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General (Ret.) Phillip Breedlove

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Gen. Phillip Breedlove is a retired four-star US Air Force general who completed a 39-year military career. He held eight major commands across four continents during both peace and conflict and culminated his distinguished career as Commander US European Command and NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Europe, or SACEUR. Gen. Breedlove has extensive experience in our nations senior-most strategic decision making and national security policymaking processes at both the Pentagon and the National Security Council. He currently is a consultant to industry and serves as a Distinguished Professor at The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Tech.

Gen. Breedlove was raised in Forest Park, Ga., and was commissioned in 1977 as a distinguished graduate of Georgia Tech's ROTC program. He has been assigned to numerous operational, command and staff positions, and has completed nine overseas tours, including two remote tours. He has commanded a fighter squadron, an operations group, three fighter wings, and a numbered air force. Additionally, he has served as Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. Operations Officer in the Pacific Command Division on the Joint Staff; Executive Officer to the Commander of Headquarters Air Combat Command; the Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force; and Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy on the Joint Staff.

Previously, Gen. Breedlove served as Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe; Commander, U.S. Air Forces Africa; Commander, Air Component Command, Ramstein; and Director, Joint Air Power Competence Centre, Kalkar, Germany. He was responsible for Air Forces activities, conducted through 3rd Air Force, in an area of operations covering more than 19 million square miles. This area included 105 countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East, and the Arctic and Atlantic oceans. As Vice Chief, he presided over the Air Staff and served as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Requirements Oversight Council and Deputy Advisory Working Group. He assisted the Chief of Staff with organizing, training, and equipping of 680,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving in the United States and

overseas. Gen. Breedlove has flown combat missions in Operation Joint Forge/Joint Guardian. He is a command pilot with 3,500 flying hours, primarily in the F-16.

Dr. Michael Kimmage

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Dr. Michael Kimmage is a professor of history and department chair at the Catholic University of America. He is also a fellow at the German Marshall Fund. Dr. Kimmage specializes in the history of the Cold War, twentieth-century U.S. diplomatic and intellectual history, and U.S.-Russian relations since 1991. From 2014 to 2016, he served on the Secretary's Policy Planning Staff at the U.S. Department of State, where he held the Russia/Ukraine portfolio. His most recent book, *The Abandonment of the West: The History of an Idea in American Foreign Policy* (Basic Books, 2020), is a study of transatlantic relations and U.S.-Russian relations from World War I to the present.

Dr. Kimmage has also published additional three books to date: *The Conservative Turn: Lionel Trilling, Whittaker Chambers and the Lessons of Anti-Communism* (Harvard University Press, 2009); *In History's Grip: Philip Roth's Newark Trilogy* (Stanford University Press, 2012); and Wolfgang Koeppen's *Journey through America* (Berghahn, 2012), a German-language travelogue published in 1959 and translated by Dr. Kimmage. He has written articles and book reviews for the New York Times, Washington Post, New Republic, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Jewish Review of Books and Los Angeles Review of Books. He has been a visiting professor at the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich and at Vilnius University in Lithuania.

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Dr. Miriam Lansky is Senior Director for Russia and Eurasia at the National Endowment for Democracy. She has an extensive background in policy analysis related to post-Soviet Eurasia, as well as democracy promotion in the region. In 2003 she was awarded a PhD in international affairs from Boston University for her dissertation on the Russian presidency, the Chechen wars, and social and political problems of the North Caucasus. Dr. Lansky has published widely and has appeared on numerous panels and conferences to discuss political developments in Russia and Eurasia, testified in Congress, and appeared on PBS Newshour.

In 2010, Dr. Lansky co-authored *The Chechen Struggle: Independence Won and Lost* with former Chechen Foreign Minister Ilyas Akhmadov. Called "balanced, honest and courageous" by Zbigniew Brzezinski, the book is a uniquely candid, inside account of Chechnya's two wars against Russia, its interwar attempt to establish national institutions, and the splintering and eventual radicalization of the resistance. It also provides intimate portraits of key personalities within the Chechen leadership, including General Dzhokhar Dudayev and Aslan Maskhadov.