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# **The Fifth Annual All-Volunteer Force Forum**

**Endless Wars and America's All-Volunteer Force**



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**Heritage Hall**

## Schedule:

- ★ **0900 – 0945:** Opening Discussion: “Is America’s All-Volunteer Force Sustainable?” (Virtual)  
Speaker: Elliot Ackerman (Author and Journalist)  
Moderator: Max Margulies (Modern War Institute, United States Military Academy)
  
- ★ **0945 – 1115:** Panel 1: The State of the All-Volunteer Force (Virtual)  
Panelists: Major General Dennis Laich (United States Army, Ret.), Phil Carter (Georgetown University), Jim Golby (Clements Center, the University of Texas), Bill Taylor (Angelo State University)  
Moderator: Lindsay Cohn (U.S. Naval War College)
  
- ★ **1120 – 1250:** Panel 2: The All-Volunteer Force and Future Threats (Virtual)  
Panelists: Vice Admiral Lee Gunn (United States Navy, Ret.), Jacquelyn Schneider (Hoover Institution, Stanford University), Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson (United States Army, Ret.), Colonel Håkan Andersson (Embassy of Sweden)  
Moderator: Gil Barndollar (Center for the Study of Statesmanship, the Catholic University of America)
  
- ★ **1255 – 1345:** Debate: Resolved: “America’s All-Volunteer Force Is A Failing Experiment” (At CUA and Virtual)  
Debaters: Major General Dennis Laich, Jill Rough (George Mason University)  
Moderator: Colonel Margaret Cope (United States Air Force, Ret.)
  
- ★ **1345 – 1400:** Closing Remarks (Virtual): Major General Dennis Laich, Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson

**Livestream at:**

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipnBJ\\_qPqe8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipnBJ_qPqe8)**

**If planning to attend the debate in person, please RSVP to Luke**

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