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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: GARY BERNTSEN



Selected to lead CIA's deployment after the East Africa bombings and then again to lead in Afghanistan following the September 11, 2001 attacks, Gary was at the forefront in confronting al Qaeda and the Taliban and a pivotal figure in the United States victory in Afghanistan.

Gary's knowledge of Intelligence, Counterterrorism and Foreign Affairs provides for an informed and dynamic presentation in our ongoing struggle with Jihadist Terrorists. Having served on the ground in multiple insurgencies he provides his audience with gritty, informed understanding of what needs to be done in order to achieve victory in the long war that we face. In assignments as varied as the Middle East South Asia, Latin America and the Balkans he conducted cutting edge operations against many of the world's most dangerous terrorist groups.

He is a renowned National Security and Counter-terrorism expert having done over 200 television and radio interviews. He frequently appears as a National Security expert on Fox News and CNN. In 2007-2008, Gary returned to Afghanistan as civilian advisor to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) and worked against Militant Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Networks. Since 2008, Gary has worked as both a lecturer and a Defense Consultant.

RETIRED 23-YEAR VETERAN OF CIA'S CLANDESTINE SERVICE, AND THE BEST-SELLING AUTHOR OF *JAWBREAKER: THE ATTACK ON BIN LADEN AND AL QAIDA*, A NOVEL, *THE WALK-IN*, AND A POLICY BOOK TITLED *HUMAN INTELLIGENCE COUNTERTERRORISM AND NATIONAL LEADERSHIP*.

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