

# Council Chronicle

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*30 years of educating, training, and developing the present and emerging generation of U.S.-Arab relations leaders*

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The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is pleased to provide the *twenty-first* edition of the *Council Chronicle*, the Council's periodic newsletter. The *Chronicle* seeks to keep the Council's alumni, donors, and other supporters informed and updated. One among other efforts to do so on an ongoing basis is achieved by presenting highlights and special reports on the Council's programs, events, and activities. For new readers interested in learning more about the Council's vision and mission, together with the ways and means it utilizes to pursue both objectives, please visit the Council's website at [ncusar.org](http://ncusar.org).

## Message from the President

In this issue of the *Council Chronicle*, readers will find reports on five categories of recent National Council educational programs, activities, public affairs events, and other professional services for foreign policy research and analysis communities -- accounts of: (1) the Council's first-ever study visit for American intelligence community officials to the

United Arab Emirates (UAE) in conjunction with the Abu Dhabi, UAE-based Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research; (2) the Council's seventeenth Annual Cultural Immersion Program in the Sultanate of Oman for officers selected by the Commander of the U.S. Central Command; and (3) five policy-centric and - recommendation briefings to packed audiences on Capitol Hill -- on Tunisia, Libya, Bahrain, Syria, and future energy prospects for the six GCC countries -- for Members of Congress, congressional staff, members of the diplomatic and defense communities, the media, and representatives of the broader constituency of national foreign affairs practitioners.



*The National Council's June 7, 2013 Congressional Briefing "Crisis Syria: Going Where?" was carried live on C-SPAN and is available for viewing in the C-SPAN Video Library.*

Additional highlights include (4) the election of a new Chairman of the Council's Board of Directors, David D. Bosch, and (5) the announcement of the October 22-23, 2013 dates for the Council's 22nd Annual Arab-U.S. Relations Policymakers Conference at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in

Washington, D.C. In every instance, the Council's goal has been to forge ever-increasing communities of well-educated, - trained, and -developed American foreign affairs practitioners with firsthand empirical exposures to and experiences in countries and issues of immense strategic, economic, energy, political, commercial, defense cooperation, and other importance to the United States.

Dr. John Duke Anthony  
Founding President and CEO  
National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations



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## About the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

Founded in 1983, the National Council is an American educational, non-profit, and non-governmental organization. The Council is dedicated to improving American knowledge and understanding of the Arab world. It endeavors to do this through leadership development. In one effort alone, the Council's Model Arab League Program, there are more than 30,000 alumni. The annual number of participants averages 2,200. The yearly venues in which the Models occur span thirteen cities spread across the United States. It speaks volumes that *every single Council employee is a graduate of this one program*. Each one has exhibited the sterling leadership qualities necessary for helping to strengthen and expand the Arab-U.S. relationship.

Among three additional annual highlights are, one, the National Council's Arab-U.S. Policymakers' Conference. The Conference brings together many of the foremost American and Arab specialists on the multiple dynamics of the overall relationship between the United States and Arab governments, economies, and societies. For each of the past two years the Conference has drawn more than 1,200 participants. With coverage for five of the past six years by C-SPAN, the international satellite television network, additional millions are able to benefit from the proceedings through that medium as well as the Council's website at [ncusar.org](http://ncusar.org).

The second highlight is an intensive student work-study internship program. The Council trained nearly three dozen interns this past year. In cooperation with The Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University, the special ten-week summer internship program, administered for the seventh consecutive year in association with twenty-two sister organizations, provides a professional work experience together with a twenty-part seminar on "Arabia, the Gulf, the GCC, and the U.S.-Arab relationship."

A third highlight is the National Council's year-round determination to contribute positively to the national conversation about American policies, positions, attitudes, and actions towards the Arab world and its peoples is its multiple series of seminars on Capitol Hill. In each instance, internationally renowned specialists are tasked with recommending more effective American approaches to dealing with some of the most important challenges confronting American and Arab policymakers in matters of common concern. The seminars, held in Congressional hearing rooms, are typically filled to capacity with Members of Congress, Congressional staff, the media, research and publications specialists in prominent public policy research institutes, and other foreign affairs practitioners.



National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations website



Arabia, the Gulf, and the GCC Blog



The National Council produces specialized publications, including an electronic newsletter four times a year and an annual review. An exciting new feature of the Council's outreach and continuing efforts to provide cutting-edge analysis and perspective on matters pertaining to Arabia and the Gulf as well as the overall Arab-U.S. relationship is the Council's blog: *Arabia, the Gulf, and the GCC*. The National Council also organizes and serves as a scholarly escort for delegations American leaders on study visits to one or more Arab countries. In addition, the Council facilitates the participation of American students and faculty in Arabic language and area study learning experiences.

The National Council's *vision* for the U.S.-Arab relationship is anchored in the legitimate needs, concerns, interests, and key foreign policy objectives of the American and Arab peoples. The vision rests on a solid and enduring foundation of strategic, economic, political, commercial, and defense cooperation strengthened continuously by exchanges of present and emerging leaders among Americans and Arabs alike.

The National Council's *mission* is educational. It is committed to building, maintaining, and wherever possible strengthening and expanding the human, institutional, and programmatic bridges between and among the American and Arab peoples. It seeks in particular to enhance American awareness and appreciation of the multi-faceted and innumerable benefits that the United States has long obtained and continues to derive from its relations with the Arab world. A hallmark of the Council's mission is its emphasis on the publication and dissemination of documented facts.



*(Left to right) Congressman Jim Moran (D-VA), Dr. John Duke Anthony, and General Anthony C. Zinni, USMC (Ret.).*



*(Left to right) Dr. John Duke Anthony, The Right Honourable Tony Blair and H.E. Ambassador Adel A. Al-Jubeir.*



*HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal Al Sa'ud*



*Ambassador Barbara Bodine*

In its efforts to strengthen and expand the positive dynamics of the overall U.S.-Arab relationship, and to promote the legitimate interests of Americans and Arabs alike, the National Council is keenly aware of the national need for courageous leaders of conviction and commitment. It strives to do whatever it can to help restore what was once an extraordinarily vibrant and positive reservoir of Arab goodwill and respect for America throughout the Arab world. It endeavors to do so in light of the pervasive region-wide negative reaction among tens of millions of the Arab world's citizens, and millions more among the world's more than 1.6 billion Muslims, who in recent years have come to view many of America's policies towards Arabs and Muslims as unfair and unjust.

In pursuit of its mission, the National Council serves as a U.S.-Arab relations information, programmatic, and human resources clearinghouse. In so doing, it provides cutting edge insight and learning opportunities for national, state, and local grassroots organizations, media, and public policy research institutes in addition to select community civic, business, and professional associations.

# REGISTRATION OPEN:

## 22nd Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference

*Navigating Arab-U.S. Relations: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities*

October 22 – 23, 2013

Washington, DC

The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations' 22nd Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference, "Navigating Arab-U.S. Relations: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities," will be held October 22-23, 2013 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC. Information about featured speakers, times, registration, and sponsorship opportunities is available on the National Council's website: [ncusar.org](http://ncusar.org).



### Keynote Addresses Include:



#### General Lloyd J. Austin III

General Lloyd J. Austin III assumed command of United States Central Command (CENTCOM), which has a wide-ranging area of responsibility for 20 countries in the Middle East and southwest Asia, on March 22, 2013. He was previously the 33d Vice Chief of Staff of the Army. General Austin led the 3rd Infantry Division in the opening months of the Iraq war where he earned a Silver Star for valor. He later commanded divisions in both Afghanistan and Iraq, and commanded U.S. Forces-Iraq from September 2010 through the completion of the mission in December 2011.



#### HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal Al Sa'ud

His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al Faisal Al Sa'ud served as the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States from 2005 to 2007. From 1977 to 2001, he served as the Director General of the General Intelligence Directorate, the Kingdom's main foreign intelligence service. Prince Turki is one of the founders of the King Faisal Foundation and is the Chairman of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies in Riyadh. Prince Turki serves as a member of the Boards of Trustees of the Oxford Center for Islamic Studies.



#### Ambassador Chas W. Freeman, Jr.

Ambassador Chas. W. Freeman, Jr. is President Emeritus of the Middle East Policy Council. He served as United States Ambassador to Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (1993-94), earning the Department of Defense's highest public service awards for his roles in designing a NATO-centered post-Cold War European security system and in reestablishing defense and military relations with China. Ambassador Freeman is Chairman of the Board of Projects International, Inc., a Washington, DC-based business development firm.

**Register Now at [ncusar.org](http://ncusar.org).**

# The National Council Organizes and Escorts a Delegation of National Intelligence University Students for a Study Visit to the UAE

The National Council, in coordination with the Abu Dhabi-based Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR), organized and led an April 5-13, 2013 study visit to the United Arab Emirates for graduate students at the United States National



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The Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research



Intelligence University. The delegation was comprised of nine students and two faculty members. The visit provided the students an opportunity to explore the dynamics of some of the major economic, political, and social determinants of UAE culture as well as the country's modernization and development.

Escorted by National Council staff member Mark Morozink, the participants visited the Emirates of Abu Dhabi and Dubai. Delegation members met with and were briefed by officials at the Jebel Ali Port, the one shore facility frequented annually by U.S. Naval personnel more than any other outside the United States; the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the UAE Ministry of Interior; and other sites and institutions. They also participated in an academic workshop at ECSSR and were briefed by U.S. Ambassador to the UAE Michael Corbin and embassy staff. The delegation's visit was timed to allow the students to attend both days of the Emirates Center's 18th Annual Conference on "The Future of Warfare in the 21st Century." In addition, the students were introduced to a maritime variant of UAE traditional culture while navigating the vibrant waterfront commerce of the Emirate of Dubai on a dhow, a traditional Arab wooden sailing vessel, and exploring the pre-oil era traditions of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in its heritage village exhibitions, together with the ECSSR seminar and other educational activities.



*The National Council delegation visits the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs during a study visit sponsored by the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research.*

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*The National Council's delegation attended both days of ECSSR's 18th Annual Conference for which the theme of this year's proceedings was "The Future of Warfare in the 21st Century."*



*The delegation visits the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi.*

# National Council's Malone Fellowship in Arab and Islamic Studies Program Annual Cultural Immersion Visit to Oman

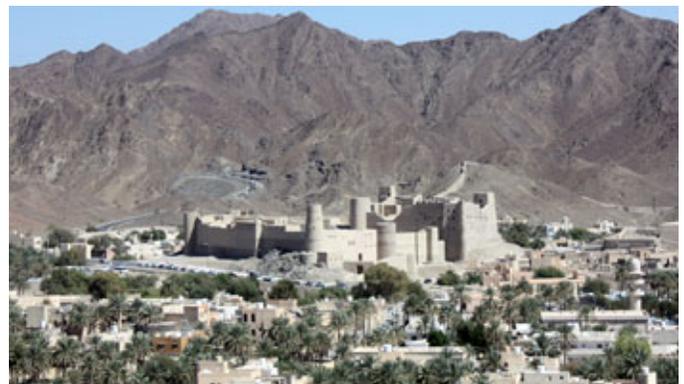
In February, a delegation of U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) officers, Malone Fellows, and area studies specialists participated in the National Council's 17th Annual Cultural Immersion Program in Oman. The delegation was led by Council Founding President and CEO Dr. John Duke Anthony, Council Board Member David Bosch and his wife Leslie Bosch, both of them long-time residents of and specialist on Oman, and staff member Mariam Klait. Since its inception in 1996, this particular Council program has been and remains one of a kind. Many of the Council's programs in other Arab countries examine policymaking issues and topics related to economic and social development. The Council's programs in Oman for the past 17 years, however, have been and remain different. They are designed to provide hard to come by information and empirical insight into not just these kinds of issues but also, and especially, cultural and anthropological themes.

Indeed, the program unfolds primarily in *half a dozen different regions outside the Sultanate's capital of Muscat*. It does so in order to allow delegation members to experience the dynamics of what is not only one of the Arab world's most demographically, geographically, economically, and socially diverse countries. It does so also because of Oman's position adjacent to the Hormuz Strait, arguably the most strategically vital waterway on earth, through which one fifth of the world's globally traded oil transits daily. The program provides context, background, and perspective related to a broad range of dynamics that influence Oman's national development processes as well as its domestic priorities, international relations, and foreign policy objectives.

Before their departure for Oman, the Malone Fellows participated in a two-day orientation program that featured National Council Founding President and CEO Dr. John Duke Anthony; Professor Linda Pappas Funsch, a Malone Fellow who teaches at Hood College and Frederick Community College, and who has served as an escort on previous Council Oman visits; Rachel Smith-Levy and Nour Nsouli, Oman Desk Officers at the U.S. State Department; Mr. David Des Roches, Senior Military Fellow, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University and former Director of Gulf and Arabian Peninsula, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Dr. Herman Franssen, President, International Energy Associates, Senior Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), and former Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals, Sultanate of Oman; Ambassador Frances Cook, Member, Board of Directors, Ballard Group and former United States Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman; Ambassador Richard Schmierer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State; and Dr. Kenneth Katzman, Senior Analyst, Congressional Research Service.



*U.S. Central Command officers and other participants in the National Council's Malone Fellows Program in Oman sailed on a traditional Arab dhow alongside the Hormuz Strait, the world's most strategically vital waterway.*



*One of Oman's many inland fortresses and traditional walled settlements, Bahla, presently under restoration, has been designated by the United Nations as a World Heritage Site.*



Upon arrival in Oman, the delegation members participated in meetings and briefings by officials at the U.S. Embassy and Omani government ministries. They visited Bayt Al-Zubair, one of Oman's world class cultural and historical museums in Muttrah, the commercial center of the capital territory. In addition, the Fellows spent time along the country's coasts, crisscrossing its numerous mountains and wadis, and camping out under a moonlit and star-strewn sky in a desert outpost deep in Oman's vast Sharqiyah Sands, where they were hosted by members of the prominent Al-Harthy tribe.

Further into the interior, the Fellows visited remote villages, hilltop hamlets, and little known farm sites tucked beneath groves of trees clinging to hillsides. They sailed aboard a *dhow*, and swam and snorkeled offshore famed Telegraph Island and other inlets that line Oman's Musandam Peninsula and in hard-to-reach coves in Oman's Norwegian-like fjords amongst cliffs that drop straight down into the sea in areas adjacent to and all the way around the internationally vital Strait of Hormuz. In so doing, the participants were able to observe the country's fisher folk, boat builders, weavers, potters, the faithful at prayer, women, and school children at study and at play.

In addition, in Jabrin, Khasab, Nizwa, and Qabil, the Fellows made their way on foot through the architectural mazes and defense mechanisms of some of the country's more than 400 centuries-old forts. Through mountains, deserts, wadis, and sea, the experience unfolded along the shores and inland reaches of the Indian Ocean, the Gulf of Oman, the Arabian Sea, and other storied places. All this transpired alongside an extraordinary Omani guide who personified Oman's long history of residence and interaction within Arabia and the Gulf as well as Central and East Africa.

***Requests for Applications are now being received for individuals interested in participating in the National Council's February 2014 Program.***

***The National Council's Malone Fellows delegation explored half a dozen regions in the Sultanate's interior outside the capital of Muscat. In doing so, they experienced firsthand the dynamics of one of the Arab world's most demographically, geographically, economically, and socially diverse countries.***



*A view of the centuries-old fort adjacent to the Grand Mosque in Nizwa, an historical center of scholarly learning and traditional education that has long been closely linked to Ibadhi Muslim communities in Algeria, Libya, East Africa, and elsewhere.*



*Malone Fellows explored the vibrant market in Sinaw, in the eastern region of Oman.*



*The Fellows visited Jabrin Castle, built in the 17th Century when Oman's capital moved there from Nizwa.*



*An exterior view of the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque in Oman's Capital Territory.*



*Fifteenth century Fort Mirani in Muscat.*



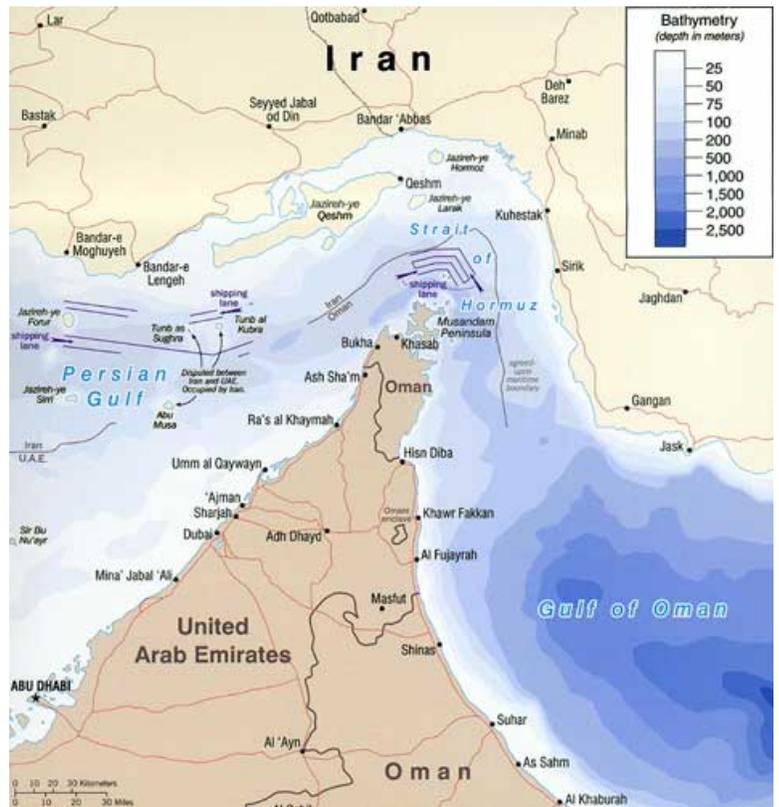
*Malone Fellows explored the dunes of the Sharqiyyah Sands, an eastern extension of the Rub' Al-Khali (The Empty Quarter), the world's largest desert.*



*The waterfront of Muscat, capital of Oman and one of Arabia's most historically fabled ports.*



*A traditional Arab dhow, hewn from wood and crafted by hand in the manner of Omani shipwrights and mariners of yesteryear, sails near a cove adjacent to the Strait of Hormuz.*



***STRAIT OF HORMUZ,  
OMAN'S MUSANDAM PENINSULA, AND  
THE WORLD'S MOST VITAL SEA LANES***



*The Malone Fellow delegation participates in a pre-departure orientation program that provides an introduction to the history, geography, and geology, as well as the economic, social, and political dynamics of Oman.*



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*Schoolboys break from their studies at a school in Nizwa.*

*Maps courtesy of the University of Texas Libraries, The University of Texas at Austin.*

# National Council Public Affairs Briefings

## *Constitutionalism and Human Rights in Tunisia: The Islamist-Led Democratic Transition Post-Arab Spring*

March 5, 2013

On March 5, 2013 the National Council, along with The Maghreb Center, the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and the International Council for Middle East Studies hosted a conference to examine the consequences and future prospects of the very first of the series of Arab uprisings in 2010-2011: the one on Tunisia. The conference title was “**Constitutionalism and Human Rights in Tunisia: The Islamist-Led**



*National Council Executive Vice President Pat Mancino (right) delivers welcoming remarks at “Constitutionalism and Human Rights in Tunisia: The Islamist-Led Democratic Transition Post-Arab Spring.”*

**Democratic Transition Post-Arab Spring”** at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC. The conference featured a session on “*Post-Revolution Political and Constitutional Transitions*” featuring Ms. Alexis Arieff, Analyst, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, Washington DC; Dr. Alaya Allani, Professor of History, Manouba University, Tunis; Dr. Ghazi Gherairi, Law Professor, University of Tunis, and Secretary General, The International Academy for Constitutional Law (AIDC), Tunis; and Dr. Ahmed El Hamri, Development Economist, Academia and Consultant, The World Bank; moderated by Dr. I. William Zartman, Jacob Blaustein Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of The Johns Hopkins University. There was also a session on “*The Future of Women's Rights, Minority Rights, and Freedom of Expression in Tunisia*”

featuring Mr. Eric Goldstein, Deputy Director, Human Rights Watch; Ms. Naziha Réjiba, journalist, human rights activist, and 2009 Recipient of the International Press Freedom Award of the Committee to Protect Journalists; and Dr. Nancy Okail, Program Director, The Freedom House, Washington DC; moderated by Dr. Nejib Ayachi, President, The Maghreb Center, Washington DC.

Audio and video recordings from the program are available on the National Council's website [ncusar.org](http://ncusar.org) and through [iTunes](#) and [YouTube](#).

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## *Rhetoric and Reality in Arab-U.S. Energy Relations*

April 11, 2013

On April 11, 2013 the National Council and the U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee hosted a briefing on “**Rhetoric and Reality in Arab-U.S. Energy Relations**” at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP’s Washington, DC office. Dr. John Duke Anthony, Founding President and CEO, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, delivered opening remarks and served as primary facilitator and moderator. Participating specialists were Mr. John Hofmeister, Founder and Chief Executive, Citizens for Affordable Energy, and former President, Shell Oil Company; Professor Paul Sullivan, Professor of Economics, National Defense University, and Adjunct Professor in National Security Affairs, Georgetown University; and Ms. Randa Fahmy Hudome, President, Fahmy Hudome International, former Associate Deputy Secretary of Energy, and member of the Council’s Board of Directors.



An audio recording of the program is available on the National Council's website [ncusar.org](http://ncusar.org) and through [iTunes](#).

## *Opportunities for Investment in Libyan Energy, Finance, and Infrastructure*

April 22, 2013

On April 22, 2013 the National Council and The American Libyan Chamber of Commerce & Industry, with the participation of The U.S.-Libya Business Association, hosted “**Opportunities for Investment in Libyan Energy, Finance, and Infrastructure**” with His Excellency Dr. Elkalani A. Alsalm, Minister of Finance for Libya, at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP’s Washington, DC office. His Excellency Dr. Elkalani A. Alsalm, who was



*“Opportunities for Investment in Libyan Energy, Finance, and Infrastructure” briefing.*

appointed Libya’s Minister of Finance in November 2012 after previously serving as a Professor in Economics and Commerce at Benghazi University, delivered featured remarks after an introduction by His Excellency Ali Aujali, Ambassador of Libya to the United States. Ms. Randa Fahmy Hudome, Board Member, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations; Mr. Robert Marro, President, American Libyan Chamber of Commerce & Industry; and Ms. Paula Freer, Director, International Government Affairs, Marathon Oil Corporation and Chair, U.S.-Libya Business Association; served as commentators while Dr. John Duke Anthony, Founding President & CEO, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, served as moderator.

An audio recording of the program is available on the National Council’s website [ncusar.org](http://ncusar.org) and through [iTunes](#).

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## *Bahrain: A Conversation About Its Challenges and Opportunities*

May 21, 2013

On May 21, 2013 the National Council and the U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee hosted “**Bahrain: A Conversation About Its Challenges and Opportunities**” in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill

in Washington, DC. Dr. John Duke Anthony, Founding President and CEO, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, delivered opening remarks and served as primary facilitator and moderator. Participating specialists were Ambassador Ronald E. Neumann, President, American Academy of Diplomacy and former U.S. Ambassador to Bahrain, Afghanistan, and Algeria; Professor David Des Roches, Senior Military Fellow, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, and former Director of the



*“Bahrain: A Conversation About Its Challenges and Opportunities” briefing.*



Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs, U.S.

Department of Defense; Ms. Sarah Leah Whitson, Executive Director, Middle East and North Africa Division, Human Rights Watch; Professor Paul Sullivan, Professor of Economics, National Defense University and Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University.

Audio and video recordings from the program are available on the National Council’s website [ncusar.org](http://ncusar.org) and through [iTunes](#).

## ***Crisis Syria: Going Where?***

June 7, 2013

On June 7, 2013 the National Council and the U.S.-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee hosted “**Crisis Syria: Going Where?**” in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Dr. John Duke Anthony,



*National Council President Dr. Anthony provides historical and contemporary context for the Council’s Capitol Hill seminar on “Crisis Syria: Going Where?” briefing.*

Founding President and CEO, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, delivered opening remarks and served as primary facilitator and moderator. Participating specialists were Ms. Mona Yacoubian, Senior Advisor, Middle East and Project Director, Pathways to Progress, Stimson Center; Mr. Ian Pannell, Correspondent, BBC News; Professor David Des Roches, Senior Military Fellow, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University and former Director of the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense; Ms. Sharon Waxman, Vice President, Public Policy and Advocacy, International Rescue Committee; and Professor Paul Sullivan, Professor of Economics, National Defense University and Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University.

The program was broadcast live on C-SPAN, allowing millions around the globe to watch and learn from the proceedings. A video recording of the session can be viewed in the C-SPAN Video Library. An audio recording of the program is available on the National Council’s website [ncusar.org](http://ncusar.org) and through [iTunes](#).

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## **National Council Welcomes Mr. David Bosch As New Chairman of the Board of Directors**

This spring the National Council welcomed Mr. David Bosch as its new Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Bosch succeeds Mr. John Mulholland, who served as Chair of the Board for two years and will now serve as Treasurer. Mr. Bosch has more than 30 years of work and other professional experience related to U.S.-Arab relations, commencing with over 20 years working for Aramco in Saudi Arabia from 1974, an exciting period during which Aramco (and its successor Saudi Aramco) grew to become the world’s largest oil company. He became Director of the Company’s Washington, DC office in 1995, where he worked on U.S.-Arab issues with the U.S. Government, the policy making community, public policy research institutes, numerous non-governmental organizations, including the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, and other organizations in Washington.



Mr. Bosch spent most of his formative years in the Arab world, starting when his family moved from New Jersey to Iraq in 1951, where his father, Dr. Donald T. Bosch, began work as a specialized surgeon in the American Mission Hospital in Amarah. As his parents had assignments in Oman, Kuwait, and Bahrain, Mr. Bosch grew up largely in the Gulf countries, and picked up colloquial Arabic from childhood. He was active in the American business organizations in the Gulf starting in 1978, when he served as Treasurer of the American Businessmen’s Group of Riyadh. Moving to Dhahran in 1982, he served first as a board member and in 1984 was elected President of the American Business Council in the Eastern Province and served for four years.

Mr. Bosch has formerly served as a board member of Saudi Refining, Inc., the Middle East Institute, the World Affairs Council of Washington, DC, The Textile Museum, and Georgetown University’s Center for Contemporary Arab Studies. Retiring in 2008, Mr. Bosch and his wife Leslie have spent the last five years assisting their respective parents, participating in two archaeological expeditions in Oman, and living in Oman and in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from where they travelled throughout Asia for two years.

# Help Support the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

*Please Make an Annual, Quarterly, Monthly, or One-Time Tax-Deductible Donation\**

The National Council depends on its supporters' contributions to continue its educational mission to strengthen and expand U.S.-Arab relations. **It is 30 years ago this year since the Council was established.** It came into being to address numerous unmet U.S.-Arab relations needs. With its supporters' assistance it quickly gained an international, national, state, and local following. Soon enough, it gained something else: a reputation for a range of U.S.-Arab relations programs, events, and activities never previously administered by any American non-governmental organization. If one wanted evidence of whether the Council's establishment was necessary and long-overdue, one need only ponder and peruse the numerous quality results chronicled herein. Virtually every one documents how the Council continues to make a defining difference in the education, training, and preparation of the next generation of U.S.-Arab relations leaders and specialists.

**We invite you to contribute to the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations' Annual Fund.** \*The Council is recognized as a 501(c)(3) public charity and contributions are federally tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed under law. Tax-deductible gifts to the Annual Fund provide vital unrestricted revenues that help support the Council's full range of programming. You can make your gift payable to the National Council on U.S.- Arab Relations through a safe and secure online credit card donation by visiting the National Council's website, [www.ncusar.org](http://www.ncusar.org), or you can mail a check to the National Council at:

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Washington, DC 20036**



# National Council Leadership & Staff

## Founding President & Chief Executive Officer

**Dr. John Duke Anthony**; see below.

## National Council Management and Staff

*Founding President and Chief Executive Officer -- Dr. John Duke Anthony*; see below;

*Executive Vice President and Director of Development -- Mr. Patrick A. Mancino*; also: former Assistant to the President and Director of Development, American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee; and former Legislative Assistant, House of Representatives, United States Congress;

*Director of Student Programs -- Ms. Megan Geissler*; also: Alumna, Model Arab League Program;

*Deputy Director of Student Programs -- Mr. Josh Hilbrand*; also: Alumnus, Model Arab League Program and Washington, DC Summer Internship Program;

*Director of Special Projects -- Mr. Mark Morozink*; also: Alumnus and former Coordinator, Model Arab League Program;

*Special Programs Assistant -- Mr. Byron Lewis*; also: Alumnus, Model Arab League Program and Washington, DC Summer Internship Program;

*Publications Coordinator/ Special Programs Assistant -- Ms. Mariam Klait*; also: Alumna, Model Arab League Program, and Washington, DC Internship Program; and

*Special Projects Assistant -- Ms. Maria Pantelis*; also: Alumna, Model Arab League Program and Washington, DC Internship Program.

## National Council Board of Directors

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