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Inaugural 2011 National Security Symposium Announced

WASHINGTON – The Reserve Officers Association announced it will hold its first ever National Security Symposium in conjunction with the 26th annual Reserve Component Expo, Jan. 29 – 31, 2011 here.

For more information on this event, visit www.roa.org/ROA2011. Speakers include:

- Gen, Norton A. Schwartz , Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force
- Gen, Keith Alexander, Director, National Security Agency
- Congressman Tom Latham, Iowa – 4th District
- Hon. Dennis M. McCarthy, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs
- Lt. Gen. Michael Oates, Director Joint IED Defeat Organization
- Maj. Gen. David A. Morris, Director, Joint Irregular Warfare Center, Joint Forces Command
- R. James Woolsey, Former CIA Director
- Dr. Kim Kagan , President of ISW and premier scholar on Afghanistan and Iraq
- Dr. Harvey Sicherman , President of FPRI
- Dr. Jim Carafano, Deputy Director, The Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies
- Dr. Rebecca Grant, President, IRIS Research
- Christopher Cavas, Journalist, Navy Times
- Baker Spring - Debt/Defense Analyst at Heritage Foundation
- Tom Donnelly - Debt/Defense Analyst at AEI
- James R. Locher III, CEO of the Project for National Security Reform
- All Chiefs from each Reserve and National Guard command
- Assistant Secretaries for Manpower and Reserve Affairs of each service

The National Security Symposium will bring together top names in national security from the military, federal agencies, and premier think tanks for a comprehensive and focused discussion of the nation's future. The Symposium will also feature the unique benefits of the Reserve Components featuring top leadership among all services.

Topics scheduled for discussion include cyber security, the budget deficit's effects on defense spending, the tipping point for the all-volunteer force, the future of the Reserve components, Strategic air and sea lift, battlefield technologies, irregular warfare, and more.

The 26th annual Reserve Component Expo will showcase state of the art weapons and training systems, provide valuable career counseling and health screenings, teach about education and professional development opportunities, and provide solutions for the challenges faced in military careers.

The Reserve Officers Association is the 60,000-member professional association for all uniformed services of the United States. Chartered by Congress and in existence since 1922, ROA advises and educates the Congress, the President, and the American people on national security, with unique expertise on issues that affect the 1.5 million men and women now serving in America's Reserve Components.

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