



# 26<sup>th</sup> Annual William Oliver Baker Dinner

Remarks of Ellen McCarthy

President, Intelligence and National Security Alliance

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## Pre-Dinner Remarks

We are gathered here to honor someone whose lifetime of dedication and service has resulted in an exemplary career to the nation. Of course I speak of Secretary Robert M. Gates, our honoree this evening. Mr. Secretary, on behalf of INSA, thank you for all that you have done for our country and for the men and women of the armed forces and the intelligence community.

We are also here tonight to pay tribute to an individual whose service became a hallmark of distinction and whose dedication to the nation became legendary. Dr. Baker was a remarkable man and a staunch supporter of a strong intelligence enterprise utilizing the most advanced communications and computing technology.

His impact and influence on national security is without doubt. In many ways, Dr. Baker is the embodiment of the INSA mission as his many accomplishments were achieved working not within government but in a partnership between the public and private sector.

Dr. Baker's dedication, spirit and memory live on in those who have been given the William Oliver Baker Award, all of whom carry the same sense of thought leadership, dedication and love of country as Dr. Baker himself. It is my great honor to recognize those previous Baker honorees who are with us this evening. As I read their names, I ask that you please stand and be recognized.

- Senator John Warner, 2009
- Richard Kerr, 2008
- Admiral Bill Studeman, 2007
- General Brent Scowcroft, 2005
- Joan Dempsey, 2004
- Charlie Allen, 2002
- Jim Schlesinger, 1991

Thank you all for your continuing service.

Thank you all again for being here and please enjoy your dinner.

## Post-Dinner Remarks

Ladies and gentlemen, we have with us tonight many distinguished intelligence, law enforcement and other national security community attendees from the public and private sector. This includes current and former Directors and



Deputy Directors of intelligence and national security agencies, the National Security Council and Congress. You know from past dinners that government lawyers do not permit us to recognize you each individually, but we want you to know that we are honored by your presence.

I am now in my second year as the President of INSA and what a ride it has been. I left government after 22 years of service, a move that many, including my husband, questioned. I did it for the joint duty credit! Joint duty is a requirement established by former Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell that all civilians working in the intelligence community spend time working at more than one intelligence organization, but it can also be achieved by working with our private sector partners, who in most cases are as dedicated to strengthening this nation's security capabilities as any of their colleagues in the public sector.

INSA was the place to get this experience and boy was it the right move! Besides who wouldn't ...or in this case hasn't worked for Fran Townsend or Charlie Allen.

Fran and Charlie, your support, as well as everyone who volunteers their time, energy and expertise on INSA's Board of Directors, Board of Advisors, Executive Committee and all of our various Councils and Task Forces has contributed to tonight's success and the success of INSA.

Today, INSA is a vibrant alliance where intelligence professionals gather together daily, take off their corporate, academic or government hats and come together to tackle some of the most complicated and important issues that face our intelligence and national security community.

These issues include:

- Cyber Security: Developing a model of a private-public partnership for Cyber Security
- Homeland Security: Looking at mechanisms for providing enhanced intelligence support to state and local law enforcement.
- Acquisition Reform: Reviewing the impact of organizational conflict of interest regulations on the public and private sector.
- Intelligence Reform: Where are we and where do we need to go?
- Counterintelligence: Recommendations for strengthening this nation's counterintelligence capabilities
- Providing insights into government resources, programs and priorities
- And much more.

It is the people sitting in this room, the INSA membership, who are the real patriots who make this all happen, and their motives are not to earn another dollar or to get a better job, but to ensure, just like Dr. Baker, that this country maintains a first-rate intelligence enterprise.

In the last 18 months alone, INSA has answered requests from the National Security Council, the Department of Defense, various congressional committees and the Office of the DNI. To all of our public sector members and guests, as you continue to confront our nation's security challenges, we hope that you will continue to look to INSA and the expertise our members provide as the IC's lead non-partisan, ethical and informed venue for your intelligence and security needs.

INSA and its mission have never been more important – or more effective. It is in this spirit that it is an honor to introduce the individuals at our Head Table and at the Founding Member and President's Circle Tables:

- Our guest of honor, Dr. Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense
- His wife, Becky
- INSA's Chairwoman of the Board, Fran Townsend

- Lt. Gen. Ron Burgess, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
- INSA Senior Intelligence Advisor, Charlie Allen
- His wife, Kay
- My husband, Gordon Hannah

Founding Member table:

- Tom Hempfield, VP, Hewlett-Packard Federal Business Organization
- Curt Kolcun, VP, Microsoft Federal Division
- Mike McConnell, Senior VP, Booz Allen Hamilton and former INSA chairman. Mike, you set INSA on the course to where it is today. Thank you for everything you did and continue to do!
- His wife, Terry
- Mike Thomas, President, Lockheed Martin Global Security Solutions and INSA Board Member and INSA Strategic Planning Committee
- Lou von Thaer, President, General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems, INSA Board Member and lead of the INSA Cyber Security Council
- His wife, Jennifer
- Jim Shaeffer, President, CSC North America Public Sector and INSA Board member and Chairman of INSA's Governance Committee
- Richard Schieffelin, President, BAE Systems Information Technology
- Bill Varner, President of the Mantech Mission, Cyber and Technology Solutions Group and INSA Board of Directors

President's Circle Table:

- Ken Minihan, former SASA/INSA Chairman and INSA Governance Committee member. Ken led the transition from SASA to INSA and continues to be a critical source of support to both Fran and myself. Thank you Ken.
- Ken's wife, Barb
- Cheryl Roby, Department of Defense Chief Information Officer
- Garnett Stowe, Vice President, Raytheon National Intelligence Program and INSA Board Member
- Steve Cambone, President, QinetiQ North America, INSA board member and INSA Cyber Security Council
- Steve's wife, Margaret
- Bill Donellan, Vice President, i2 Americas

Before I turn the podium over to our chairwoman, I want to thank Jake Jacoby, who co-chaired the INSA Strategic Planning Committee and has been an invaluable sounding board to myself and the INSA staff.

And a special thank you to Bob Harding, who led the Baker Award Nominating Committee and whose advice was critical to the planning and ultimate success of this event. Thank you, Bob!

Now, I invite our Chairwoman Fran Townsend to the podium for some remarks.