



## Terrorism, the West and the ISIS Threat

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In August 2013, Mr. Roberts began his tour at the Eisenhower School where he teaches strategic leadership and defense resourcing. His prior assignment was in the Office of Secretary of Defense. There he worked on Department of Defense policies, plans, authorities and resources related to special operations, counter terrorism, irregular warfare, information operations and building partner capacities.

A native Californian, Mr. Roberts traveled extensively during his youth. He lived in Iran as a child, attended high school in Switzerland and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1968. He holds a master's degree from Middlebury College in Vermont and studied political science in Paris.

Mr. Roberts joined the Army in 1968. Key overseas tours included Vietnam and Cambodia as a military intelligence officer and in Iran as the last foreign area officer there. In 1989, he was promoted to the rank of colonel and joined the newly formed Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict in Washington.

In 1992, Mr. Roberts left active duty in the Army to accept an appointment in the Senior Executive Service in the Office of Secretary of Defense. From 1999 to 2000, he served as director of NATO policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. In 2000, he was assigned as the first defense policy advisor to the United States Mission to the European Union in Brussels.

In 2003, Mr. Roberts returned to the Pentagon and to the Special Operations and Combating Terrorism Office, where he was the principal director and acting deputy assistant secretary. During 2007-2009, he served as the U.S. deputy director of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Germany. In 2009, he rejoined the Special Operations and Combating Terrorism Office in Washington.

## September 24th Meeting Dinner Arrangements

**Place:** Radisson Penn Harris Hotel  
**Governor B (Hotel)**  
Camp Hill Bypass & Erford Road  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

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

**Menu:** Fruit Cup, Lemon Basil Chicken, Cherry Crisp

*Those with special dietary needs may request a substitution when making a reservation. If you order a substitute meal, remember to pick up a coded tag at the table and put it by your place. Alternate meals will be 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: \$24**  
**We welcome non-members to attend dinners.**  
**The non-member cost is: \$27**

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](http://www.fpa-harrisburg.org)

**Note: 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.

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