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Upcoming WACCI Meetings

April 4
Pamela Constable, Washington Post
Topic: Immigration Policy

May 3
Jesse Sullivan
Topic: TBA

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Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Dinner and Program at Hoogland Center for the Arts

420 South Sixth Street

NATO has been in the news a lot lately. It is perhaps timely to hear from **Major General Richard J. Hayes Jr.** Major General Hayes is 39th Adjunct General of the State of Illinois, principal advisor on military matters to Governor Rauner, and serves as Director of the Illinois Department of Military Affairs in the governor's cabinet.

To help us better understand what is going on in the world, and how to participate in making the world a better place for our families and future generations, we will look forward to having Major General Hayes Jr. with us that evening. He will discuss NATO along with the relationship between the Illinois National Guard and Poland.

Major General Hayes is the senior officer in the chain of command for both the Illinois Army and the Air National Guard. General Hayes, a highly decorated officer, is responsible for the Illinois National Guard and oversees approximately 13,000 men and women in uniform and 230 in civilian employees in the Illinois Department of Military Affairs.

Some of the Major General's awards include: National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Non-Article 5 Medal, Illinois Distinguished Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Kansas University ROTC Alumni Hall of Fame, to name a few.

Major General Hayes holds a Master of Strategic Studies from United States War College, and Master of Business Administration, General Management from Touro University International.



Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Major General Richard J. Hayes

“NATO and the Relationship Between Poland and the Illinois National Guard”

Dinner and Program at Hoogland Center for the Arts, Club Room

420 South Sixth Street

Reception 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 6:15 p.m.; Program 7:30 p.m.

The program is open to the public and is free. See below for dinner costs.



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Membership dues for the program year are payable each September.

To all WACCI members:

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MENU: Polish Delights

SOUP: Zupa Grzybowa -- Vegetarian Mushroom Soup Garnished with Sour Cream and Fresh Parsley

ENTREE: Kotlet Schabowy -- Breaded Pork Cutlets with Lemon and Cornichon

Vegetarian Option: Potato and Cheese Pierogis

Peeled and Boiled Baby Potatoes with Dill

Buraczki -- Shredded Red Beets Salad

DESSERT: Makowiec -- Traditional Polish Poppy Seed Roll

Artisan Style Rolls with Butter/Beverages

Reservations are required for dinner and must be prepaid and received by March 6th. There is no guarantee of seating beyond that date. For the possibility of late reservations, contact Michael Plog, 793-2509 or mbplog@comcast.net, to determine whether seating is available.

Please detach and mail

Name _____ Phone # _____

Per meal cost: ___Members \$30 ___Non-Members \$35

___ Number of vegetarian meals requested ___Number of gluten-free meals requested

Total enclosed \$ _____ No. Attending _____

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