

**Iraq Forum: The Mounting Costs of the U.S. Military
Occupation of Iraq and Lost Opportunities**

Speaker Bios

Paul R. Pillar

Dr. Pillar is a Visiting Professor and member of the core faculty of the Security Studies Program at Georgetown University. He retired in 2005 from a 28-year career in the U.S. intelligence community, in which his last position was National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia. Earlier he served in a variety of analytical and managerial positions, including as chief of analytic units at the CIA covering portions of the Near East, the Persian Gulf, and South Asia. Dr. Pillar also served in the National Intelligence Council as one of the original members of its Analytic Group. He has been Executive Assistant to CIA's Deputy Director for Intelligence and Executive Assistant to Director of Central Intelligence William Webster. He has also headed the Assessments and Information Group of the DCI Counterterrorist Center, and from 1997 to 1999 was deputy chief of the center. He was a Federal Executive Fellow at the Brookings Institution in 1999-2000.

Dr. Pillar received an A.B. *summa cum laude* from Dartmouth College, a B.Phil. from Oxford University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Princeton University. He is a retired officer in the U.S. Army Reserve and served on active duty in 1971-1973, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. He is the author of *Negotiating Peace and Terrorism and U.S. Foreign Policy*.

Lt.Gen. William E. Odom, U.S. Army (Ret)

Lieutenant General William E. Odom, U.S. Army (Ret.), is a Senior Fellow with Hudson Institute and a professor at Yale University. As Director of the National Security Agency from 1985 to 1988, he was responsible for the nation's signals intelligence and communications security. From 1981 to 1985, he served as Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, the Army's senior intelligence officer.

From 1977 to 1981, General Odom was Military Assistant to the President's Assistant for National Security Affairs, Zbigniew Brzezinski. As a member of the National Security Council staff, he worked upon strategic planning, Soviet affairs, nuclear weapons policy, telecommunications policy, and Persian Gulf security issues. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1954, and received a Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1970.

Chloe O'Gara

Chloe O'Gara is the Director of Education at Save the Children Federation US. She has field experience in over 50 countries in Africa, Central and Southern Asia, and Latin America. At Save the Children, she is responsible for programming to support children's education in over 30 countries. Program activities target marginalized children - girls, ethnic minorities, and children affected by HIV/AIDS, wars and other catastrophes, and are designed in active collaboration with communities. Dr. O'Gara has published widely on issues including gender in the classroom; gender, education, and HIV/AIDS; and early childhood education and development. Save the Children's 2005 report on *The State of the World's Mothers* focused on girls' education. Previously, while at the Academy for Educational Development, O'Gara led an evaluation of USAID's girls' education programs and designed the Speak for the Child program to organize community support for women who care for young children affected by AIDS.

Dr. O'Gara worked as director of Wellstart International; at the USAID in the Offices of Education, Population, and Women in Development (as deputy and acting director); and at University of Michigan, Stanford University, Michigan State University, and Universidad del Valle de Guatemala.

Anita Dancs

Anita Dancs is research director of the National Priorities Project. She has a Ph.D. in economics and researches and writes on federal budget issues especially with respect to national security. She is a member of the Security Policy Working Group (SPWG), the Task Force for a Unified Security Budget and is a staff economist with the Center for Popular Economics. Her most recent publication is 'Terrorism or all hazards? Broadening homeland security,' in the SPWG's latest compendium, *Are We Safer? Five Years after the September 11th Attacks*, published this month. She has written, presented and given interviews extensively on the budgetary and economic costs of the Iraq War.

Peter Laufer

Peter Laufer, winner of major awards for excellence in reporting, is an independent journalist, broadcaster and documentary filmmaker working in traditional and new media. While a globe-trotting correspondent for NBC News, he also reported, wrote, and produced several documentaries and special event broadcasts for the network that dealt in detail with crucial social issues, including the first nationwide live radio discussion of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. "Healing the Wounds" was an analysis of ongoing problems afflicting Vietnam War veterans. "Hunger in America" documented malnutrition in our contemporary society. "A Loss for Words" exposed the magnitude and impact of illiteracy in America. "Cocaine Hunger" was the first network broadcast to literally trace the drug from the jungles of Bolivia to the streets of America, and alerted the nation to the avalanching crises caused by the consumption of crack cocaine. "Nightmare Abroad" was a pioneering study of Americans incarcerated overseas.

Peter Laufer is the anchor of the radio program "National Geographic World Talk" and co-anchor of the radio program "Washington Monthly on the Radio."

Sgt. Patrick Campbell

Sgt. Patrick Campbell is a combat medic serving with the Washington, DC National Guard. He returned from Iraq in October 2005 after one year of service in Baghdad with the 256 Infantry Brigade, based out of Louisiana. He was assigned to regularly patrol the western region of Baghdad. He was awarded the Combat Medical Badge and the Meritorious Service Medal. While overseas he was labeled as a prominent blogger by MSNBC. Patrick is currently a full time law student at the Catholic University of America, and also staffing the Washington, DC office of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA). He has worked for 4 different United States Senators, the former Vice President of the United States and various local and federal campaigns. He received his undergraduate degree in Political Science at UC Berkeley where he served as the Student Body President.