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##### **Gen. (Ret.) Wesley Clark**

**Senior Fellow, UCLA Burke Center for International Relations; Founder, Renew America Together**

Gen. Wesley Clark retired as a four-star general after 38 years in the United States Army, having served in his last assignments as Commander of US Southern Command and then as Commander of US European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. He graduated first in his class at West Point and completed degrees in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University (B.A. and M.A.) as a Rhodes scholar. He is a decorated combat veteran of the Vietnam war, and later commanded at the battalion, brigade, and division level, and served in a number of significant staff positions, including service as the Director, Strategic Plans and Policy (J-5). He was the principal author of both the US National Military Strategy and Joint Vision 2010, prescribing US warfighting for full-spectrum dominance. He also worked with Ambassador Richard Holbrooke in the Dayton Peace Process, where he helped write and negotiate significant portions of the 1995 Dayton Peace Agreement. In his final assignment as Supreme Allied Commander Europe he led NATO forces to victory in Operation Allied Force, a 78-day air campaign, backed by ground invasion planning and a diplomatic process, saving 1.5 million Albanians from ethnic cleansing.

His awards include the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Defense Distinguished Service Medal (five awards), Silver star, bronze star, purple heart, honorary knighthoods from the British and Dutch governments, Commander of the Legion of Honor (France), and numerous other awards from other governments. He has also been awarded the Department of State Distinguished Service Award and numerous honorary doctorates and civilian honors. He is also an old friend to the Helsinki Commission, having testified before a Commission hearing in June 2000 on Bosnia's future under the Dayton Agreement.

**Dr. Stacie Pettyjohn**  
**Senior Fellow, CNAS**

Dr. Stacie Pettyjohn is a Senior Fellow and Director of the Defense Program at the Center for a New American Security (CNAS) where she focuses on defense strategy, posture, force planning, force presentation, security cooperation, and wargaming. Prior to joining CNAS, Dr. Pettyjohn spent over ten years at the RAND Corporation as a political scientist. Between 2019-2021, she was the Director of the Strategy and Doctrine Program in Project Air Force. From 2014-2020, she served as the co-director of the Center for Gaming. She has designed and led strategic and operational games that have assessed new operational concepts such as multi-domain operations (MDO); tested the impacts of new technology, such as human-machine collaboration and combat teaming; explored unclear phenomena such as gray zone tactics and information warfare; and examined nuclear escalation and warfighting. Previously, she was a research fellow at the Brookings Institution, a Peace Scholar at the United States Institute of Peace, and a TAPIR fellow at the RAND Corporation.

Dr. Pettyjohn has authored or co-authored reports on a wide range of issues, including readiness and responsiveness, the role of airpower in defeating the Islamic State, competition with Russia, possible war fighting scenarios with North Korea, and command and control of multi-national NATO amphibious forces. Additionally, she has crafted a large body of work on the United States' overseas posture, which explores the operational requirements, its vulnerability to attack, and the political access challenges that the United States faces. Dr. Pettyjohn's work has also been published in academic journals such as Security Studies and International Negotiation, and her commentary has appeared in the Washington Post, Foreign Affairs, War on the Rocks, Defense News, The National Interest, Asia Times, and The Daily Star. She has a Ph.D. and M.A. in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia and a B.A. in history and political science from the Ohio State University.

**Dr. Matthew Kroenig**  
**Director, Scowcroft Strategy Initiative at the Atlantic Council, and Professor of Government at Georgetown University**

Dr. Matthew Kroenig is the deputy director of the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security and the director of the Center's Scowcroft Strategy Initiative. In these roles, he leads the Center's global strategy unit and supports the director in managing a bipartisan team of over 40 resident staff and an extensive network of nonresident experts. His own research focuses on US national security policy, great power competition with China and Russia, and strategic deterrence and weapons nonproliferation. Dr. Kroenig is also a tenured professor of government and foreign service at Georgetown University.

Dr. Kroenig has served in several positions in the U.S. Department of Defense and the intelligence community in the Bush, Obama, and Trump administrations, including in the Strategy, Middle East, and Nuclear and Missile Defense offices in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the CIA's Strategic Assessments Group. From 2017-2021, he was a Special Government Employee (SGE) and Senior Policy Adviser to the Office of the Assistant Secretary

of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capability/Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy. In this role, he provided advice on matters relating to the formulation, drafting, coordination, and implementation of nuclear deterrence policy and strategy in support of the 2018 US Nuclear Posture Review. He was a major contributor to formulating tailored deterrence strategies for China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran. In 2011, he developed strategic options for addressing Iran's nuclear program. In 2005, he was the principal author of the first-ever, US-government-wide strategy for deterring terrorist networks. For this work, he received the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Award for Outstanding Achievement. He is a featured character in the New York Times bestselling book, *Counterstrike: The Untold Story of America's Secret Campaign against Al Qaeda*, by Eric Schmitt and Thom Shanker. He was a national security adviser on the presidential campaigns of Mitt Romney (2012) and Marco Rubio (2016). He has testified before Congress and regularly consults with the White House, State Department, Pentagon, Congress, the intelligence community, and allied governments.