



FMC Spring 2014 Newsletter



17th Annual Statesmanship Awards Dinner Honors Congressman John Lewis (D-GA)

**On April 2, 2014 the Association hosted its
most successful Statesmanship Awards Dinner raising over \$370,000.00!**

There were many changes at our 17th Annual Statesmanship Awards Dinner. The

first was location: this year, the Dinner was held at the stunningly beautiful the Andrew Mellon Auditorium. The auditorium is just a few blocks from the Capitol and was a more comfortable space for the growing number of guests. Some things we were happy to keep the same, like our Dinner leadership with Lou Frey as the Dinner Chair and Dennis Hertel and Martin Frost as Vice Chairs, and Larry LaRocco as the auctioneer. We thank them for their continuing support and leadership. We were able to provide them with some extra support by creating a steering committee of former Members and members of the community.

The Dinner continued as a salute to service by recognizing two outstanding individuals and one organization with our set of Statesmanship Awards. The 2014 Statesmanship Award was presented to Congressman John Lewis (D-GA), a civil rights icon who has represented Georgia's Fifth District for more than 25 years. One of the youngest of the civil rights speakers who addressed the crowds of the March on Washington in front of the Lincoln Memorial in 1963, Congressman Lewis continues to dedicate his life to protecting human rights and liberties. Congressman Lewis has also received our nation's highest civilian honor- the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The Corporate Statesmanship Award was presented to former Secretary of Commerce Carlos Guterrez. Before being nominated to President George W. Bush's cabinet in 2005, Secretary Gutierrez was one of the Kellogg Company's most successful CEOs. Known for his emphasis on health and nutrition, Gutierrez enacted highly successful corporate initiatives, all while promoting an environment of corporate citizenship that still exists today. He continues giving back to the community in a variety of ways, including by creating college scholarships for low-income, immigrant students.



The 2014 Civic Statesmanship Award was presented to Mr. Jim Knotts of Operation Homefront. Operation Homefront serves our nation's service members, veterans, and their loved ones by providing immediate relief for deployed military members and their families. Operation Homefront is a lifeline for many of our troops and their families with outreach ranging from emergency financial assistance and transitional housing to building smart homes.

We were thrilled to have long time friend of FMC and daughter of the late Lindy Boggs, Cokie Roberts as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The pre-dinner reception, (hosted in conjunction with the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Conference) and dinner brought together over 500 Association guests, including former and current Members of Congress, over 30 Ambassadors, corporate and think-tank representatives, and officials from the Obama administration. Guests were entertained by the musical talents of The Wright Stuff and Grammy Award winner Bunny Sigler. In addition to a new dessert reception (since we know how much our guests like to socialize) we also included an additional photographer, who took

pictures that were immediately available for guests to text, tweet, and e-mail. Find some of them included here!

You can see all of the pictures from the dinner at our flicker account at the website [or click here](#) .

Who says change cannot happen in Washington!



Mark your calendars:

March 25th, 2015

The 18th Annual Statesmanship Awards Dinner!

The Members:

**7th Annual Congressional
Charity Golf Classic July 28th**



Mark your calendars for Monday, July 28th, for the Association's annual golf tournament, newly named, **The Members**. Chaired by former Members Dennis Hertel (D-MI) and Ken Kramer (R-CO), the tournament is one of the few opportunities left for current and former Members from both sides of the aisle to come together in an informal and non-partisan way. United by their desire to help a highly deserving group of men and women, Republicans

and Democrats play in a golf tournament that is more about having fun than about the winning team. If you play golf only once a year, then this is the day and the tournament. No golfer will be turned away for lack of talent or skill!

Seven years ago, the Association converted its traditional golf get-together into a charitable fundraiser for wounded warriors returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. This year, we will do the same through two charities: Warfighters Sports, a program of Disabled Sports USA, and Tee it up for the Troops. WarFighter Sports offers sports rehabilitation programs in military hospitals and communities across the U.S. through a nationwide network of over 100 community-based chapters. Tee It Up for the Troop hosts various golf events, as well as other fundraising activities throughout the United States of America.

Last year, Congressmen Mike McIntyre (D-NC) and Jimmy Duncan (R-TN) became our Honorary Tournament Co-Chair. They did a fantastic job recruiting their colleagues and transformed the day into one focused on fun and support of our service members. We are delighted to have them return as Honorary Co-Chairs and know they will be outstanding leaders again this year.

We want to encourage former Member golfers—even non-golfers of any skill—to consider participating or sponsoring this worthy event. Even though the event is a tournament that places one Republican and one Democrat in each foursome, the rules are designed so that scores will even themselves out and higher scores will not be held against you. Foursomes will include wounded warriors. It is a wonderful day of bringing colleagues and old friends together, and you will have a chance to meet a group of young men and women from our armed services, who will surely inspire you! Preceding the tournament, there will be a breakfast for all players and

following your day on the course there will be a concluding supper and awards presentation.

We've added a new sponsorship level this year: Warrior Sponsor. For \$500 any former Member, no matter where you live, can support a wounded warrior in event play at The Members tournament. Your sponsorship will be recognized in the tournament program book.

The Members will be held on Monday, July 28th, at the Army Navy Country Club, located next to the Pentagon. Breakfast and registration begins at 8:00AM, and the concluding dinner is anticipated to commence at 5:00PM. We hope you will consider supporting the tournament—as a player, regardless of your golfing skill, as a corporate sponsor or by sponsoring a warrior, or as a volunteer to help us run the tournament. To play, for sponsorship informatin, or to be volunteer, please email Sharon Witiw at switiw@usafmc.org. Or for more information go to our website or [click here](#).



Kirk Bauer of Disabled Sports USA; Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC); FM and Co-Chair, Dennis Hertel; FM and Co-Chair Ken Kramer; Rep. Jimmy Duncan (R-TN) and Erik Winborn.

[Click here](#) to see photos from last year's tournament.

Congress to Campus:

Larry LaRocco to accept the hand off from Matt McHugh as Co-Chair of the Congress to Campus Program

After many years as the Democrat Co-Chair of FMC's Congress to Campus program, Matt McHugh (D-NY) has decided to pass the reins on to Larry LaRocco (D-ID). We greatly appreciate all that Matt has done to make the Congress to Campus such a great success. His dedication to the program and his insightful suggestions have helped the program continue and flourish. Although his leadership will be missed, he is leaving his oversight in very capable hands. Larry has been a great supporter of the Congress to Campus program, participating both as an FMC representative as well as connecting us with prospective host schools.



***Connie Morella (R-MD) and David Skaggs (D-CO) at the U.S. Naval Academy
for Congress to Campus.***

Even the spring 2014 Congress to Campus semester could not escape the impact of the bitterly cold weather this winter, with one visit having to be reschedule due to a rare school closure and another requiring former Members Sue Kelly (R-NY) and Lincoln Davis (D-TN) to brave well below sub-zero temperatures at the University of Chicago. Others were lucky to escape the cold and travel to University of Hawaii

and Dominican University of California. This spring semester, the Congress to Campus program also went to University of Portland, Suffolk University, University of Akron, and the University of Miami Ohio, as well as returning visit to the Naval Academy in Annapolis. Once again, we were also able to send a bipartisan pair to England to speak at several universities in and around London.



FMs Jim Chapman and Barry Goldwater, Jr. with Univ. of Hawaii students.

Finally, the spring 2014 Congress to Campus semester concluded with a pilot program, U.S. German Former Legislators Project. Two Former Members of Congress were joined by two former German Parliamentarians, and together they visited seven different college campuses over a five day period in New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia.



U.S German Former Legislators Project(Congress to Campus) at NYU Deutsches Haus: former Bundestag Member Uli Klose (SPD); FM Bill Delahunt (D-MA); moderator; former Bundestag Member Harald Leitbretch (FDP) and FM Gil Gutknecht (R-MN).

The pilot program was a huge success, reaching a wide range of students and successfully instilling the bipartisan and bilateral message of cooperation. With the current situation in Ukraine, recent NSA revelations, and the interest in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, there was no shortage of talking points. We are grateful for the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany's sponsorship of this program. We hope to repeat and possibly expand this concept to include other countries, as well. [Click here](#) to see more photos of this program. The Congress to Campus program would not be possible without the incredible support of our Membership, who donate their time pro-bono in order to have vital face-to-face conversations with tomorrow's leaders. Thank you so much to these former Members and the many others who—in just three months—helped us reach out to thousands of students to encourage public service and educate them about the institution of Congress.

Former Members' outreach to their schools is a great way to bring new schools into the Congress to Campus Program. Former Member recruitment for the fall 2014 Semester will begin soon, so please be on the lookout for an email announcement sometime early this summer. If you are interested in participating in CtC this fall—especially if you have never gone on a visit and would like more information—please contact Sharon Witiw at switiw@usafmc.org or 202.507.4847.

Thanks again to our wonderful host schools and former Member teams for a great Spring Semester; we are looking forward to working with you again this fall!

National Archives Panel Discussion on Women in Congressional Leadership



On March 13, FMC, along with the National Archives, hosted a panel discussion on Women in Congressional Leadership. Panelist included Leader Nancy Pelosi, FMC President Connie Morella, FMC Vice President Barbara Kennelly, former Senators Carol Moseley Braun and Blanche Lincoln, and former Member Mary Bono. The panel was moderated by New York Times reported,



Jackie Calmes who asked the panelists:

What changes have taken place in the roles, opportunities, expectations, and obstacles for women in congress? The distinguished panelists discussed their personal journeys and offered encouragement and advice to young women entering the field of politics.

The entire McGowen Theater, filled to capacity, heard the former Members reflect on how women have fit into Congress over time and the changes in their roles as Members of Congress and how colleagues perceive them. The discussion revealed some unique struggles and challenges that were in their paths because they were women,

and how on most levels those obstacles are not as prevalent today. The entire panel indicated how they consider their time in office to have been rewarding and encouraged the mostly female audience to consider running for office. FMC is grateful to all of their panelists for making this such a meaningful and extremely successful event, especially for Leader Pelosi and her participation in the discussion and Q & A. Our next National Archives panel will be held June 5th and will focus on Congress Role in International Conflicts. [Click here](#) to see more photos of this program.

Annual Meeting to be held July 16th

The Association's 44th Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Congressional Research Services' Centennial Celebration on Wednesday, July 16th. Starting at 7:00am, we hope you can join us, along with other former Members, for a cup of coffee and light breakfast in H-137 in the Capitol before we enter the House Chamber at 8:00am. We particularly encourage former Members who are in the DC area to join us in the House Chamber on the 16th, where we will be presenting our annual report to Congress.

Following the presentation of our annual report, former Members and their guests can participate in one day symposium entitled: *The First Branch: Challenges of Governance in a Global Era*. There will be five discussion panels presented by current and former Members of Congress, distinguished scholars and CRS experts. The panelist will facilitate the discussions at each of the following panels:

- *How Congress Functions: Perspectives and Observations*
- *Order and Disorder in an Interconnected World: The Arab Spring*
- *America's Place in the Global Economy: What's Next?*
- *Demography as Destiny: Implications of Aging for the U.S.*
- *An Objective Analysis and Legislative Power: CRS, Congress, and the Future*

During the Annual Meeting, at a VIP luncheon, we will honor fellow former Member Lee Hamilton with the Association's 43rd Distinguished Service Award. We are particularly hopeful to have a large number of former Members show their support as we present the award at the luncheon to be held in the Library of Congress, Members Room, at 12:00pm Wednesday, July 16th. Even if your schedule prevents you from participating in any other Annual Meeting event, we hope you will be able to join us for the VIP luncheon.

The Annual Meeting will conclude with a cocktail reception in the beautiful Great Hall of the Library of Congress. In addition to former Members and their guests, we anticipate the attendance of current Members, Ambassadors, and other friends and partners of the Association.

Please let us know as soon as possible whether you can join us for any/all of our Annual Meeting. For all Association events, please RSVP to switiw@usafmc.org. Please go to website for further details or [click here](#).

The Congressional Study Groups

The Congressional Study Groups are independent, non-partisan international legislative exchange committed to increasing bilateral and multilateral dialogue with the United States' strategic allies. Each Study Group is chaired by a bipartisan pair of Members of Congress, and our membership rosters in the 113th Congress ranged from 48 Members participating in our newest Study Group (Europe, founded 2012) to 103 Members in our oldest (Germany, founded 1983). At the urging of Congressman Lee Hamilton, The Study Groups are housed at the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational association, chartered by Congress over four decades ago, to ensure they maintain a vibrant programming schedule with an commitment to non-advocacy.

With over 50 events each year, The Congressional Study Groups always have something going on. To learn more and see pictures, visit www.usafmc.org/csg or click on the selected links below from our events this year.

2014 Programming of The Congressional Study Groups

[January 10, 2014](#) – **Members Roundtable: Delegation of the Japan-U.S. Parliamentary Friendship League**, led by The Hon. Hirofumi Nakasone, MP

[January 18-25, 2014](#) – **Senior Congressional Staff Tour to Tokyo and Kyoto**, with a delegation of eight Senate and House Chiefs of Staff

January 20, 2014 – **New York Members Roundtable: “The Future of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership,”** featuring Mr. Caroll Neubauer, Chairman and CEO of B. Braun Medical, Chairman of the GACC-NY,

Member Business Advisory Council, The Congressional Study Group on Germany

January 23, 2014 – Members Roundtable: “U.S.-Turkey Relations in Light of Recent Developments in Turkey,” featuring Former U.S. Ambassador James Jeffrey; Soner Cagaptay, The Washington Institute; Kadir Ustun, SETA

[February 4, 2014](#) – **Roundtable: U.S. Security Priorities for East Asia and the Pacific**, featuring Assistant Secretary of State Daniel R. Russel

February 4, 2014 – Members Dinner: Hotspots for Transatlantic Security Cooperation: The Middle East and North Africa, hosted by H.E. Dr. Hans Peter Manz (Austria)

[February 13, 2014](#) – **Roundtable: US-Japan Cooperation in Overseas Development Assistance, featuring Professor Akihiko Tanaka**, President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

[February 15-22, 2014](#) – **Inaugural U.S.-Japan Parliamentary Exchange in Tokyo and Kyoto**, led by CSGJ Co-Chair Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)

[February 21, 2014](#) – **Roundtable: Big Data in Healthcare – Risk or Benefit?**, featuring Ms. Karen Fischer (Senate Finance Committee), Mr. Robert Horne (House Energy and Commerce Committee), and Mr. Morgan Reed, Chairman of HIMSS Legal and Policy Task Force; with a delegation from the German Association for Health-IT

March 7, 2014 – Members Breakfast: “A view from the Opposition Party,” featuring Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA); Mr. Aykan Erdemir, CHP Deputy for Bursa; Mr. Eaik Tunay, CHP Deputy for Istanbul

March 12, 2014 – Members Dinner: Farewell Diner for Namik Tan, Turkish

Ambassador to the United States

[March 13, 2014](#) – **Members Roundtable: “Opposition Party Politics,”** featuring The Hon. Seiji Maehara, MP (DPJ)

[March 24, 2014](#) – **Roundtable: “Restoring Transatlantic Trust: Balancing National Security and Data Privacy,”** featuring Mr. Jan Philipp Albrecht (MEP), Dr. Konstantin von Notz (MdB), and Mr. Malte Spitz (Alliance 90/The Greens)

[April 2, 2014](#) – **Roundtable: Opportunities for Further Investment: Role of German Business in the U.S.,** featuring Mr. Ulrich Grillo, President of the Federation of German Industries (BDI), and Dr. Eric Schweitzer, President of the German Chambers of Commerce and Industry

April 2, 2014 – 17th Annual Statesmanship Awards Dinner, with benefactor-level tables hosted by CSG Partners and Business Advisory Council members Embassy of Japan, Toyota, and Volkswagen

April 8, 2014 – Members Dinner: “The Ukrainian Crisis and Vladimir Putin: Options for Diplomacy and Intervention,” hosted by H.E. Rudolf Bekink (Netherlands)

[April 9, 2014](#) – **The U.S. Energy Revolution and the Global Energy Market,** a roundtable discussion with Mr. Charif Souki, CEO and President of Cheniere Energy

[April 10, 2014](#) – **Financial Markets and Services in Crisis: How to Bring Stability to Europe’s States and Banks,** featuring Mr. Martin Blessing, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors of Commerzbank AG

April 10, 2014 – Roundtable with H.E. Ali Babacan, Deputy Prime Minister of

the Republic of Turkey, in partnership with Independent Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association

April 25, 2014 – New York Members Roundtable: “A 30-Year Personal Commitment to the U.S.-Japan Alliance: Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner’s Impressions of the State of the Bilateral Relationship,” featuring Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI)

[April 29, 2014](#) – **Members Roundtable: TTIP, NSA, Ukraine -- Challenging Times for the Transatlantic Relationship**, featuring Dr. Norbert Röttgen, Chairman of the Bundestag Foreign Affairs Committee

[April 29, 2014](#) – **Roundtable: Women in Leadership in the US and Japan: Opportunities and Obstacles in Government, Business, and Society**, featuring Japanese Cabinet Minister Masako Mori, MP, LDP

[May 1, 2014](#) – **Members Roundtable: Japan’s Economic, Trade, and Security Priorities: A Discussion with LDP Secretary-General Shigeru Ishiba**, including three additional LDP Diet Members

June 2, 2014 – The European Parliament Elections – Results and Consequences, featuring The Hon. Peter Skinner, Member of the European Parliament; Dr. Jeffrey Anderson, Georgetown University; Mr. Wolfgang Pordzik, DHL; and Mr. David Rennie, The Economist

Upcoming FMC events
June 5, 2014:
National Archives Panel Discussion-

What is the Role of Congress in International Conflicts

July 16, 2014

44th FMC Annual Meeting

[click here for details](#)

July 28, 2014

The Members

7th Annual Congressional Charity Golf Tournament

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November 8th-15

FMC Fall Study Tour to Normandy France

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