

# Business Executives For National Security UPDATE

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## Augustine to Receive Eisenhower Award *Former Lockheed Martin Chief to be Honored at D.C. Gala*

For his five decades of distinguished service as a public servant and business leader, Norman Augustine, former Chairman and CEO of Lockheed Martin Corporation, will receive the BENS Eisenhower Award on May 17 during a gala dinner at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington, D.C. A former undersecretary of the U.S. Army and long-time chief executive of Martin Marietta, Augustine engineered the aerospace firm's 1995 merger with rival Lockheed. As president of Lockheed Martin, the world's largest aerospace company, he earned a reputation as one of the nation's most influential and innovative executives. Since retiring in 1997, Augustine has served on numerous blue ribbon panels, including the Hart-Rudman Commission on national security. Most recently, he chaired a National Academy of Science panel that called for a new national commitment to science and engineering. As always, the Eisenhower dinner will be preceded by the annual BENS Washington Forum, where military and civilian leaders will meet with BENS members to address the key security challenges facing the nation. To attend these premier BENS events contact Jennie Moonis at (202) 296-2125 or [jmoonis@bens.org](mailto:jmoonis@bens.org).

### BENS Works: Business Sense for National Security

**“We Owe It to the Troops”** – As part of our continuing effort to bring the best ideas of business to the urgent fight against deadly roadside bombs in Iraq and Afghanistan, nearly two dozen BENS members joined 600 industry and academic leaders at a Pentagon-sponsored conference on the subject last month in Washington, D.C. Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England told attendees that “we owe it to the troops” to find new defenses against the improvised explosive devices (IEDs) that now account for the majority of American casualties in Iraq. Building on the successful meeting between BENS members and the IED task force in Silicon Valley in December, we plan to hold additional working sessions in the months ahead. For more information about getting involved in this life-saving effort, contact Ken Beeks at (202) 296-2125 or [kbeeks@bens.org](mailto:kbeeks@bens.org).

### Business Force News

**Preparing for a Pandemic** – Terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and now, pandemics. In the latest sign that federal and state officials across the country recognize the BENS Business Force as a critical partner in emergency preparedness, the Georgia Business Force was invited to participate in the pandemic flu summit convened by Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Michael Leavitt Jan. 13 in Atlanta. “Local preparation is the foundation of pandemic readiness,” Leavitt told the 250 government and the private sector attendees. “Corporate planners,” he stressed, “have to be involved.” The summit was an opportunity to highlight the vital support that Business Force member companies can provide in the event of a disease outbreak, including pre-positioning transportation assets, reporting sudden spikes in employee absenteeism and dispensing medicines and vaccines. The MidAmerica Business Force will participate in another HHS flu summit this month in Iowa.

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS AND BENS DEVELOPMENTS

**Minding the Army's Business** – As the U.S. Army transforms itself into an even more agile fighting force capable of meeting 21<sup>st</sup> century missions, it also needs to transform the support and business operations that keep soldiers equipped and ready. Addressing BENS members at Jan. 19 lunch in Washington, DC, Army Secretary Francis Harvey described the key elements of the Army's business transformation plan, including a “performance culture” that empowers managers to embrace change, more rapid integration of cutting-edge information technologies, and greater outsourcing of non-combat functions to the private sector. Secretary Harvey also thanked BENS members for their efforts to keep America safe and secure.

**Two Worlds, One Mission** – Tracking down and seizing terrorist financial assets requires the cooperation of two worlds – the private sector that operates financial institutions and the public sector that enforces federal regulations. Fostering cooperation was a main objective of Stuart Levey, Treasury Undersecretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, when he met with BENS members Jan. 11 in Washington, D.C. At Levey's request, members shared ideas on how Treasury can effectively enforce anti-terrorism financial regulations while minimizing disruption to private sector business operations. BENS members will have a chance to further that goal when work begins with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to upgrade their IT operations. Look for more on that project next month.

**Stirred, Not Shaken** – Missouri Representative Ike Skelton did not spare praise for U.S. military personnel who treated his injuries following a Nov. 2005 accident in Iraq when the vehicle transporting him to the airport overturned. He did, however, spare the details of his accident during his Jan. 5 meeting with BENS members in Kansas City. Skelton, the ranking member on the House Armed Services Committee, noted progress in Iraq, including December's historic election, but said that the ultimate success of the U.S. mission will depend on training Iraqi security forces to take the lead in defending the country from insurgents.

**Beyond the Headlines: Intelligence & Iraq** – In recent meetings with two of the nation's top national security leaders, BENS members were encouraged to look beyond recent headlines on intelligence reform and Iraq. Speaking to BENS members in New York on Jan. 18, former CIA Deputy Director John McLaughlin offered an upbeat assessment of the U.S. intelligence community and called for increased investments in both intelligence personnel and technologies. Two days later, Maj. Gen. Doug Lute, chief of operations for Central Command, updated New York BENS members on military operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa. Lute encouraged members to take a long-term view of both progress and threats in the region, noting that democratic institutions in Iraq will take years, if not decades, to mature, and that al Qaeda remains determined to acquire weapons of mass destruction.

#### Upcoming Events

- **New York City** – Breakfast with **Lt. Gen. David Petraeus**, Commanding General, Ft. Leavenworth, Feb. 3. Contact Bob McClure at (866) 475-2085 or bmcclure@bens.org.
- **Atlanta** – Lunch with **U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson**, Feb. 6. Contact Aimee Yrlas at (404) 220-1268 or ayrlas@bens.org.
- **Atlanta** – Breakfast with **Lt. Gen. Russel Honore**, Commanding General, First United States Army, Feb. 21. Contact Aimee Yrlas at (404) 220-1268 or ayrlas@bens.org.
- **Washington, D.C.** – Event with **Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt**, deputy director, U.S. Central Command, Feb. 22. Contact Steve Ewell at (202) 296-2125 or sewell@bens.org.
- **Kansas City** – Dinner with **Gen. Richard Myers (Ret.)**, former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Feb. 22, The River Club. Contact Bill Lawson at (816) 842-1778 or wlawson@bens.org.
- **San Francisco** – Lunch with **Dan Rice**, Army National Guard captain and BENS member, March 10. Contact Anne Ferris at (650) 967-3676 or aferris@bens.org.
- **New York City** – Lunch with **NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly**, April 4. Contact Bob McClure at (866) 475-2085 or bmcclure@bens.org.
- **Atlanta** – Luncheon with **Steven Emerson**, founder, The Investigative Project, April 14. Contact Aimee Yrlas at (404) 220-1268 or ayrlas@bens.org.
- **San Francisco** – Lunch with **Prof. Abraham Sofaer**, Hoover Institute at Stanford University, April 25. Contact Anne Ferris at (650) 967-3676 or aferris@bens.org.
- **Washington, D.C.** – **Annual Washington Forum**, May 17. Contact Jennie Moonis at (202) 296-2125 or jmoonis@bens.org.
- **Washington, D.C.** – **Eisenhower Award Dinner** honoring former Lockheed Martin Chairman and CEO **Norman Augustine**, May 17. Contact Jennie Moonis at (202) 296-2125 or jmoonis@bens.org.
- **Atlanta** – Visit to **Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base**, Nov. 16. Contact Aimee Yrlas at (404) 220-1268 or ayrlas@bens.org.