

President James E. Carter

A tireless advocate for human rights, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter founded the nonprofit Carter Center, which promotes human rights and the alleviation of suffering worldwide with his wife Rosalynn in 1982. Led by the Carters and an independent board of trustees, the Center's staff wage peace, fight disease, and build hope by both engaging with those at the highest levels of government and working side by side with poor and often forgotten people.



The Honorable Bob Barr



Bob Barr represented the 7th District of Georgia in the U. S. House of Representatives from 1995 to 2003, and was the 2008 Libertarian Party nominee for President of the United States. He practices law with the Law Offices of Edwin Marger, and runs a consulting firm, Liberty Strategies, Inc., headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Bob was appointed by President Reagan to serve as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia (1986-90), and served as President of Southeastern Legal Foundation (1990-91). He was an official with the CIA from 1971-78.

Brigadier General John H. Johns, USA (Ret.)

Brigadier General Dr. John H. Johns served as a combat arms officer in the Army for over 26 years, retiring as a brigadier general in 1978.

During his career, he served in command assignments up to Assistant Commander of the 1st Infantry Division. He also served in a number of staff positions, including 8 years on the Army General Staff, retiring as the Director of Human Resources Development. He taught leadership and ethics at the U.S. Military Academy and has lectured on ethics at the Air War College, the Army War College, the U.S. Military Academy, and the Naval Academy.

After retirement from active duty, Dr. Johns continued to serve in the Department of Defense until retirement in 1995. He served four years as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Career SES 5) before becoming a Professor of Political Science at the National Defense University at Ft. McNair. In addition to teaching Political Science and Strategic Decision making, he taught a 12 week Ethics course to over 700 students over a 10 year period. From 1990 to 1995, he served as the Dean of Faculty and Academic Programs at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, one of the colleges of the National Defense University teaching courses on the US Constitution and on ethics. From 1996 to 2004, he was an adjunct professor at the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Va.

Dr. Johns has an undergraduate degree in economics and political science from the University of Alabama. He has masters' degrees from Vanderbilt (psychology) and George Washington University (international affairs) and a Ph.D. from American University (sociology). He is also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, The National War College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Brigadier General Stephen A. Cheney, USMC (Ret.)

Brigadier General Steve Cheney, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), served nine years on the Marine Corps' two Recruit Depots, including a tour as the commanding general at Parris Island. He was also the inspector general for the Marine Corps. Brigadier General Cheney retired in 2001; he is now the president of the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas.



Lieutenant General Robert G. Gard Jr., USA (Ret.)



During his 31-year Army career, Gen. Gard served in both Korea and Vietnam, as well as three-year tour in Germany. He held several positions in the United States Department of Defense, serving as Executive Assistant to two secretaries of defense; as the first Director of Human Resources Development for the U.S. Army, as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, and as President of National Defense University (NDU). He is now the Senior Military Fellow at the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation where his work focuses on nuclear nonproliferation, missile defense, Iraq, Iran, military policy, nuclear terrorism and other national security issues.

The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton

Lee Hamilton represented Indiana's 9th congressional district for 34 years beginning January 1965. He served as chairman and ranking member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, chaired the Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Select Committee to Investigate Covert Arms Transactions with Iran, the Joint Economic Committee, and the Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress. Hamilton is now president and director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and director of The Center on Congress at Indiana University.



Lawrence J. Korb



Dr. Korb served as assistant secretary of defense (manpower, reserve affairs, installations, and logistics) from 1981 through 1985. In that position, he administered about 70 percent of the defense budget. For his service in that position, he was awarded the Department of Defense's medal for Distinguished Public Service. Mr. Korb served on active duty for four years as Naval Flight Officer, and retired from the Naval Reserve with the rank of captain. He is now a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress.

The Honorable William J. Perry

William J. Perry was the nineteenth U.S. secretary of defense from February 3, 1994, to January 23, 1997, under President Bill Clinton. He was Deputy Secretary of Defense from 1993 to 1994. He currently is the co-director of the Preventive Defense Project at Stanford's Center for International Security and Cooperation.



Paul R. Pillar



Paul R. Pillar served for twenty-eight years in the U.S. intelligence community, including as deputy chief of the Counterterrorist Center at the Central Intelligence Agency. Prior to joining the CIA, Pillar served as a U.S. Army officer in Vietnam. He is now the Director of Graduate Studies at the Georgetown University Center for Peace and Security Studies.

Colonel Lawrence B. Wilkerson, USA (Ret.)

Colonel Lawrence B. Wilkerson, U.S. Army (Ret.), was chief of staff to Secretary of State Colin Powell from 2002 to 2005. He is now the Pamela Harriman Visiting Professor of Government and Public Policy at the College of William and Mary.



Brigadier General Stephen N. Xenakis, MD, USA (Ret.)



A retired Brigadier General with a twenty-eight year Army career, Dr. Xenakis is Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the Psychiatric Institute of Washington. He is an advisor to Physicians for Human Rights' Campaign Against Torture, and an advocate for the humane and decent treatment of detainees.