

**The White House Fellows Foundation and Association
53rd Annual Leadership Conference
October 25-27, 2018**

*"Character, Responsibility and Community:
Creating Our Common Future"*

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial "The Wall", Washington, DC
U.S. Chamber of Commerce "Hall of Flags": 1615 H Street, NW, Washington, DC
Decatur House: 748 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC
National Museum of the Marine Corps: 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle, VA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018

Agenda Current as of: 28 August 2018

Attire: Travel or Business Casual

- 5:00pm All those attending the 2018 Annual Leadership Conference are encouraged to join us for a wreath laying ceremony at the *Vietnam Veterans Memorial "The Wall"* as part of our focus on the 50th anniversary of 1968 at this year's conference. Depart local area hotels, residences, and/or work locations to travel via Uber/Lyft/Taxi or other means to meet at "The Wall" no later than 6:00pm
- 6:00pm Wreath-laying ceremony and remembrance of the fallen at the *Vietnam Veterans Memorial "The Wall"*
- 6:30pm Ceremony concludes. Ceremony attendees depart via Uber/Lyft/Taxi to local area hotels and/or residences

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018

Attire: Business

- 8:00am Registration, informal networking, and breakfast in the *Hall of Flags*
- 9:00am Welcome and Opening Remarks by WHFFA President **Mr. Carlos Del Toro** (1998-99), and Conference Chair **Dr. Stephanie Ferguson** (1996-97)
- Special recognitions:
- 50th Anniversary Class (1968-69)
 - Featured artist: **Gerald Sheffield**

- 9:15am **Justice Elena Kagan and Justice Neil Gorsuch** (*Invited*)
Introduced by a member of the WHF Class of 2018-19 (Name TBD)
- 10:30am Presentation of the 2018 IMPACT Award to **Samar Ali** (2010-11)
Introduced by **Bobbi Doorenbos** (2007-08), IMPACT Award Committee Chair
- 10:45am Break
- 11:00am **Secretary Heather Wilson**, Secretary of the Air Force (**Confirmed**)
Introduced by **Major Joseph Van Valen** (2018-19)
- 12:00pm Break and Shift Venue
- Conference attendees leave the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Building and walk across H Street to Decatur House for the Commission Lunch.*
- 12:20pm Commission Lunch at the Decatur House with **Mr. Robert “Mike” Duncan**, Chair of the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships (**Confirmed**) and **Ms. Elizabeth Pinkerton**, Director of the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships (**Confirmed**)
- 1:20pm White House Fellows Foundation Business Meeting
- President’s Report – **Mr. Carlos Del Toro** (1998-99)
 - Treasurer’s Report by **Mr. Kevin Monroe** (1996-97)
 - Update on the WHF Regional Conference at the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta, Georgia (April 25-26, 2019) – **Mr. David Moore** (1996-97)
- 1:55pm Break and Shift Venue
- Conference attendees leave Decatur House and walk back across H Street to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Building for the afternoon session.*
- 2:15pm **Mr. Charles Bolden**, Former NASA Administrator (**Confirmed**)
Introduced by **TBD**
- 3:00pm Presentation of the 2018 Jack Valenti “Friend of the White House Fellows” Award to **Charles Bolden**. Presented by **David Rhodes** (1993-94) Valenti Award Committee Chair, and **Mrs. Mary Margaret Valenti**
- 3:15pm Break
- 3:30pm Panel: **“The Effect of Emerging Digital Technologies on Global Sustainable Development”**
Moderated by **Dr. Cara LaPointe** (2013-14)

- Panelists:
 - **Mr. Robert Opp**, Director, World Food Programme Innovation and Change Management Division (*Invited*)
 - **Ms. Lesly Goh**, Chief Technology Officer and Director of Enterprise & Technology, World Bank Group (**Confirmed**)
 - **Ms. Eleonore Pauwels**, Director, The AI Lab within the Science and Technology Innovation Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (**Confirmed**)

5:00pm Break and Shift Venue

Conference attendees leave the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Building and walk across H Street to Decatur House.

5:15pm **Reception and Dinner at Decatur House for “A Celebration of Fellowship”**. Our Thursday evening program is intentionally unscripted to give you an opportunity to spend time with your “fellows Fellows” – both those you know, and those you have not yet met – so you can spend time catching up, learning from one another, relaxing and enjoying one another’s company. One of the most consistent pieces of feedback we hear from you each year is you wish you had more time to spend with your “fellow Fellows”. We have been listening.

We will serve heavy hors d’oeuvres for dinner so you are not fixed to a particular table, but can mix and circulate. We will enjoy a song or two from the *White House Fellow Singers*, and we will lift a glass to toast the *50th Anniversary Class of 1968-69*, but otherwise we will keep the “official program” for the evening very light. Our intention is to set this evening aside so you can fully enjoy one another’s company.

8:00pm Evening events conclude

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018

Attire: Business

8:00am Registration, informal networking, breakfast in the *Hall of Flags*

9:00am **Governor Ralph Northam**, Governor of Virginia (**Confirmed**)
Introduced by a member of the WHF Class of 2018-19 (Name TBD)

10:00am Recognition and tribute honoring our White House Fellows who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War

- 10:15am Break
- 10:30am Panel: ***“Pandemics, Epidemics, and Health System Challenges: Strategies for Sustaining Healthy People and Nations”***
 Moderated by **Dr. Gil Omenn** (1973-74) Lt. Commander, U.S. Public Health Service, Active Duty: 1967-69
- Panelists:
 - **Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams**, Deputy Surgeon General (***Confirmed***)
 - **Dr. Michelle A. Williams**, Dean of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (***Confirmed***)
 - **Dr. Shereef Elnahal** (2015-16) Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (***Confirmed***)
- 12:00pm Break and Shift Venue
- Conference attendees leave the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Building and walk across H Street to Decatur House for the Legacy of Leadership Luncheon and Award Presentation.*
- 12:20pm ***Legacy of Leadership Luncheon and Award Presentation***
- Welcoming Remarks: **Mr. Carlos Del Toro** (1998-99) President
 - Invocation: **Dr. Susan Fink Yoshihara** (1996-97)
 - Acknowledgement of Sponsors and Introduction of Previous Legacy of Leadership Awardees: **Mr. David Moore** (1996-97) Executive Director
 - Introduction of the Honoree: **Dr. Kermit Jones** (2011-12) Legacy of Leadership Committee Chair
 - Remarks by the 2018 Recipient of the *John Gardner Legacy of Leadership Award*: **Mr. Robert “Bud” McFarlane** (1971-72)
- 1:40pm Break and Shift Venue
- Conference attendees leave Decatur House and walk back across H Street to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Building for the afternoon session.*
- 2:00pm **James and Deborah Fallows** – the authors of *“Our Towns: A 100,000 Mile Journey into the Heart of America”* (***Confirmed***)
 Introduced by a member of the WHF Class of 2018-19 (Name TBD)
- 3:15pm Break
- 3:30pm Panel: ***“The Media and the Current Political Environment”***
 Moderated by **Dr. Stefanie Sanford** (1996-97)
- Panelists:
 - **Mr. Ramesh Ponnuru**, Senior Editor, National Review (***Confirmed***)

- **Mr. Robert Pondiscio**, USA Today (*Confirmed*)
- **Ms. Amanda Ripley**, New America Foundation and author of “The Smartest Kids in the World” (*Confirmed*)
- **Ms. Martha Raddatz**, ABC News (*Invited*)
- **Ms. Maggie Haberman**, New York Times (*Invited*)

4:45pm Closing Remarks by incoming WHFFA President **Mr. Geoff Shepard** (1969-70)

4:50pm Break and Shift Venue

Conference attendees leave the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Building and walk across H Street to Decatur House for the New Class Reception and the Capitol Steps.

5:00pm Reception at Decatur House Welcoming the New Class of White House Fellows

- The *White House Fellow Singers*
- Introduction of the **White House Fellow Class of 2018-19**

6:00pm ***The Capitol Steps (Confirmed)***

7:00pm Evening free for Class Dinners/Gatherings

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018

Attire: Business casual

National Museum of the Marine Corps, 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle, VA 22172

9:00am Bus Departs from Capitol Hilton and Willard Intercontinental at 9:00am

9:45am Bus arrives at the *National Museum of the Marine Corps*. Those driving themselves should plan to arrive at the Museum by 9:45am. We will be meeting in the *Medal of Honor Lobby*.

10:00am Panel with our WHF Vietnam Veterans: **“The Experience and Legacy of the Vietnam War”**

Introduced by **Mr. Michael Levett** (1969-70)

Moderated by **Mr. David Moore** (1996-97)

- Panelists:
 - **MAJ GEN Burn Loeffke** (U.S. Army – Ret), (1970-71) (*Confirmed*)
 - **LTC Bud McFarlane** (U.S. Marine Corps – Ret), (1971-72) (*Confirmed*)

- **MAJ GEN Randy Jayne** (U.S. Air Force – Ret), (1973-74) (**Confirmed**)
- **MAJ GEN Al Zapanta** (U.S. Army – Ret), (1973-74) (**Confirmed**)
- **MAJ GEN John Borling** (U.S. Air Force – Ret), (1974-75) (**Confirmed**)
- **COL Raoul Alcalá** (U.S. Army – Ret), (1976-77) (**Confirmed**)
- **COL MacArthur DeShazer** (U.S. Army – Ret), (1984-85) (**Confirmed**)

- 11:45am Break
- 12:00pm Lunch served in the *Medal of Honor Lobby*.
- 12:30pm Luncheon Speaker: **Lynn Novick** – Co-Director of “*The Vietnam War*” (*Invited*)
Introduced by **BGen Bobbi Shea**, USMC (2001-02)
- 1:15pm Ceremony Honoring those White House Fellows who served in Vietnam
- A recognition of those WHFs who served in Vietnam
 - A toast to the fallen
 - A charge for the future
- 1:30pm Guided tours of Museum Exhibits
- 3:30pm Bus departs the Museum to return to Capitol Hilton and Willard Intercontinental.