# Speaker Bios

## Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

### Career

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| 2012 | President of LDP  
      | Prime Minister |
| 2007 | Resigned Prime Minister |
| 2006 | President of LDP  
      | Prime Minister |
| 2005 | Chief Cabinet Secretary  
      | (Third Koizumi Cabinet (Reshuffled)) |
| 2004 | Acting Secretary-General and Chairman of Reform Promotion Headquarters, LDP |
| 2003 | Secretary-General, LDP |
| 2002 | Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary  
      | (First Koizumi Cabinet (1st Reshuffled)) |
| 2001 | Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary  
      | (First Koizumi Cabinet)  
      | (Second Mori Cabinet (Reshuffled)) |
| 2000 | Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary  
      | (Second Mori Cabinet (Reshuffled))  
      | (Second Mori Cabinet) |
| 1999 | Trustee, Committee on Health and Welfare  
      | Director, Social Affairs Division, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) |
| 1993 | Elected as Member of the House of Representatives  
      | (thereafter reelected in seven consecutive elections) |
| 1982 | Executive Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs |
| 1979 | Joined Kobe Steel, Ltd |
**Admiral Dennis Blair**, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA, is a renowned expert on Asia Pacific policy and issues. He also serves as a member of the Energy Security Leadership Council and the Aspen Homeland Security Council; and he is on the boards of Freedom House, the National Bureau of Asian Research and the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

As Director of National Intelligence from January 2009 to May 2010, Admiral Blair led sixteen national intelligence agencies, managed a budget of $50 billion and provided integrated intelligence support to the President, Congress and operations in the field.

Admiral Blair was president and chief executive officer of the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) from 2003 to 2006, a federally funded research and development center that supports the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security and the Intelligence Community.

During his 34-year Navy career, Admiral Blair served on guided missile destroyers in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets and commanded the Kitty Hawk Battle Group. Ashore, he served as Director of the Joint Staff and held budget and policy positions on the National Security Council and several major Navy staffs. Prior to retiring from the Navy in 2002, Admiral Blair served as Commander in Chief of the U.S. Pacific Command, the largest of the combatant commands.

Admiral Blair has served as a director of both public and private corporations, including Tyco International, EDO Corporation (now part of L-3, Inc.) and Iridium LLC (now a public corporation). He resigned from all board positions when he re-entered government in 2009. He currently is a consultant for Lockheed Martin Space Systems and the European Aeronautic Defense and Space Company, North America.


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 been awarded four Defense Distinguished Service medals, three National Intelligence Distinguished Service medals and decorations from the governments of Japan, Thailand, Korea, Australia, the Philippines and Taiwan.

**Daniel Bob** is Director of Programs and Senior Fellow at Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Previously, he worked on the Senate Finance and House Foreign Affairs Committees handling Asia Pacific issues. He was an International Affairs Fellow in Japan with the Council on Foreign Relations, CEO of a Washington- and Seoul-based firm providing advisory services on energy and educational projects, Senior Advisor to the director of the agency overseeing the multi-trillion-dollar U.S. secondary mortgage market and Senior Advisor at an international law firm. In 2008, he worked as an advisor on Asian affairs for the Obama campaign. Mr. Bob has also served as Visiting Scholar at Keio University and as Research Advisor for the Pudong Academy of Development in China. Mr. Bob holds a bachelor’s degree from Yale University and a master’s degree from Harvard University and was a Fulbright Scholar in Fiji.
**Junko Chano** is the Executive Director at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) and the President of Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. Prior to joining SPF, Chano worked at several foundations including the Japan Foundation, Philadelphia Foundation and the Ford Foundation’s New York Office. At the Ford Foundation, Chano helped strengthen the capacity of emerging global community foundations. She later joined the Office of the Organizational Services of the Ford Foundation and developed a series of Grant Craft videos that would enhance critical thinking of grant makers for their program development activities. Chano graduated from Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo with a degree in Social Sciences and a Master’s of Government Administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

**William S. Cohen** is Chairman and CEO of the Cohen Group. From his very first days in Washington, Secretary Cohen was singled out as a future American leader. In 1974, during his very first term in Congress, TIME magazine named him as one of "America's 200 Future Leaders," and the following year the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce named him one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Men in America."

This reflected, in part, the national prominence Secretary Cohen attained as a freshman Republican Congressman who was tasked by the House Judiciary Committee to build, on national television, the evidentiary base for impeachment of President Nixon -- and who then cast one of the critical votes to impeach. But it also reflected the recognition that the intellectual clout, integrity, independence, and public persuasiveness he demonstrated during the Watergate hearings portended a future without bounds on the national scene. Internationally, Secretary Cohen's reputation also took root as, despite the political risk it could entail for a freshman Congressman, he traveled to Thailand in 1974 to reassure a stalwart ally following the U.S. military withdrawal from Vietnam. In the process, Secretary Cohen established relationships that have flourished there and elsewhere around the globe over the quarter century since.

In 1978, he was propelled into the Senate, defeating a highly respected incumbent. During his first weeks in the Senate, he was singled out to be chairman of two powerful subcommittees, the Armed Services Committee's Seapower and Force Projection Subcommittee and the Governmental Affairs Committee’s Government Oversight Subcommittee. The former was responsible for tens of billions of acquisition dollars for naval vessels and long-range transport aircraft, as well as U.S. security policy in East Asia, the Middle East and the Persian Gulf. The latter was responsible for reforming the procurement process for the entire Federal Government. As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Aging, Secretary Cohen led efforts to improve the efficiency of Medicare and other health care programs and was a central player in the health care reform debates of the 1990s. Secretary Cohen also was a member of the Select Committee on Intelligence for a decade, serving half that time as Vice Chairman, overseeing a large budget involving some of the Nation's most advanced technology.

His experience and expertise led to his selection to serve on the "Iran-Contra Committee." His sustained leadership on environmental issues gave him the distinction of being the only Republican Senator endorsed by the League of Conservation Voters re-election after re-election, while his efforts on behalf of small business and early leadership in reversing federal deficits won him awards from the National Federation of Independent Businessmen and the National Taxpayers Union.

Secretary Cohen's international expertise was recognized by his selection to the Board of Directors of the Council on Foreign Relations from 1989 to 1997, whose Middle East Study Group he chaired. He has chaired and served on numerous other study groups and committees at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the School for Advanced International Studies, and the Brookings Institute. He
established and led U.S. delegations to the annual Pacific Dialogue in Kuala Lumpur, as well as the American-Arab Dialogue in Cairo, both regional conferences on economic and security issues. Beginning in 1985, he led the U.S. delegation of senior Executive Branch officials and Members of Congress to the annual Munich Conference on Security Policy, which brings together senior government and industrial officials from throughout Europe and Asia.

Secretary Cohen’s service in the House and Senate was marked by electoral success, as well. He was undefeated in six consecutive Maine elections, winning each by wide margins. In 1996, again expected to easily defeat whomever would be nominated to challenge him, Secretary Cohen stunned Maine and Washington by announcing he would not seek re-election. Frustrated with partisan gridlock, Secretary Cohen announced he would return to private life to promote international business and, through his writings and the media, a more thoughtful public discourse on national political issues. He also launched the William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce at the University of Maine.

President Clinton changed these plans, however, when he asked Secretary Cohen to lead the Department of Defense, the first time in modern U.S. history when a President has chosen an elected official from the other party to be a member of his cabinet. At his January 1997 confirmation hearing, Secretary Cohen set forth his prioritized objectives as Secretary and completed his tenure having accomplished them all. Reversing a steady decline in defense budgets that began in the 1980s, Secretary Cohen succeeded in modernizing the military and maintaining its readiness to fight; reversing recruitment and retention problems by enhancing pay and other benefits; and strengthening security relationships with countries around the world in order to reorient them from the Cold War to the challenges of a new era. Under his leadership, the U.S. military conducted the largest air warfare campaign since World War II, in Serbia and Kosovo, and conducted other military operations on every continent. During his tenure, Secretary Cohen held substantive meetings with foreign leaders in over 60 countries.

A published author of eleven works of nonfiction, fiction, and poetry; a futurist with degrees in classical Latin and Greek literature; the son of a working-class family who rose to the highest levels in government, it was natural for the Christian Science Monitor to call him “a true Renaissance Man.” He is also an accomplished athlete and was named to the Maine all-state high school and college basketball teams, and, while at Bowdoin, he was inducted into the New England All-Star Hall of Fame. In 1987, he was named by the National Association of Basketball Coaches to the Silver Anniversary All Star Team, and in 2001, the NCAA presented him with its Theodore Roosevelt Award. Secretary Cohen is currently a member of the Board of Directors of CBS Corporation.

After 31 years of public service, Secretary Cohen leaves behind a record of unparalleled accomplishment, integrity, and respect, and takes with him unrivaled knowledge, reputation, and relationships, across America and around the globe.

Patrick (Pat) Dewar is Executive Vice President of Lockheed Martin International, Chairman of Lockheed Martin Global, Inc. and a corporate officer. Appointed to his current role in July 2013, he is responsible for Lockheed Martin Corporation’s global operations and for the development and execution of strategies aimed to grow the business and strengthen international customer relationships and industrial partnerships in 70 countries. Lockheed Martin International is headquartered in London and the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, with offices in Ottawa, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Singapore and Canberra; and regional offices in Tel Aviv, New Delhi, Tokyo and Seoul.

With nearly three decades of international business experience, Mr. Dewar has served in roles of
increasing responsibility at Lockheed Martin including Senior Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Business Development; Vice President of Corporate International Business Development; and Vice President of Business Development for the former Electronic Systems business area. He also has served as Chairman of Boards of Directors for Lockheed Martin UK Holdings Limited; Lockheed Martin España, S.A.; Lockheed Martin Australia Pty Limited; and as a member of the Lockheed Martin UAE Advisory Board.

Mr. Dewar has led critical programs for Lockheed Martin including the VH-71 Presidential Helicopter, the Hellfire/Longbow Missile and the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS). He also has amassed a wealth of experience on advanced development programs for hypersonic weapons and electromagnetic gun-launched projectiles. Beginning his career as a Missile Guidance Engineer on the Trident II Fleet Ballistic Missile Program for the General Electric Company, he subsequently worked at the former GE Reentry Systems in Philadelphia, Pa; GE Astro Space in Valley Forge, Pa.; Martin Marietta Electronics & Missiles in Orlando, Fla, Lockheed Martin Systems Integration in Owego, NY and at the corporation’s Headquarters in Bethesda, Md.

His educational accomplishments include a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Drexel University and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Swarthmore College. Mr. Dewar is a published author of various technical papers in publications to include the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Proceedings, The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) periodicals, and the journal of the Precision Strike Association.

**Michèle Flournoy** is Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS).

She served as the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy from February 2009 to February 2012. She was the principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense in the formulation of national security and defense policy, oversight of military plans and operations, and in National Security Council deliberations. She led the development of DoD’s 2012 Strategic Guidance and represented the Department in dozens of foreign engagements, in the media and before Congress.

Prior to confirmation, Ms. Flournoy co-led President Obama’s transition team at DoD.

In January 2007, Ms. Flournoy co-founded CNAS, a non-partisan think tank dedicated to developing strong, pragmatic and principled national security policies. She served as CNAS’ President until 2009.

Previously, she was senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies for several years and, prior to that, a distinguished research professor at the Institute for National Strategic Studies at the National Defense University (NDU).

In the mid-1990s, she served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Threat Reduction and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy. She has received several awards from the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Ms. Flournoy is a member of the President’s Intelligence Advisory Board, the Defense Policy Board, the DCIA’s External Advisory Board, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Aspen Strategy Group, and a Senior Fellow at Harvard’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. She serves on the boards of The Mitre Corporation, Rolls Royce North America, Amida Technology Solutions, The Mission Continues, and CARE, and is a Senior Advisor at the Boston Consulting Group.
Ms. Flournoy earned a bachelor's degree in social studies from Harvard University and a master's degree in international relations from Balliol College, Oxford University, where she was a Newton-Tatum scholar.

Dr. Michael Jonathan Green is senior vice president for Asia and Japan Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and an associate professor at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He served on the staff of the National Security Council (NSC) from 2001 through 2005, first as director for Asian affairs, with responsibility for Japan, Korea, Australia, and New Zealand, and then as special assistant to the president for national security affairs and senior director for Asia, with responsibility for East Asia and South Asia. Before joining the NSC staff, he was senior fellow for East Asian security at the Council on Foreign Relations, director of the Edwin O. Reischauer Center and the Foreign Policy Institute, and an assistant professor at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University, research staff member at the Institute for Defense Analyses, and senior adviser on Asia in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He also worked in Japan on the staff of a member of the National Diet.

Dr. Green is also currently a nonresident fellow at the Lowy Institute in Sydney, Australia, and a distinguished scholar at the Rebuild Japan Initiative Foundation in Tokyo. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Aspen Strategy Group, the America Australia Leadership Dialogue, the advisory board of the Center for a New American Security, and the editorial boards of the Washington Quarterly and the Journal of Unification Studies in Korea. He is also an associate of the U.S. Intelligence Community. Dr. Green has authored numerous books and articles on East Asian security. His current research includes a book project on the history of U.S. strategy in Asia; a survey of elite views of norms, power, and regional institutions in Asia; and a monograph on Japanese strategic culture. He received his master's and doctoral degrees from SAIS and did additional graduate and postgraduate research at Tokyo University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He received his bachelor's degree in history from Kenyon College with highest honors. He holds a black belt in iaido (sword) and has won international prizes on the great highland bagpipe.

Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr. is Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Admiral Harris was born in Japan and reared in Tennessee and Florida. Following graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1978 and designation as a naval flight officer, he was assigned to VP-44. His subsequent operational tours include tactical action officer aboard USS Saratoga; operations officer in VP-4 at Barbers Point, HI; three tours with Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 1 at Kami Seya, Japan; Director of Operations for U.S. 5th Fleet at Manama, Bahrain; and Director of Operations for U.S. Southern Command.

Harris commanded VP-46, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 1, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, the U.S. 6th Fleet, and Striking and Support Forces NATO.

Harris has served in every geographic combatant command region, and participated in the following major operations: S.S. Achille Lauro terrorist hijacking incident, Attain Document III (Libya, 1986), Earnest Will (Kuwaiti reflagged tanker ops, 1987-88), Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Willing Spirit (Colombia hostage rescue, 2006-7), and Odyssey Dawn (Libya, 2011). For Odyssey Dawn, he served as the Joint Force Maritime Component Commander afloat.

Harris’ graduate education focused on East Asia security. He attended Harvard’s Kennedy School of
Harris was promoted to Admiral and assumed command of the U.S. Pacific Fleet in October 2013.

Harris has logged 4,400 flight hours, including more than 400 combat hours, in maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft. His personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal (2 awards), Defense Superior Service Medal (3 awards), Legion of Merit (3 awards), the Bronze Star (2 awards), the Air Medal (1 strike/flight), and the State Department’s Distinguished Honor Award. He is a recipient of the Navy League’s Stephen Decatur and the Who’s Who in Asian American Communities’ Spirit awards.

**Takatoshi Ito**, Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, and Associate Director of Research at the Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia University, has taught extensively both in the United States and Japan since finishing his Ph.D. in economics at Harvard University in 1979. He taught as Assistant and tenured Associate Professor (1979-88) at the University of Minnesota, as Associate and full Professor at Hitotsubashi University (1988-2002), as Professor at the Graduate School of Economics at University of Tokyo (2004-2014) before assuming his current position in 2014. He held visiting professor positions at Harvard University, Stanford University, and Columbia Business School, and was Tun Ismail Ali Chair Professor at University of Malaya. He has distinguished academic and research appointments such as President of the Japanese Economic Association in 2004; Fellow of the Econometric Society, since 1992; Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research since 1985; and Faculty Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research, since 2006. He was Editor-in-Chief of Journal of the Japanese and International Economies, and is Co-Editor of Asian Economic Policy Review. In an unusual move for a Japanese academic, Ito was also appointed in the official sectors, as Senior Advisor in the Research Department at the International Monetary Fund (1994-97) and as Deputy Vice Minister for International Affairs at the Ministry of Finance of Japan (1999-2001). He served as a member of the Prime Minister's Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy (2006-2008).

In 2010, he was a co-author of a commissioned study of the Bank of Thailand’s 10th-year review of its inflation targeting regime. He frequently contributes op-ed columns and articles to the Financial Times and Nihon Keizai Shinbun. He is an author of many books including The Japanese Economy (MIT Press, 1992), The Political Economy of the Japanese Monetary Policy(1997) and Financial Policy and Central Banking in Japan (2000) (both with T. Cargill and M. Hutchison, MIT Press), An Independent and Accountable IMF (with J. De Gregorio, B. Eichengreen, and C. Wyplosz, 1999), and more than 130 academic (refereed) journal articles, including Econometrica, American Economic Review, and Journal of Monetary Economics, and chapters in books on international finance, monetary policy, and the Japanese economy. His research interest includes capital flows and currency crises, microstructures of the foreign
exchange rates, and inflation targeting. He was awarded the National Medal with Purple Ribbon in June 2011 for his excellent academic achievement.

**Vice Admiral Koda** is a graduate of Japan Defense Academy (1972), JMSDF Staff College (1987), and the U.S. Naval War College (1992). As a surface warfare officer, he took command of JS Sawayuki (DD-125), Destroyer Flotilla Three and Fleet Escort Force at sea. His shore duty includes Director General (DG) for Plans and Operations, Maritime Staff and DG of the Joint Staff and Commandant JMSDF Sasebo District in Western Japan. He retired from JMSDF as Commander in Chief, Self-Defense Fleet, in 2008. Then, he was invited to Asia-Center, Harvard University as a research fellow on the U.S.-Japan Alliance and Chinese Naval Strategy from June 2009 to July 2011.


He is currently serving as an advisor to National Security Secretariat of GOJ.

**Mark Landler** is a White House correspondent for The New York Times and writes a weekly foreign affairs column, Listening Post. Prior to moving to the White House in March 2011, he was the newspaper’s diplomatic correspondent. He has reported for The Times from 67 countries on six continents, from Afghanistan to Yemen. Before moving to Washington in 2008, Mark was a foreign correspondent for 10 years, serving as European economic correspondent in Frankfurt, from 2002 to 2008, and as Hong Kong bureau chief, from 1998 to 2002. He won an Overseas Press Club award in 2007. Mark began his career at The Times in 1987 as a copy boy. From 1990 to 1995, he was a reporter and editor at Business Week magazine, rejoining The Times in 1995. He is a 1987 graduate of Georgetown University, and was a Reuter Fellow at Oxford University in 1997.

**Richard G. Lugar** is the President and Chairman of the Board of the Lugar Center, a non-profit organization focusing on nuclear non-proliferation, food security, foreign aid effectiveness, and other critical issues.

He is a fifth generation Hoosier who left office as the longest serving member of Congress in Indiana history. In addition to being recognized as a gifted local and state leader, Lugar is a respected national and international statesman, exercising leadership on critical issues such as food security, nuclear non-proliferation, energy independence and free trade. He holds 46 honorary degrees from colleges and universities in 15 states and the District of Columbia, and was the fourth person ever named Outstanding Legislator by the American Political Science Association.
Lugar has been a leader in reducing the threat of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. In 1991, he forged a bipartisan partnership with then-Senate Armed Services Chairman Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) to destroy these weapons of mass destruction in the former Soviet Union. To date, the Nunn-Lugar program has deactivated more than 7,600 nuclear warheads that were once aimed at the United States.

As chairman of the Agriculture Committee, Lugar built bipartisan support for 1996 federal farm program reforms, ending 1930s era federal production controls. He has promoted broader risk management options for farmers, research advancements, increased export opportunities and higher net farm income. Lugar initiated a biofuels research program to help decrease U.S. dependency on foreign oil. He also led initiatives to streamline the U.S. Department of Agriculture, reform the food stamp program and preserve the federal school lunch program.

Lugar and his wife, Charlene, were married Sept. 8, 1956, and have four sons and 13 grandchildren.

**Junichi Nishiyama** is senior research fellow at the Institute for Future Engineering (IFENG). He is director at the Japan Forum for Strategic Studies (JFSS), senior advisor at the NPO Committee of Japan Space Activities for Safety and Security and visiting researcher for the House of Representatives (Lower House) in Japan.

Mr. Nishiyama joined Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd (MHI) in 1971 and worked on missile systems development, Patriot system and BMD (Ballistic Missile Defense) as an engineer. He became a General Manager, Guided Weapon Systems Department in 1998, a Deputy General Manager, Aerospace Headquarters in 2004 and a Senior Advisor in 2007. He retired from MHI in 2011.

He received an “Outstanding Achievement Award: BMD Japan Cooperative Program” from U.S. NDIA in 2007. Mr. Nishiyama received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mechanical engineering from Hokkaido University.

**Adam Posen** is President of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, the world’s leading independent non-partisan research institute on globalization. From 2009-2012, he was a member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England, and is globally recognized as an influential advocate of central bank activism in response to the financial crisis. His policy and research work focuses on macroeconomic policy and forecasting, European and Japanese political economy, central banking issues, and the resolution of financial crises. He is a member of the Panel of Economic Advisers to the US Congressional Budget Office, and, prior to joining the MPC, was a consultant to several U.S. government agencies, the UK Cabinet Office, the European Commission, and to the IMF, as well as a visiting scholar and consultant to a number of central banks in the Asia-Pacific, Europe, and North America. He is the author of Restoring Japan’s Economic Growth, the co-author with Bernanke, et al, of Inflation Targeting: Lessons from the International Experience, as well as of over forty research articles, and the editor of four conference volumes on financial crises and on the future of the euro. He received his Ph.D. and his A.B. from Harvard University, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission, and the Bellagio Group of international finance officials and scholars.
Gerald Seib is the Washington bureau chief for The Wall Street Journal. He is responsible for the Journal’s news and analysis from Washington. He also developed the digital edition of the Washington bureau that includes his own column and commentaries, a real-time version of Washington Wire and other features and columns. Mr. Seib appears regularly on networks such as CNBC, Fox Business Network, CNN and the BBC as a commentator on Washington affairs. He also writes a weekly column, “Capital Journal,” which brings an insightful, predictive and original understanding to politics, national affairs and foreign policy. He also has responsibility for The Wall Street Journal/NBC News polls.

Previously, Mr. Seib had been the Journal’s deputy bureau chief in Washington since September 1997. He began writing his Capital Journal column in the spring of 1993.

Mr. Seib joined the Dallas bureau of the Journal as a reporter in 1978. He transferred to the Journal’s Washington bureau in 1980 and covered the Pentagon and the State Department. In 1984, he and his wife, Journal reporter Barbara Rosewicz, were transferred to Cairo to cover the Middle East. They returned to the Washington bureau in 1987 where he has covered the White House and reported on diplomacy and foreign policy. In December 1992, he became a news editor responsible for the Journal’s national political coverage from Washington and around the country.

In 1988, Mr. Seib won the Merriman Smith award, which honors coverage of the presidency under deadline, and the Aldo Beckman award for coverage of the White House and the presidency, and in 1990, he received the Gerald R. Ford Foundation prize for distinguished reporting on the presidency. In 1992, the Georgetown University Institute of Diplomacy awarded him the Weintal Prize for his coverage of the Gulf War. He received honorable mention in the Edwin Hood Prize for diplomatic reporting from the National Press Club in 1998. Mr. Seib was part of the team from the Journal that won the 2001 Pulitzer Prize in the “breaking news” category for its coverage of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. In 2004, the William Allen White School of Journalism at the University of Kansas named Mr. Seib the winner of the 2005 William Allen White Foundation’s national citation. Past winners of this award include the Journal’s Vermont Royster, Walter Cronkite and Bob Woodward. In 2012 he won the Loeb lifetime achievement award for contributions to business and financial journalism.

Mr. Seib earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Kansas. While at the university, he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, a national academic honor society, and Kappa Tau Alpha, a national journalism honor society. He was also an intern in the Journal’s Dallas bureau, editor of the university’s newspaper, the Daily Kansan and a Sears Foundation congressional intern in the office of U.S. Representative Gilles Long of Louisiana.

Mr. Seib posts regularly at wsj.com/seibwessel. He and his wife have three sons and live in Chevy Chase, Md.

David Shear is the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, with responsibility for defense and security policy in the Asia and Pacific region.

Prior to his confirmation in July 2014, Mr. Shear served for 32 years in the Foreign Service, most recently as the United States Ambassador to Vietnam. He has also served in Sapporo, Beijing, Tokyo, and Kuala Lumpur. In Washington, he has served in the Offices of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean Affairs and as the Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs. He was Director of the Office of Chinese

Mr. Shear was a Rusk Fellow at Georgetown University’s institute for the Study of Diplomacy 1998-99. He is the recipient of the State Department’s Superior Honor Award and the Defense Department’s Civilian Meritorious Service Award for his work in U.S.-Japan defense relations. Mr. Shear graduated from Earlham College and has a Master’s degree in International Affairs from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He has attended Waseda University, Taiwan National University, and Nanjing University. He and his wife Barbara have a first degree rank in the practice of Kendo, or Japanese fencing. He speaks Chinese and Japanese.

Sheila A. Smith, an expert on Japanese politics and foreign policy, is senior fellow for Japan studies at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). She is the author of Intimate Rivals: Japanese Domestic Politics and a Rising China (Columbia University Press, 2015) and Japan’s New Politics and the U.S.-Japan Alliance (Council on Foreign Relations, June 2014). Her current research focuses on how geostrategic change in Asia is shaping Japan’s strategic choices. In the fall of 2014, Smith began a new project on Northeast Asian Nationalisms and Alliance Management.

Smith is a regular contributor to the CFR blog Asia Unbound, and frequent contributor to major media outlets in the United States and Asia. She joined CFR from the East-West Center in 2007, where she directed a multinational research team in a cross-national study of the domestic politics of the U.S. military presence in Japan, South Korea, and the Philippines. She was a visiting scholar at Keio University in 2007-08, where she researched Japan’s foreign policy towards China, supported by the Abe Fellowship. Smith has been a visiting researcher at two leading Japanese foreign and security policy think tanks, the Japan Institute of International Affairs and the Research Institute for Peace and Security, and at the University of Tokyo and the University of the Ryukyus.

Smith is vice chair of the U.S. advisors to the U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Exchange (CULCON), a bi-national advisory panel of government officials and private sector members. She teaches as an adjunct professor at the Asian Studies Department of Georgetown University and serves on the board of its Journal of Asian Affairs. She earned her MA and PhD degrees from the department of political science at Columbia University.

Hideshi Tokuchi is currently Director-General of the Defense Policy Bureau at the Ministry of Defense. Mr. Tokuchi became defense policy head in April 2013 after serving as director-general at the Personnel and Education Bureau and the Finance and Equipment Bureau. He joined the Defense Agency, the ministry’s predecessor, in 1979. In his role as director-general, Mr. Tokuchi has led negotiations with defense officials from the United States and other countries. In particular, he has played a major role in the revised Japan-U.S. defense cooperation guidelines.
Christine Wormuth was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy on June 19, 2014. Ms. Wormuth serves as the Principal Staff Assistant to the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense for all matters on the formulation of national security and defense policy and the integration and oversight of DoD policy and plans to achieve national security objectives.

Ms. Wormuth was appointed as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Force Development in August, 2012. In this role, Ms. Wormuth was responsible for advising the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and the Secretary of Defense on the development of U.S. national security and defense strategy. She oversaw the strategic guidance development, review, and assessment for military contingency plans and the plans for the day-to-day military activities of Combatant Commanders. In addition, Ms. Wormuth led Policy’s efforts to provide strategic guidance and implementation oversight to the Department’s planning, programming, and budgeting process as well as various force development, force management, and corporate support processes. As DUSD(SPF), Ms. Wormuth led the Department’s 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review.

Prior to serving as DUSD(SPF), Ms. Wormuth was a Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Defense Policy and Strategy on the National Security Staff (NSS). As the Senior Director for Defense Policy and Strategy, Ms. Wormuth oversaw the Defense directorate and was responsible for providing NSS expertise on global, functional, and regional defense, military and political-military issues.

Before her assignment to the NSS, Ms. Wormuth was the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas’ Security Affairs in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. As Principal Deputy, she advised the Assistant Secretary of Defense on the homeland defense activities of the Department and regional security matters for the countries of the Western Hemisphere. In addition, she was responsible for management of the Department’s participation in interagency activities concerning homeland security and relations with the Department of Homeland Security.

Before returning to the Department of Defense as a political appointee in early 2009, Ms. Wormuth was a Senior Fellow in the International Security Program with the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Ms. Wormuth worked on defense and homeland security issues, including emergency response and preparedness matters, homeland security policy development, defense strategy and resources, and the capabilities and readiness of the U.S. military. In 2007, she served as the Staff Director for the Independent Commission on the Security Forces of Iraq, also known as “The Jones Commission.” As Staff Director, she traveled with the Commission to Iraq, focusing on the readiness of Iraqi police forces. Prior to joining CSIS, Ms. Wormuth was a Principal at DFI Government Services, a defense consulting firm, where she developed and managed a wide range of projects for government clients within the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security.

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