

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The Honorable Ted Cruz

Lawyer, U.S. Senator

Thursday, October 31, 11:30 a.m. – 12:00noon – Luncheon Keynote Address



An American conservative politician, Senator Ted Cruz grew up in Houston, Texas, earning his bachelor's at Princeton University and going on to Harvard Law School.

Working as an attorney for some time, Cruz later served as an adviser on the 2000 presidential campaign of George W. Bush.

As Solicitor General for the State of Texas and in private practice, Senator Cruz authored more than 80 U.S. Supreme Court briefs and argued 43 oral arguments, including nine before the U.S. Supreme Court. He also won an unprecedented series of landmark national victories that include his defense of U.S. sovereignty against the UN and the World Court in *Medellin v. Texas*, the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms, the constitutionality of the Ten Commandments monument at the Texas State Capitol, and the words “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the U.S. Senate, Senator Cruz has led the fight to repeal Obamacare, to secure the border, and to confirm Justice Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. He has also led the fight to defend life, marriage, the First Amendment, the Second Amendment, and our entire Bill of Rights.

Senator Cruz, his wife Heidi, their two daughters Caroline and Catherine, and his entire family have been blessed to live the American Dream — the idea that anyone, through hard work and determination, can achieve anything. And he is committed to ensuring every family has that same opportunity.

Dr. Scott Pace

Executive Secretary, National Space Council

Thursday, October 31, 15:30 p.m.–16:00 p.m. – Closing Keynote Address



Dr. Scott Pace is the Executive Secretary for the National Space Council. The Council is chaired by Vice President Michael Pence. He began this position in August 2017.

Dr. Pace was formerly the Director of the Space Policy Institute and a Professor of the Practice of International Affairs at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs from 2008-2017. From 2005-2008, he served as the Associate Administrator for Program Analysis and Evaluation at NASA. Prior to NASA, Dr. Pace was the Assistant Director for Space and Aeronautics in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP).

From 1993-2000, Dr. Pace worked for the RAND Corporation's Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI). From 1990 to 1993, Dr. Pace served as the Deputy Director and Acting Director of the Office of Space Commerce, in the Office of the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Commerce. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Harvey Mudd College in 1980; Master's degrees in Aeronautics & Astronautics and Technology & Policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1982; and a Doctorate in Policy Analysis from the RAND Graduate School in 1989.

Dr. Pace received the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal in 2008, the US Department of State's Group Superior Honor Award, *GPS Interagency Team*, in 2005, and the NASA Group Achievement Award, *Columbia Accident Rapid Reaction Team*, in 2004. He has been a member of the US Delegation to the World Radiocommunication Conferences in 1997, 2000, 2003, and 2007. He was also a member of the US Delegation to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Telecommunications Working Group, 1997-2000. More recently, he served as a private sector advisor to the U.S. Delegation to the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in 2009, and 2011-17. Dr. Pace was a member of the NOAA Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES) and served as a senior advisor to the Position, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) Advisory Board for the U.S. PNT Executive Committee.

Dr. Pace is a former member of the Board of Trustees, Universities Space Research Association, a former Trustee of the Summer Science Program Inc., a Member of the International Academy of Astronautics, and an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Capt. Joe DePete

President, Air Line Pilots Association, Int'l

Thursday, October 31, 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. – Opening Ceremony



Since January 2019, Capt. Joe DePete has served as the eleventh president of the Air Line Pilots Association, Int'l (ALPA), which represents more than 63,000 professional airline pilots in the United States and Canada and is the largest nongovernmental aviation safety organization in the world.

As ALPA's president, Capt. DePete serves as the Association's chief executive and administrative officer and spokesman. He also serves as a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council and is a member of the International Committee as well as the Legislative and Policy Committee.

Capt. DePete also serves on the Federal Aviation Administration's NextGen Advisory Committee and Drone Advisory Committee and led an aviation industry initiative to collaborate with the commercial space industry on operational integration and safety enhancements.

A graduate of St. John's University in Queens, N.Y., where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science, DePete proudly served as a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he flew Lockheed KC-130s for Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron #252 while stationed at Cherry Point, N.C.

After his military service, he joined FedEx Express as a line pilot based in Memphis, Tenn. There, Capt. DePete flew and served as a line check airman on the Airbus A310/300. As a union leader, he was an active member of the ALPA Organizing Committee for the merger with the Flying Tiger Line Pilots Association as well as for the merger with the FedEx Pilots Association, and was the sole representative for U.S. airline labor at the 1995 Asian Pacific Economic Council Transportation Ministerial Meeting held at the U.S. State Department.

Before his presidency, Capt. DePete served as ALPA first vice president and national safety coordinator, overseeing the Association's Air Safety Organization, which manages the union's Safety, Security, Pilot Assistance, and Jumpseat programs.

Mr. Eric Stallmer

President, Commercial Spaceflight Federation

Thursday, October 31, 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. – Opening Ceremony



Eric Stallmer is the President of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation. CSF is the largest trade organization dedicated to promoting the development of commercial spaceflight, pursuing ever-higher levels of safety and sharing best practices and expertise throughout the industry.

Under Stallmer's leadership, CSF has worked tirelessly to craft the modern Commercial Space Launch Act, as well as to promote innovation as a national policy to spur the economy and create high technology jobs. In addition, CSF works to develop industry standards and encourages further growth in the commercial spaceflight industry.

Stallmer has been recently appointed to the National Space Council User Advisory Group (UAG), where he has provided testimony at the 2nd National Space Council meeting.

He serves as co-chair of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airspace Integration Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) and is a member of the Space Launch and Reentry ARC and the Spaceport ARC. Stallmer is also a member of the FAA's Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC).

Before working at CSF, Stallmer served as the Vice President of Government Relations at Analytical Graphics Inc. (AGI). Stallmer joined AGI in 2002. While there, Stallmer oversaw all Washington Operations and represented AGI's commercial off-the-shelf products and technology to defense, intelligence, Congress and civil government sectors within the aerospace industry.

For more than two decades, Stallmer has served as an Officer in the United States Army and Army Reserves. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service while engaged in combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is currently assigned to the Pentagon in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff Army for Logistics, G-4.