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LtGen Wallace “Chip” Gregson Joins Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA as Distinguished Senior Fellow (Non-Resident)

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (Sasakawa USA) is pleased to announce that LtGen Wallace “Chip” Gregson (USMC, Ret.) has joined our team as Distinguished Senior Fellow (Non-Resident).



LtGen Gregson retired after over 37 years of active-duty service to the United States Marine Corps. In addition, he served as the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs from 2009 to 2011. From 2003 to 2005, he was Commanding General of Marine Corps Forces Pacific and Marine Corps Forces Central Command. From 2001 to 2003, he served as Commanding General of III Marine Expeditionary Force in Japan. Prior to his service in Japan, he was Director of Asia-Pacific Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense from 1998 to 2000. He received the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun - Gold and Silver Star, the Korean Order of National Security Merit Gukseon Medal, and the Republic of China Order of the Resplendent Banner with Yellow Sash for his active-duty service in Asia. A combat veteran of the Vietnam conflict, he earned the Bronze Star with Combat "V" device for valor and heroism, and the Purple Heart.

With LtGen Gregson’s expertise and experience, Sasakawa USA will continue to play a critical role in strengthening the U.S.-Japan diplomatic and security alliance.

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About Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

Sasakawa USA is a non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to deepening the understanding of and strengthening the relationship between the United States and Japan for the benefit of a free and open international community. Its activities primarily focus on security and diplomacy, through exchanges, dialogue, analysis, publications, and networking.

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LtGen Wallace "Chip" Gregson most recently served as the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs from May 2009 to April 2011. From 2006 until assuming the duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense, LtGen Gregson was owner and president of WCG & Associates International, a foreign policy and military affairs consulting organization.

From 2003 to 2005, he was Commanding General of Marine Corps Forces Pacific and Marine Corps Forces Central Command, where he led and managed over 70,000 Marines and Sailors in the Middle East, Afghanistan, East Africa, Asia, and the United States. From 2001 to 2003, he served as Commanding General of III Marine Expeditionary Force in Japan. He received the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun - Gold and Silver Star, the Korean Order of National Security Merit Gukseon Medal, and the Republic of China Order of the Resplendent Banner with Yellow Sash for his active-duty service in Asia. Just prior to his service in Japan, he was Director of Asia-Pacific Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense from 1998 to 2000. A combat veteran of the Vietnam conflict, he earned the Bronze Star with Combat "V" device for valor and heroism, and the Purple Heart.

He is a Senior Advisor to General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems Group. He serves as Executive Advisor for Akira Corporation and Marubeni Corporation. He serves as a board member of the Japan America Society of Washington DC, the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Foundation, and Peace Winds America. He serves as Director, China and the Pacific at the Center for the National Interest. He serves as an Advisor to the Global Taiwan Institute. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He served as a Trustee at the Marine Corps University Foundation. He is a past board member of the U.S. Naval Institute, where he has been a member for over 50 years.

LtGen Gregson graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968 and served in Vietnam for 18 months in 1969 and 1970. He later obtained master's degrees in strategic planning from the Naval War College and international relations from Salve Regina College. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Maryland Global Campus in Okinawa.