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## **FLAG & GENERAL OFFICERS: US State Department Mentoring Opportunity**

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Fellow Flag & General Officers:

The US Dept. of State is looking for recently retired military flag officers to become involved in their NSELS Program [National Security Executive Leadership Seminar] which focuses on "rising leaders" from across the foreign affairs community. Our Fellow TFGON Member, Rear Admiral John Roberti, US NAVY [Ret.] has been involved with this program for the past 4 years and speaks very highly of it. Rather than our trying to rephrase his message to TFGON, we're forwarding it directly to you verbatim. The details include a point of contact at the State Dept where you can send your resume for consideration. Should you have any ?'s about this opportunity and this program, Rear Admiral Roberti has advised he is willing to answer any questions from fellow TFGON Members---- his contact information is in his message below---- Special Thanks to Admiral Roberti for making this unique and prestigious opportunity available to his Fellow TFGON Members and for "caring and sharing" with all the rest of us:

**Jim,**

**I'd like to share this opportunity with the network. I've mentored NSELS for four years and find it a great and rewarding way to "give back" to help rising leaders across the U.S. government prepare themselves for senior decision making positions. Information below.**

**John Roberti**

### **National Security Executive Leadership Seminar (NSELS) Mentor Opportunity**

We are seeking a recently retired flag officer in the Washington, D.C. area, with recent Washington-based policy experience to mentor the National Security Executive Leadership Seminar (NSELS). Detailed information and criteria are below.

#### **What is NSELS?**

NSELS is the Department of State's flagship interagency seminar for rising leaders at the GS-15/FS-01/O-6 level from across the foreign affairs community. The goal of the NSELS program is to help create a more collaborative and effective cadre of national security professionals, who will collectively advance the national interest of the United States. Participants explore critical challenges to American interests and the leadership skills needed for success in the interagency policy implementation process. The course features speakers from across government and other sectors and extensive participation from members of the seminar. Participants are nominated by their agencies and bureaus and selected through a competitive process. Agencies

represented include NSC, OMB, State, USAID, DoD, DHS, DOJ, the intelligence community, and others.

### **What is the mentor's role?**

We invite two senior officials to mentor each class. Mentors contribute their own experience and perspectives to the classes by injecting short comments in classroom discussion, by hosting brown-bag lunch discussions with participants, and serving as resources for participants. We typically pair a career State Department Ambassador with a recently retired DoD flag officer.

### **What is the time commitment?**

Each seminar meets 2 days per month for 5 months. We ask each mentor to spend one day with the class per month, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. If possible, we also ask that all mentors attend the morning of the first day of class for participant introductions. The dates for this seminar are:

January 31 - February 1, 2018

February 28 - March 1, 2018

March 28 - 29, 2018

April 25 - 26, 2018

May 23 - 24, 2018

### **What are the criteria for selecting a mentor?**

To qualify, an individual must have held a senior USG policy position in Washington within the past 5 years. Within DoD, it is ideal if the individual served on the J-5 or in OSD Policy. The individual must have participated extensively in interagency decision processes involving foreign affairs issues hosted by the National Security Council and others, and must have a reputation for building strong and productive interagency relationships. He or she must be able to concisely share lessons learned from interagency experiences that are relevant to current interagency challenges. He or she should be located in the Washington, D.C. area, as travel and lodging expenses are not covered. We are able to offer only a modest daily honorarium for the mentor's time.

### **How can I express interest?**

Please send your CV to Michelle Gidaspova, NSELS Course Chair, at [gidaspovamm@state.gov](mailto:gidaspovamm@state.gov) as early as possible. TFGON members with questions may contact our fellow TFGON Member, Rear Admiral John Roberti, US NAVY [Ret.] at [JOHN.Roberti@cubic.com](mailto:JOHN.Roberti@cubic.com)  
Or via phone at [703-919-5493](tel:703-919-5493)

With all good wishes for a GREAT 2018

Jim Carey

Rear Admiral [Ret.] James J. Carey, National Chairman  
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