Boston College Law School. Mr. Delahunt served in the United States Coast Guard Reserves and the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Before coming to Congress, Mr. Delahunt was the District Attorney for Norfolk County for twenty years. While in Congress Mr. Delahunt served on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on the Judiciary. He joined the Board on July 10, 2012.



**Bart Gordon (D-TN)**  
House of Representatives, 1985-2011

A lifelong resident of Tennessee, former Member Bart Gordon is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University and obtained his law degree from the University of Tennessee. During his tenure in the House of Representatives, Mr. Gordon served on the Energy and Commerce Committee, Committee on Science and Technology, Committee on the Budget, Committee on Rules, Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs and the Permanent Select Committee on Aging. Mr. Gordon will join the Board on January 3, 2013.



**Olympia Snowe (R-ME)**  
House of Representatives 1978-1994;  
Senate 1994-2012

Senator Snowe was first elected to Congress in 1978 as the youngest Republican woman and the first Greek-American woman ever elected to Congress where she represented Maine for 16 years. In 1994 she was elected to the Senate until she decided not to seek re-election earlier this year. In the Senate Ms. Snowe was on the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Select Committee on Intelligence, Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and the Committee on Finance. Ms. Snowe will join the Board on January 3, 2013.



**Cliff Stearns (R-FL)**  
House of Representatives 1988-2012

Congressman Stearns, a graduate of George Washington University and a retired Captain in the Air Force, received a Meritorious Service Commendation Medal for his service during the Vietnam War. Mr. Stearns most recently served on the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Mr. Stearns will join the Board on January 3, 2013.

## ...and Our Newest Staff Members

### Meltem Ercan

In October 2012, Meltem Ercan joined FMC as the new International Programs Manager, with primary focus on the Congressional Study Group on Turkey. Before joining FMC, Ms. Ercan served as Chief of Protocol to the U.S. Ambassador in Ankara for over 20 years. In that capacity, she provided protocol guidance to the Ambassador, DCM, and other mission officials and liaised with host government officials, politicians, academics, business leaders, NGOs and the media. Through her work and close relationship with the Ambassadors she served, she was privileged to meet with the country's most senior political and opinion leaders. She also worked on the visits of high-level U.S. delegations including the President and Vice President of the United States, Senators, Members of Congress, and cabinet officials. Ms. Ercan maintains a wide variety of contacts with host government officials at all levels at the Foreign Ministry, Presidency, Prime Ministry and Parliament and among third-country diplomats, as well as with U.S. and Turkish CEOs and other business, political and social figures. She immigrated to United States in 2012 and currently resides in the Washington area. She is bilingual in English and Turkish. She holds a B.A. degree in Linguistics.

### Sharon Witiw

Sharon West Witiw joined the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress in 2012, as Member Service Manager. She works directly with the Chief Executive Officer on programs such as Congress to Campus, the Common Ground Project, the Congressional Speaker Series, and all other programs that promote public service, and teach about Congress and representative democracy. Sharon earned a BA from the University of New Hampshire and JD from the University of Miami. After practicing law at Hill Wallack in Princeton, NJ, Ms. Witiw became an Assistant Attorney General in the New Jersey Attorney General's Office where she represented the Division of Youth and Family Services. In 2008, Ms. Witiw joined The Mindfarm, in Washington, DC, as a consultant until 2010 when she became the Program Manager for the National Science and Technology Educational Partnership ("NSTEP"). While at NSTEP, Ms. Witiw oversaw various aspects of their StudyBuddy program, which provides free online tutoring to underserved students across the country.

### Andrew Loeb Shoenig

Andrew Loeb Shoenig joined FMC in September 2011. As the International Programs Officer, his responsibilities include event planning, program coordination and development work for The Congressional Study Groups. Prior to being hired full-time, Mr. Shoenig was also an intern for the Association. He provides program and logistics support for domestic and international Study Tours and Seminars for Members of Congress and senior congressional staff. Prior to moving to Washington, DC, Mr. Shoenig lived in Vienna, Austria as a Fulbright Fellow. He taught English as Foreign Language and English-language culture to Austrian secondary students. Mr. Shoenig has a background in events and program management, having worked as the Site Director and Head of Staff at the URJ Kutz Camp and Conference Center for five years. He coordinated events ranging from small congregational retreats to weddings and 300-person week-long conferences. Mr. Shoenig holds a B.A. in History and German Studies from Emory University and is fluent in German. In his time outside the office, he is an avid rock climber in ranges at home and abroad.

### Rachel Haas

Rachel Haas joined FMC as Office Manager in the Fall of 2012. In this capacity, Ms. Haas is responsible for providing administrative support to the Chief Executive Officer and staff, managing billing, assisting with member correspondence, coordinating office services and other administrative tasks. Prior to joining FMC, Ms. Haas was a stay-at-home mother for her twin daughters and an avid volunteer and fundraiser for various causes, including serving as the point person for several successful campaigns that raised thousands of dollars for her daughters' school. Previous professional experience includes serving as an elementary school teacher, serving as a client services manager for a large print company and working as an office manager for a Manhattan publishing firm. Ms. Haas has a Masters in Elementary Education from Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia and a B.A. in International Studies from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Ms. Haas currently resides with her husband and twin daughters in Silver Spring, MD.

## 2012 Class Notes

### 89<sup>th</sup> Congress

Lee Hamilton (D-IN)  
House of Representatives (1965-1999)

In April 2012 former Member Lee H. Hamilton was awarded the National Leadership Award from the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. In December 2012, former Member Hamilton was awarded the Hoosier of the Year Award from the Indiana Society of Chicago. Former Member Hamilton continues to serve as Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University and this year Mr. Hamilton was appointed Co-Chair, International Engagement Advisory Board there and also received the following honors from the school: Distinguished Scholar, School of Global and International Studies; Professor of Practice, School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA), 2012-2017. Mr. Hamilton also was honored with Jerry & Carol Israel Lecturer in Public Policy from University of Indianapolis in March 2012; Manatt-Phelps Lecturer in Political Science from Iowa State University in March 2012; and Clifford P. Case Professor of Public Affairs, Eagleton Institute of Politics from Rutgers University in October 2011.

### 93<sup>rd</sup> Congress

Ron Sarasin (R-CT)  
House of Representatives (1973-1979)

As part of Legacy International/US State Department/USAFMC program, former member Ron Sarasin along with former member Les Au Coin (D-OR) visited Oman and Kuwait in late September, early October.

Bill Hudnut (R-IN)  
House of Representatives (1973-1975)

Former Member Bill Hudnut has become a full time Professor (asst.) at Georgetown University, working in the real estate program in the graduate School of Continuing Studies.

### 94<sup>th</sup> Congress

Les Aucoin (D-OR)  
House of Representatives (1975-1993)

As part of Legacy International/US State Department/USAFMC program, former Member Les AuCoin, along with former Member Ron Sarasin (R-CT), visited Oman and Kuwait in late September, early October.

Berkley Bedell (D-IA)  
House of Representatives (1974-1987)

Former Member Berkley Bedell published a book, *Revenue Matters*, which makes the argument that we need to tax ourselves sufficiently to reduce the deficit, and address global pollution and the inequality that has developed in our nation since serving in Congress.

Bill Hughes (D-NJ)  
House of Representatives (1975-1995)

Richard Stockton College of New Jersey has dedicated one of their wings for their Public Policy Center and named it the William J Hughes Center for Public Policy. They now house many of Mr. Hughes' official papers from: years as a County Prosecutor; 20 years in Congress; his posting as the United States Ambassador to Panama and years on as a Resident Scholar of Public Policy at Stockton archived in the College Library. In addition, they have on permanent display in the Wing where the Center is housed memorabilia, including some ten Presidential signing pens with letters attesting to the signing of the various Bills Mr. Hughes sponsored, hundreds of photographs artifacts accumulated during some 50 years in public life. The Center has a State-wide, Regional and Local polling Institute, a prominent Lecture Series, a Washington and Regional Intern Program which places students in positions in both the public and private sectors, a Legislator in Residence Program and a new initiative

to promote civic engagement and civility in government. One of our Legislator's in Residence is the Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly Sheila Oliver.

James Oberstar (D-MN)  
House of Representatives (1975-2011)

Former Member Oberstar is chairman of the advisory board for the Humphrey School of Public Affairs' Center for Excellence in Rural Safety at the University of Minnesota, and is a Visiting Scholar at both the Humphrey School and the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Mr. Oberstar is a member of the board of directors of Geronimo Wind Energy of Edina, Minnesota, and the board of International Student House of Washington, D.C. He serves as Senior Advisor to Global Traffic Technologies, LLC, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and consulting firm, NSI, of Washington. He is also an Advisor to medical technology firm GeaCom, Inc., of Duluth, Minnesota. In June 2012 Mr. Oberstar was awarded the rank of Commander in the National Order of Merit (Commandeur dans l'Ordre National du Mérite) by the French government in June, 2012.

### 95<sup>th</sup> Congress

Mickey Edwards (R-OK)  
House of Representatives (1977-1993)

Former Member Mickey Edwards had his book *The Parties versus the People: How to Turn Republicans and Democrats into Americans*, published by Yale University Press.

### 96<sup>th</sup> Congress

Daniel A. Mica (D-FL)  
House of Representatives (1979-1989)

In November 2012, Former Member Dan Mica was personally named by The Hill newspaper as one of the top advocates in the nation's capital. He is often quoted by major national publications and

broadcasts for his views on financial services and political issues. He has been a frequent guest on MSNBC, Bloomberg and Fox Business News. Mica is currently Chairman of the Board of the National Osteoporosis Foundation and was recently elected Chairman of the Board of the Congressional Management Foundation, a bipartisan organization that advises members of Congress on matters relating to office efficiency, organization and administration on a confidential basis. He is now the President of Daniel A. Mica, LLC (The DMA Group), a firm providing government affairs, advocacy, strategic planning and management consulting services to a variety of industries.

**John Porter (R-IL)**  
House of Representatives (1980-2001)

Mr. Porter and his wife purchased the home of Tony Snow, President George W. Bush's Press Secretary and his wife Jill's home, near Mount Vernon.

## 97<sup>th</sup> Congress

**Lawrence J. DeNardis, Ph.D. (R-CT)**  
House of Representatives (1981-1983)

Former Member DeNardis was appointed to the Board of Regents for Connecticut Higher Education, the governing body for the state universities and community colleges in Connecticut.

## 98<sup>th</sup> Congress

**Barbara Kennelly (D-CT)**  
House of Representatives (1982-1999)

In 2012 former Member Barbara Kennelly was appointed, by House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, to serve on the Social Security Advisory Board and is currently Acting Chair. Ms. Kennelly was also selected by the International Foundation for Electoral Systems to travel to Egypt to monitor recent elections and to China to discuss US-

China relations and cooperation. Ms. Kennelly was named Woman of the Year by National Association of Professional Women and Woman of Merit- Trailblazer by the Girl Scouts of Connecticut and received Honorary Membership to Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honorary Society.

**Lawrence J. Smith (D-FL)**  
House of Representatives (1983-1993)

In April 2012 Former Member Lawrence J. Smith joined the law firm of Kelley Kronenberg in Fort Lauderdale.

## 99<sup>th</sup> Congress

**Bart Gordon (D-TN)**  
House of Representatives (1985-2011)

Former Member Bart Gordon served on the President's The U.S. Antarctic Program Blue Ribbon Panel. Mr. Gordon also made the commencement speech and received an honorary degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), Troy, New York. Mr. Gordon has been honored with the designation of "Officer" in the French Legion of Honor and is a distinguished fellow on the Council on Competitiveness.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Congress

**James Billbray (D-NV)**  
House of Representatives (1995-2001)

James Billbray was elected as vice-chair of the Board of governors of the US postal service effective December 2013.

**Curt Weldon (R-PA)**  
House of Representatives (1987-2007)

Former Member Curt Weldon was appointed National Spokesperson for the National Fire Heritage Center (pro bono), was Co-Founder of Union Core Group Worldwide and was inducted as Knight Commander and International Foreign Minister for the Ecumenical Order of the Knights of Malta.

## 101<sup>st</sup> Congress

**Glen Browder (D-AL)**  
House of Representatives (1989-97)

A biography of former member Glen Browder entitled, "Professor-Politician: The Biography of Alabama Congressman Glen Browder" by Geni Certain was published by NewSouth Books, 2012.

## 102<sup>nd</sup> Congress

**Bill Zeliff (R-NH)**  
House of Representatives (1991-1997)

As part of Legacy International/US State Department/USAFMC program, former Member Bill Zeliff was in Morocco in September 2012.

## 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress

**Carolos Romero-Barcelo (D-PR)**  
House of Representatives (1993-2001)

Former Member Carlos Romero-Barcelo, published the first of his two-volume biography "Una vida para la Igualdad" ("A Life for Equality") that was researched and authored by Antonio Quinones Calderon. This year along with the establishment of the Carlos Romero-Barcelo Diabetes and Treatment Center, Mr. Romero-Barcelo will turn 80 years old.

## 105<sup>th</sup> Congress

**Michael Pappas (R-NJ)**  
House of Representatives (1997-1999)

Former Member Michael Pappas had been nominated by New Jersey Governor Chris Christie (R) and the New Jersey State Senate confirmed the nomination, for a second term as a Commissioner on the Somerset County Board of Taxation. Mr. Pappas has also been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Christian School Association of North Central Jersey and appointed to the Board of Trustees of the du Cret School of Art.

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### 106<sup>th</sup> Congress

Brian Baird (D-WA)  
House of Representatives (1999-2011)

Mr. Baird has been appointed to chair the Washington State Student Achievement Council, a new entity created by the Legislature and Governor to oversee virtually all aspects of higher education in Washington State and to promote great levels of student access, achievement and completion in higher education in our state.

### 107<sup>th</sup> Congress

Mark Kennedy (R-MN)  
House of Representatives (2001-2007)

Former Member Mark Kennedy was appointed the head of The George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management, the first and foremost graduate school of applied Politics.

### 111<sup>th</sup> Congress

Alan Grayson (D-FL)  
House of Representatives (2009-2011)

"We lost our 2010 re-election campaign by 18 points. We won our 2012 campaign (FL-9) by 25 points. We are informed that this 43-point swing is the largest "comeback" in the history of the House." Congressman Grayson will be returning to the House with the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress. We at FMC wish him much luck.

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### Stay in touch

When we seek former Members to travel abroad on democracy-strengthening missions – when we fill our Congress to Campus schedule – when we ask former Members to participate in legislative strengthening programs – when we have to share with the membership the passing of a former Members – all of this and more is usually achieved via e-mail. We hope our messages are arriving. If not, **please contact Sharon Witiw at switiw@usafmc.org or (202) 507-4847.**

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## Mark your calendars!

February 3-5, 2013: Congress to Campus, Weber State University

February 18-19, 2013: Congress to Campus, Nova Southeastern University

February 28, 2013: National Archives Panel featuring FMC Mickey Edwards to discuss his latest book on party politics

February, 2013: FMC ExDEL Congress to Campus visit to the UK

March 19, 2013: 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Statesmanship Awards Dinner

March 23 - 29, 2013: 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress-Bundestag Seminar

April 7-9, 2013: Congress to Campus, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

April 7-9, 2013: Congress to Campus, University of Albany-SUNY

April, 2013: Congress to Campus, Turkey

Spring 2013: FMC ExDEL to China

Spring 2013: John Breaux Symposium on Bipartisanship

### Thank you

We'd like to thank our 2012 interns for their hard work and dedication, and wish them success in all of their future endeavors.

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