

2019 CONGRESSIONAL CALL-UP | MARCH 4-6, 2019 | WASHINGTON, D.C.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERMONDAY, MARCH 4



JIM WEBB Former U.S. Senator and Secretary of the Navy

Jim has had a distinguished career as a combat Marine, full committee counsel in the United States Congress, top-level executive in the Pentagon, United States Senator as well as a multiple best-selling author, film maker and Emmy-winning journalist. He is widely recognized for his inclusive and transformative leadership and track record of driving complex ideas into action.

Jim served six years as United States Senator from Virginia, Chairman of the Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel, and Chairman of the Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs. Jim initiated the Obama Administration's strategic "pivot to Asia", and through his leadership personally enabled political, diplomatic and economic change in Myanmar. Prior to being elected Senator, Jim had a career in government service and as a business consultant, foreign policy activist, novelist, screenwriter, and journalist. He also taught literature at the Naval Academy and as a fellow at The Institute of Politics at Harvard University. He was one of the key political figures working to normalize relations with Vietnam throughout the 1990's, and following the lift of the trade embargo he worked with numerous American companies to begin business in Vietnam.

Previously, Jim served as the Minority Counsel, House Committee on Veterans Affairs, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, and was the first Naval Academy graduate to serve in the military and become Secretary of the Navy. As Secretary of the Navy, he oversaw a \$90 billion budget and led policies affecting two million sailors, Marines, civilians, retirees and dependents. As Assistant Secretary of Defense, he assembled a complex 98-person staff bringing together all four active services, all seven National Guard and Reserve components and career and political civilian appointees. While in the Pentagon, he also served on the Armed Forces Policy Council and the Defense Resources Board, responsible for evaluating the more than \$300 billion defense budget.

Jim earned his J. D. from Georgetown University Law Center, and his B.S. in Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy where he graduated with a special commendation for "outstanding leadership."

The recipient of numerous awards for public service, he speaks Vietnamese and has done extensive pro bono work with the Vietnamese community dating from the late 1970s. Jim was the recipient of the Navy Cross, Silver Star Medal, two Bronze Star Medals and two Purple Hearts for his service in Vietnam. Among his ten books, his novel Fields of Fire is widely recognized as the classic novel of the Vietnam War, and Born Fighting, his cultural history of the Scots-Irish was termed "the most important ethnography in recent American history" by writer Tom Wolfe. His film "Rules of Engagement," starring Tommy Lee Jones and Samuel Jackson, was the number one film in the United States for two weeks in April, 2000.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER TUESDAY, MARCH 5



DONALD F. SANTA, JR. President and CEO Interstate Natural Gas Association of America

Donald F. Santa, Jr. is the President and CEO of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), the North American association representing the interstate and interprovincial natural gas pipeline industry.

Mr. Santa brings an extensive background in government and in the energy industry to his position at INGAA. He served as majority counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources from 1989-1993, where he worked on enactment of the Natural Gas Wellhead Decontrol Act of 1989 and the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Mr. Santa was nominated in 1993 be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, where he served until 1997. During his tenure as a commissioner, he worked on major FERC initiatives including Order No. 888 (open access rule for electric transmission) and implementation of Order No. 636 (the rule restructuring natural gas pipeline services).

Upon leaving the government, Mr. Santa joined LG&E Energy Corp in Louisville, KY, where he served as Deputy General Counsel and Senior Vice President for Strategic Planning from 1997-2001. Most recently before joining INGAA, he was a partner in the Washington, DC office of the Troutman Sanders LLP where he was a member of the law firm's federal regulatory practice group. Prior to assuming his current role at INGAA in August 2003, Mr. Santa had been the association's Executive Vice President since January 2003.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERWEDNESDAY, MARCH 6



THE HONORABLE WILL HURD (R-TX)

Born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, Will is a proud product of the Texas public school system. He attended John Marshall High School and Texas A&M University, where he majored in Computer Science and served as Student Body President.

After college, Will served as an undercover officer in the CIA in the Middle East and South Asia for nearly a decade, collecting intelligence that influenced the National Security agenda. Upon leaving the CIA, he became a Senior Advisor with a cybersecurity firm, covering a wide range of complex challenges faced by manufacturers, financial institutions, retailers, and critical infrastructure owners. He was also a partner with a strategic advisory firm helping businesses expand into international markets.

In 2015, Will was elected to the 114th Congress and currently serves on the Committee of Oversight and Government Reform and chairs the Information Technology Subcommittee. He also sits on the Committee on Homeland Security and is the Vice Chair of the Border and Maritime Security Subcommittee. In 2017, Will was appointed by Speaker Ryan to serve on the House Permanent Select Intelligence Committee, to replace Representative Mike Pompeo upon his confirmation as Director of the CIA.