

National Security Impacts of Climate Change

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America's military and intelligence communities increasingly see climate change as a serious national security risk. Sea-level rise already threatens infrastructure at U.S. military bases, food and water scarcity is causing political instability, and resource constraints will increase the risk of conflict and war. Join us to discuss these issues with:



Lt Gen John Castellaw (Ret.) led Marines around the world while flying more than two dozen different aircraft. During his 36-year career, he served with the UN during the Siege of Sarajevo, commanded the American force in the multi-national security and stability operation in East Timor, and was the chief of staff for the U.S. Central Command at the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also commanded Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 264 (REINFORCED), Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1, and the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing. Castellaw, a recognized national security expert, is a member of the USGLC National Security Advisory Council, serves

on the Nuclear Security Working Group, the American Security Project Consensus, and the Climate Security Working Group. He also consults with major defense firms. His honors, in addition to several military decorations, include membership in the UTM Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Hall of Fame and selection as the 1990 Marine Aviator of the Year. He was awarded the Order of Timor Leste (East Timor) by Prime Minister de Araujo for his service in restoring peace and security to that country. Following his return to his Tennessee family farm, Castellaw co-founded the non-profit Crockett Policy Institute, where, as president of the organization, he created the "SOLDIER 2 CIVILIAN" program to help veterans find jobs in precision agriculture.

Lt Donald Kim Erskine (Ret.) is a retired United States Navy SEAL Officer (SEAL Team SIX) and Homeland Security professional with more than 30 years of experience in counter-terrorism, intelligence, infrastructure protection, and national preparedness. Erskine is a highly decorated combat veteran whose awards include the Silver Star of Valor and Purple Heart. During fifteen years as a consultant and federal employee with the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, he served most recently as the Office of Infrastructure Protection Regional Director and Chief of Protective Security for Federal Region 1 (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT). He led the FY2016 Region 1 Electric Energy Regional Resilience Assessment Program (RRAP), and the FY2014 Maine Climate Change Adaptation Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP), the first of its kind to be conducted by DHS. The three-year effort examined the impacts of climate change-driven severe weather events on critical life-line function infrastructure (Energy, Water/Wastewater, Transportation and Telecommunications) in the Casco Bay Region. Erskine retired from federal service in April 2017. He is a homeland security consultant to Argonne National Laboratory, holds a Master's Degree in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School, is a Middle East and North Africa Area Specialist with service as a Department of Defense Foreign Area Officer, and lives in Maine.



Roger Sorkin is an award-winning producer, writer and director specializing in the nexus between environment, energy and national security. As Executive Director and Producer for the American Resilience Project, he produced the film *Tidewater*, which documents the vulnerability to sea level rise of the Hampton Roads area of Virginia, affecting military readiness and national security. The area is home to 14 military installations, with \$1 billion in urgent infrastructure repairs to address permanent flooding risks. He also produced *The Burden*, the first film examining how America's

dependence on fossil fuels poses immediate and long-term national security threats, and how the military is taking a lead role in support of clean, renewable energy. He is an alumnus of the U.S. Army War College's National Security Seminar and a fellow with the Truman National Security Project. Sorkin has served as a communications advisor to the NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence, as a delegate to the Electric Infrastructure Security Council, and he currently serves on the Climate and Security Working Group at the Center for Climate and Security. He began his career in broadcasting as the founding producer of a daily public affairs radio program in 1993, and then received a master of communication from Stanford University with a focus in documentary film before moving to Washington, DC, where he worked as a freelance writer, producer and editor for a variety of production companies before starting his own.

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