



The Role of National Intelligence in the 21st Century

Admiral Dennis Blair serves as a member of the Energy Security Leadership Council. He also serves on the boards of Freedom House, the National Bureau of Asian Research, and the National Committee on US-China Relations.

From January 2009 to May 2010, as Director of National Intelligence under President Obama, Admiral Blair led sixteen national intelligence agencies. The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 had formed the Office of Director of National Intelligence based on a 9-11 Commission recommendation to improve communication between intelligence services.

From 2003 to 2006, Admiral Blair was president and chief executive officer of the Institute for Defense Analyses, which provides objective analyses of national security issues. During this period, he was also named Omar Bradley Chair of Strategic Leadership at the U. S. Army War College.

Prior to retiring from the Navy in 2002 after a career of 34 years, Admiral Blair was the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command. In this role he helped manage the Hainan Island incident in which a Navy signals intelligence aircraft collided with a Chinese interceptor fight jet.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Admiral Blair earned a master's degree in history and languages from Oxford University as a Rhodes scholar, and was a White House fellow at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

He has recently written *Military Engagement: Influencing Armed Forces Worldwide to Support Democratic Transitions*. Two commissions he has co-chaired have issued recent reports: *Oil Security 2025: U.S. National Security Policy in an Era of Domestic Oil Abundance*, and *The Report of the Commission on the Theft of American Intellectual Property*.

His military decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal with one star. He has also received decorations from several countries including Japan, South Korea, Australia, Thailand, and Taiwan.

March 27th Meeting

Dinner Arrangements

Place: Radisson Penn Harris Hotel
Keystone BC (Convention Center)
Camp Hill Bypass & Erford Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

NOTE NEW START TIMES

Time: **5:30 PM:** Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6:30 PM: Sit Down Dinner
7:30 PM: Presentation w/ Q & A

Menu: Bruschetta, Chicken Marsala, Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce

Those with special dietary needs may request a substitution when making a reservation. Remember, if you order a substitute meal to pick up a coded tag at the table and put it by your place. Alternate meals will be only chicken unless chicken is the main course – then fish will be the alternate or vegetarian, which will be Chef's choice (typically non-meat pasta).

The cost for FPA members: \$22.00.
We welcome non-members to attend dinners.
The non-member cost is: \$25.00

There is no charge for anyone to attend the program presentation only, beginning at 7:30 PM.

For Reservations Contact: Ron Pontius at:
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You can also click on the reservations link on the FPA web site: www.fpa-harrisburg.org

Notes: Reservations by telephone must be made by 10 PM on the Monday before the Thursday meeting; or if by e-mail, by 9 AM Tuesday before the meeting.

When making or canceling a dinner reservation be sure to give your complete *name, address, and phone number*. We need that information to notify you if a meeting is canceled due to inclement weather or for other reasons. If you come for dinner as a "Walk-in" without a reservation, we cannot guarantee that the hotel will be able to provide you with a meal.

NOTE: We bill "No-shows"

No-shows will be billed except when there are sufficient walk-ins to meet the reservation number given to the Radisson.

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