

February 2025

Upcoming Luncheon Reminder:

January 31, 2025 featuring Richard N. Barton at Hilton Naples

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Maria Snegovaya, PhD

Senior Fellow, Russia & Eurasia
Center for Strategic and
International Studies (CSIS)

**Friday, February 7, 2025
Hilton Naples**

Maria Snegovaya (PhD, Columbia University) is Senior Fellow at the Europe, Russia, and Eurasia Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), and an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service. The key focus of her research is democratic backsliding and reautocratization in post-communist Europe and the tactics used by Russian actors and proxies who circulate disinformation to exploit these dynamics in the region. Throughout her career, she has collaborated with multiple U.S. research centers and think tanks. She is the author of *When Left Moves Right: The Decline of the Left and the Rise of the Populist Right in Post-communist Europe* (Oxford University Press, 2024).

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for February 7, 2025

Maria Snegovaya, PhD

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You may regret until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2025, to receive a \$40 refund at the end of the season. Your regret will help us to have an accurate count for attendance.

General Bryan Fenton

Commander
*U.S. Special Operations
Command*



February 21, 2025
Hilton Naples

General Bryan P. Fenton is a career Special Forces (Green Beret) Officer. He currently serves as the 13th Commander of the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), located at MacDill Air Force Base, FL. He oversees all Special Operations for the U.S. Department of Defense with 70,000 Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Special Operations personnel and an annual budget of \$14 billion.

Before assuming command of USSOCOM, General Fenton served as the Commander of Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), headquartered at Fort Liberty, NC. Prior to that, he was the Senior Military Assistant for two U.S. Secretaries of Defense.

General Fenton's other general officer assignments include: Deputy Commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; Commander of U.S. Special Operations – Pacific; and Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

He has commanded at all levels and his Joint and Special Operations assignments include: Director of Operations (J3) at the Joint Special Operations Command; Brigade, Battalion, and Squadron Commands; multiple overseas Task Force Commands; Detachment Commander and Operations Officer in 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne); as well as Infantry Rifle Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 502 Infantry Regiment (Berlin).

General Fenton's awards include: the French Commando Badge; the Cruz de la Victoria Medal from Chile; Princess of Thailand awarded Thai Jumpmaster Wings; the University of Notre Dame's Moose Krause Service Award and its Rev. William Corby Award for Distinguished Military Service; and the Business Executives for National Security (BENS) Eisenhower Award.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration (Marketing) from the University of Notre Dame; a Master's Degree from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and was the 2009-2010 U.S. Army Fellow at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. He also attended negotiation and leadership courses at Harvard Business and Law Schools, as well as the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. General Fenton is from Seymour, Tennessee. He and his wife, Dawn, have two adult daughters.

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General Bryan Fenton

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General Bryan Fenton

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November 15, 2024

Governor, Virginia

MICHAEL PILLSBURY

December 6, 2024

Senior Fellow, Heritage Foundation, China

J.B. MILLIKEN

January 17, 2025

Chancellor of The University of Texas

RICHARD N. BARTON

January 31, 2025

Cofounder and CEO, Zillow Group
Founder, Expedia

MARIA SNEGOVAYA, Ph.D.

February 7, 2025

Senior Fellow, Europe, Russia and Eurasia
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GENERAL BRYAN FENTON

February 21, 2025

Cmdr., U.S. Special Ops. Command

GIANRICO FARRUGIA, M.D.

March 7, 2025

President & CEO Mayo Clinic

GENERAL TIMOTHY RAY

March 18, 2025

USAF Retired, Commander, Global Strike Command

CAROL TOMÉ

March 28, 2025

CEO, UPS

JAMES D. FARLEY

April 10, 2025

President & CEO, Ford Motor Company

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- *Promote the highest civic, moral and ethical standards*
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