



Yale Veterans Summit

April 10-11, 2015

New Haven, Connecticut

BRIDGING THE DIVIDE

THE WAY FORWARD IN US CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS

The first-ever Yale Veterans Summit was held on campus (April 10-11, 2015), as a collaboration between the Yale Veterans Association and the Association of Yale Alumni. The purpose of the Summit was to advance the national discourse on the US civil-military divide and address the most pressing issues and challenges facing military servicemembers and veterans today, including homelessness, PTSD/TBI, unemployment, education and long-term healthcare.

Over 300 alumni, students, guests and other constituents (including a service dog!) attended the Summit. Despite its namesake, the Yale Veterans Summit was open to all, including non-veterans and members of the public. The participation at this historic event was inclusive and diverse, with audience members representing dozens of different organizations from industry, academia, the non-profit sector, government, the US Armed Forces, and the broader population.

Notable alumni, speakers and attendees included:

- **Deborah Lee James**, US Secretary of the Air Force
- **John Negroponte '60**, Former US Ambassador to the United Nations and Iraq, and first Director of National Intelligence
- **Linda Schwartz '84 MSN, '98 DrPH**, Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, US Department of Veterans Affairs
- **Brett Guthrie '97 MPPM**, US Representative for the 2nd Congressional District of Kentucky
- **Elizabeth Esty '85 JD**, US Representative for the 5th Congressional District of Connecticut
- **COL Steve Parker '01 MA**, Executive Director, Joining Forces
- **Eric Maddox**, Former Army interrogator who played a key role in the capture of Saddam Hussein, as chronicled in the book, *Mission: Black List #1*
- **Ray DuBois**, Senior Advisor, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and former Deputy Undersecretary of Defense
- **Jim & Lindsey Stanek**, Co-Founders, Paws and Stripes (Their inspiring work training shelter dogs to become service dogs for veterans with PTSD and traumatic brain injury has been profiled in the A&E television series, *Dogs of War*)
- **Luke Bronin '01 BA, '06 JD**, Mayoral candidate for the City of Hartford, CT and former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, US Department of the Treasury
- **James Dao '79**, Deputy National Editor, *The New York Times*

- **Rodrigo Garcia**, National Board Chairman, Student Veterans of America
- **Chris Howell '14**, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Warrior-Scholar Project
- **Zach Iscol**, CEO/Founder, Hirepurpose
- **Coleman Nee**, Former Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans' Services
- **Michael McDermott**, Head of Veterans Initiatives, Blackstone
- **Tom Opladen '66**, President, Yale Veterans Association
- **Jason Mangone '13 MA**, Director, The Franklin Project
- **Anu Bhagwati '97**, Founder, Service Women's Action Network
- **Rob Simmons**, Selectman for Stonington, CT and former U.S. Congressman from Connecticut
- **Paul Solman**, Brady-Johnson Distinguished Practitioner in Grand Strategy at Yale; former correspondent for The PBS NewsHour

Private sector, non-profit, military and government agencies represented include:

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| • Prudential | • US Air Force |
| • Blackstone | • US Department of State |
| • Bank of America | • US Department of Defense |
| • Verizon | • US Central Intelligence Agency |
| • TD Bank | • US Defense Intelligence Agency |
| • United Technologies – Pratt & Whitney | • US Department of Justice |
| • RBC Capital Markets | • US World War One Centennial Commission |
| • International Trade Development Corporation | • US Department of Veterans Affairs |
| • Capital Bank Financial Corporation | • Korean War Legacy Foundation |
| • Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America | • Paws and Stripes |
| • American Legion | • Warrior-Scholar Project |
| • Veterans of Foreign Wars | • Veterans Campaign |
| • Military Order of the Purple Heart | • Mercy Corps |
| • US Army | • American Corporate Partners |
| • US Navy | • Elizabeth Dole Foundation |
| • US Marine Corps | • US Chamber of Commerce Foundation: Hiring Our Heroes |
| | • Service to School |

Educational institutions represented include:

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| • Yale | • Boston College |
| • Harvard | • University of Colorado - Denver |
| • Columbia | • Western Connecticut State University |
| • Cornell | • Teach for America |
| • Amherst | • Carmen Arace Middle School |
| • Wellesley | • Hamden Hall Country Day School |
| • University of New Haven | • US Military Academy at West Point |
| • UConn | |

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