



The Great Power Competition

The Fourth in the Great Power Competition Conference Series

Two-Decade 9/11 Anniversary: GATHERING WISDOM FROM EXPERIENCE

September 22-23, 2021

The University of South Florida (USF), in partnership with the National Defense University's Near East and South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies, the U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM), the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), and the Florida Center for Cybersecurity, is proud to sponsor the fourth semi-annual conference on The Great Power Competition (GPC).

This Fall event, scheduled to air on 22-23 September 2021, will commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S. by focusing on the day of those attacks and our immediate military, diplomatic, and strategic response.

Day One of the September event will address the conditions leading up to the attacks, the attacks themselves, and our country's immediate military and diplomatic reaction to them. Day Two of the conference will explore the strategic response to the attacks and begin a dialogue on the longer-term, focusing on the ensuing "Global War on Terror" and the lessons the U.S. learned during those eventful years, not just in the Middle East but in our country's competition with near-peer nation states; Iran, Russia and China, and their proxies.

The GPC conference will feature key players from those times, including former CIA Deputy Director Michael Morrell, Ambassador Ryan Crocker; retired Admiral, Thad Allen (USCG); former USCENTCOM Commander and Director of the CIA General David Petraeus; former national security advisor Lieutenant General H.R. McMaster; and the Honorable Michèle Flournoy, among others.

Day 1: Wednesday, September 22, 2021

8:55 – 9:00 AM **Conference and Day 1 Overview** Dr. Ronald Sanders, Staff Director for the Florida Center for Cybersecurity at the University of South Florida (USF), and former Associate Director of National Intelligence

9:00 – 9:10 AM **Welcoming Remarks:**

Ms. Rhea Law, President, USF and former Member, USF Board of Trustees

	Mr. Terry Wolff, LTG, US Army, Retired , Director, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA)
9:10 – 9:25 AM	Keynote Address: General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr., USMC , Commander, U.S. Central Command
9:25 – 10:25 AM	The Attacks, Part 1: HON Michael J. Morrell , Senior Counselor, Beacon Global Strategies and former Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and former POTUS Daily Briefer; present with President George W. Bush on the morning of the attacks with Mr. Michael Allen , Managing Director of Beacon Global Strategies LLC and author of <i>Blinking Red, Crisis and Compromise in American Intelligence</i> after 9/11
10:25 – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 – 12:00 PM	Admiral Thad Allen, USCG, Retired , Senior Executive Advisor for Hudson Analytics and 23 rd Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard in charge of the evacuation of the N.Y. Harbor on 9/11 <u>with</u> Kyra Phillips, ABC News
12:00 – 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 – 1:30 PM	<p>The Attacks, Part 2: A Panel Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Frank Cilluffo, Director of Auburn University’s McCrary Institute for Cyber and Critical Infrastructure Security and former Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security immediately following 9/11</p> <p>Panelist: Mary Margaret Graham, former Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Collections, and former Chief of the CIA National Resources Division, New York City Office</p> <p>Panelist: HON Juan Zarate, Senior Advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and Analysis</p> <p>Panelist: Frances Townsend, Executive Vice President for Activision and former Homeland Security Advisor to President George W. Bush</p>
1:30 – 2:45 PM	First on the Ground: Master Sgt. Scott Neil, USA, Retired , U.S. Special Forces and member of one of the first military units on the ground in Afghanistan after 9/11 <u>with</u> Dr. Joseph Long , JSOU
2:45-3:00 PM	Break
3:00-4:00 PM	Closing Keynote: The Diplomatic Response – Ambassador Ryan Crocker , former Ambassador to Afghanistan and Iraq and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom <u>with</u> Dr. Richard Russell , Professor of National Security Affairs at the Near East and South Asia Center for Strategic Studies

Day 2: Thursday, September 23, 2021

8:55- 9:00 AM	Conference and Day 2 Overview Dr. Ronald Sanders , Staff Director for the Florida Center for Cybersecurity at the University of South Florida (USF), and former Associate Director of National Intelligence
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Welcoming Remarks: 9:00-9:15 Maj Gen Alexis G. Grynke wich, USAF, Director of Operations J3, U.S. Central Command 9:15-9:20 Dr. Eric Eisenberg , USF Dean, USF College of Arts and Sciences 9:20-9:35 Todd Veazie , Director, Pentagon Strategic Multilayer Assessment Program (SMA)
9:35 – 9:50 AM	HON Dov Zakheim , former Under Secretary and Coordinator of Civilian Programs in Afghanistan for Department of Defense
9:50 – 10:00 AM	Break
10:00 – 11:00 AM	The Military Response: General David Petraeus, USA, Retired , former USCENTCOM Commander, NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan and Director of Central Intelligence Agency <u>with</u> Dr. Michael O’Hanlon , Senior Fellow and Director of Research in Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institution
11:00 – 12:00 PM	The Strategic Response: LTG H.R. McMaster, USA, Retired , former National Security Advisor to President Donald J. Trump, with Frank Cilluffo , Director of Auburn University’s McCrary Institute for Cyber and Critical Infrastructure Security, and former Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security immediately following 9/11
12:00 – 12:45 PM	Lunch
12:45 – 1:15 PM	The Strategic Response: HON Michèle Flournoy , Chair, Center for a New American Security (CNAS) Board of Directors, and former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy with Dr. Michael O’Hanlon , Senior Fellow and Director of Research in Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institution
1:15 – 2:45 PM	9-11 Lessons Learned: A Panel Discussion Moderator: Todd Veazie , Director, Strategic Multilayer Assessment (SMA), U.S. Department of Defense

Panelist: Candace Rondeaux, Director, Future Frontlines, Senior Fellow & Professor of Practice at the Center on the Future of War, a joint initiative of New America and Arizona State University

Panelist: VADM Stuart Munsch, Director of Joint Force Development (J-7) for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and author of the *Joint Warfighting Concept*

Panelist: Dr. Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, Founder & CEO, Valens Global, and former senior advisor to the director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's office for Community Partnerships

2:45 – 3:00 PM

Break

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Strategic Reflections – A Closing Dialogue

Moderator: Dr. Isiah Wilson, President, Joint Special Operations University
15-20 minutes remarks

Panelist: HON J. Michael “Mike” McConnell, VADM, USN, Retired, Executive Director, Cyber Florida

Panelist: Frank Cilluffo, Director of Auburn University's McCrary Institute for Cyber and Critical Infrastructure Security and former Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security immediately following 9/11

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