



## **“Dedicated and Devoted”**

### ***BENS to Honor Sec. Hillary Clinton with Eisenhower Award***

Over the past several decades, she has worn many different titles: First Lady, Senator, presidential candidate, attorney and mother. Now, as Secretary of State, **Hillary Rodham Clinton** will add yet another honor to her distinguished life and career: BENS Eisenhower Award recipient. On Nov. 30, BENS will present the Eisenhower Award to Secretary Clinton at our annual New York City gala dinner, with remarks from former Secretary of State **Henry Kissinger** and broadcast journalist **Charlie Rose** as emcee. The black-tie dinner will be at Gotham Hall, 1356 Broadway at 36<sup>th</sup> St.

“Hillary Clinton has been dedicated and devoted to learning the substance of national security through her work as a senator, high-level advisor to the military and now, as Secretary of State,” said BENS President & CEO Gen. Chuck Boyd, USAF (Ret.). While a U.S. Senator from New York, Clinton served on the Armed Services Committee where she fought for better health care and benefits for wounded service members, veterans and members of the National Guard and Reserves. She also served with Gen. Boyd on a Joint Forces Command advisory group that helps guide transformation of U.S. military forces to meet 21<sup>st</sup>-century challenges. More recently, she has facilitated the establishment of diplomatic relations between Turkey and Armenia and ramped up counter-piracy efforts off the coasts of Africa.

To register for the dinner, [click here](#). If you have questions, please contact Jennie Moonis at [jmoonis@bens.org](mailto:jmoonis@bens.org) or 202-296-2125.

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### **BENS Works: Business Sense for National Security**

**BENS Partnerships: “The Finest Practical Example”** — The public-private homeland security partnerships pioneered by BENS are the “finest practical example” of how to organize and mobilize private-sector resources to respond to disasters. That’s the praise from the latest report of the Commission for the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism. Released on Oct. 21, [“The Clock Is Ticking”](#) commended BENS’ innovative approach to emergency response, preparedness and resilience, noting that such partnerships deliver “an emergency management capability that the federal government could not have prescribed or created.”

**The Logistics of Defense** — As the military seeks to become a more flexible expeditionary force, it faces a major challenge in adapting its logistics operations to efficiently move resources around the world. To help find solutions, BENS will host a half-day roundtable discussion Dec. 8 on defense logistics modernization, featuring speakers from the Defense Department, industry and academia. We need a few good businessmen (and women) to bring their expertise to the table. If you would like to participate, contact Susan Maybaumwisniewski at [smaybaum@bens.org](mailto:smaybaum@bens.org) or 202-296-2125.

Space is limited.

**Next Slide: What's New With Warrior Gateway** — Hankering to know more about the Warrior Gateway project? [Click here](#) to view a slideshow on the latest developments of the BENS-led effort to help returning war veterans reenter civilian life, including the prototype website that will connect America's heroes with the services they need and assist them in transitioning to a new career. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for a Warrior Gateway information session.

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## Event Highlights and BENS Developments

**Central Asia: Of Central Importance** — As Afghanistan dominated headlines, a small group of BENS members visited two countries of nearly equal importance to America's Central Asia interests: Pakistan and Kazakhstan. Hosted by U.S. Central Command, the five members met with U.S. ambassadors and local government officials in both countries from Oct. 2-11. Members observed that in Pakistan, the military has become more serious about fighting terrorism, but the struggling economy threatens to exacerbate instability. While Kazakhstan has come under increasing Chinese influence, it serves as a key supply route into Afghanistan, where U.S. forces continue battling the Taliban and other extremists. For more on what the members learned on the trip, contact Reggie Gibbs at [rgibbs@bens.org](mailto:rgibbs@bens.org).

**In the Line of (Training) Fire** — Guard dogs, exotic firearms and heavily armored limos highlighted a day-long BENS visit to U.S. Secret Service headquarters and training facilities on Oct. 21. A group of 17 BENS members and other guests got an up-close view of the Service's James J. Rowley Training Center in Maryland, including its K-9 guard dog unit, driving course, pistol range and a weapons library with a comprehensive stock of firearms. At its Washington, D.C., headquarters, members viewed the president's armored limousines and lunched with Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan, who thanked BENS for its support of the Service's mission.

**CTR: Less Bang for Less Bucks** — The Cooperative Threat Reduction program championed by BENS is an excellent way to get rid of old Soviet nuclear weapons at a low cost, said Steven Pifer, Brookings Institution fellow and former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, at an Oct. 20 lunch with a BENS audience. Pifer joined James F. Collins, a Carnegie Endowment for International Peace director and former ambassador to Russia, to discuss U.S.-Russia disarmament and current negotiations to renew the START treaty that limits U.S. and Russia nuclear weapons and is set to expire in December.

**Old Tradition, New Place** — It's an old tradition, but now in a new location. The annual BENS Holiday Open House is set for Dec. 8 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at the new BENS offices at 1030 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Suite 200 East, Washington, D.C. Be sure to join us for some holiday cheer and see our new space!

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## Upcoming Events

- **Atlanta** — Member, Government and Partner Appreciation Event, Nov. 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Dante's Down the Hatch. Contact Allison Cheatham at [acheatham@bens.org](mailto:acheatham@bens.org).
- **Atlanta** — BENS National Policy Overview and Projects Update Luncheon with Gen. Chuck Boyd, BENS President & CEO, and Butch Hinton, Sr. Vice President for Policy, Nov. 19, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., location TBD. Contact Allison Cheatham at [acheatham@bens.org](mailto:acheatham@bens.org).
- **Houston** — Lunch with Gen. Douglas Fraser, Commander, U.S. Southern Command, Nov. 16,

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11:45 a.m., Hilton Houston Post Oak. Contact Matthew Elias at (214) 315-2576 or [melias@bens.org](mailto:melias@bens.org).

- **Kansas City** – Dinner with Rear Adm. John Babb, Regional Health Administrator, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m., The River Club. Contact Bill Lawson at [wlawson@bens.org](mailto:wlawson@bens.org).
- **New York** – Lunch with Gen. William E. (Kip) Ward, Commander, U.S. Africa Command, Nov. 3, 12:00–2:00 p.m., The Harvard Club, 27 West 44th Street. Contact Vickie McGrath at [vmcgrath@bens.org](mailto:vmcgrath@bens.org).
- **New York** – Eisenhower Award dinner with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Nov. 30, 6 p.m., Gotham Hall, 1356 Broadway at 36<sup>th</sup> St. Contact Jennie Moonis at [jmoonis@bens.org](mailto:jmoonis@bens.org).
- **San Francisco** – Strategic overview of Asia and the South Pacific with Adm. Timothy Keating, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Nov. 4, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Marine Memorial Club. Contact Kathy Denzer at [kdenzer@bens.org](mailto:kdenzer@bens.org).
- **San Francisco** – Dan Fata, former U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Dec. 3, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., location TBD. Contact Kathy Denzer at [kdenzer@bens.org](mailto:kdenzer@bens.org).
- **Washington DC** – BENS Holiday Open House, Dec. 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m., 1030 15th St., Suite 200 East. Contact Jennie Moonis [jmoonis@bens.org](mailto:jmoonis@bens.org).