



Paul McHale

Member of Congress (1993~1999)

Assistant Secretary of Defense (2003~2009)

Paul McHale is the president of Civil Support International LLC, a consulting firm offering advisory services to government agencies and private contractors related to military sales, homeland defense, disaster preparedness and crisis response.

From 2003 - 2009, Former Congressman McHale served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense, where he supervised all homeland defense activities for the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). The first to hold that position, he was responsible for homeland preparedness, DoD Critical Infrastructure Protection, civilian oversight of the two combatant commands that cover North and South America, and the transfer of technologies to homeland security use pursuant to Section 1401 of the 2003 DoD Authorization Act.

As the Domestic Crisis Manager for DoD, Mr. McHale's responsibilities focused on disaster relief planning (both natural and man-made), to include terrorist threats, earthquakes, hurricanes, industrial accidents and pandemic influenza. He routinely represented DoD at the highest levels of U.S. domestic crisis planning.

Prior to his appointment at DoD, Mr. McHale was elected to represent the 15th Congressional district of Pennsylvania in the United States House of Representatives where he served for three terms (1992-1998). Throughout that period, he was an active member of the House Armed Services Committee which has oversight responsibility for all U.S. military operations and training. Additionally, while serving as Congressman, Mr. McHale co-founded the National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus which advocates the interests of reservists and guardsmen worldwide. He was previously elected to five terms in the Pennsylvania General Assembly (1982-1991).

For his service as Congressman and Assistant Secretary of Defense, Mr. McHale has been awarded the DoD Distinguished Public Service Medal - the department's highest civilian honor - by three successive Secretaries of Defense.

Former Secretary McHale is a frequent lecturer on government, law and military policy and is an adjunct professor at the U.S. Army War College. He is also a former member of the Board of Advisors at the U.S. Naval War College and a former member of the Board of Visitors at the U.S. Naval Academy.

A retired colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve, Mr. McHale served combat tours in Saudi Arabia (1990), Kuwait (1991) and Afghanistan (2007). For his service in Afghanistan, he received the Baryal Medal, Afghanistan's highest award for public service. His personal military decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal (2nd award).

Former Assistant Secretary McHale received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and his B.A. with highest honors from Lehigh University.

Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1977

B.A., Lehigh University (Highest Honors), 1972

Seminars and Presentations:

Moderator, "Homeland Defense and Defense Support of Civil Authorities," 8th Annual ABA Homeland Security Law Institute (June 20, 2013), Washington, DC

Keynote Address, "An Arc of Instability," El Pomar Security Conference (November 19, 2012), Colorado Springs, CO

Presenter, *DOD's Disaster Readiness* (August 16, 2012), Congressional Briefing, LHOB, Washington, DC

Panel Member, "The Impact of Sequestration upon the National Guard," Heritage Foundation (August 15, 2012), Washington, DC

Commencement Address, Norwich University (June 15, 2012), Northfield, VT

Keynote Address, "Defense Support of Civil Authorities: Planning and Executing Disaster Relief Operations," Regent University Homeland Security Program (June 11, 2012), Virginia Beach, VA

Senior Symposium Member, "The United States Northern and Southern Commands: Combining Efforts for Shared Concerns," U.S. Army War College (April 5, 2012), Carlisle, PA

Moderator and Presenter, "Homeland Defense and Civil Support: the Role of DOD within Our Own Borders," 7th Annual Homeland Security Law Institute (March 22, 2012), Washington, DC

Panel Member, "Crisis Communication Integration," National Defense University Roundtable (February 2, 2012), Washington, DC

Panel Member, "The End of the Afghan War: Talking to the Taliban," Center for National Policy (January 24, 2012), Washington, DC

Commencement Address, "Dual Use Military Procurement in Central and South America," National Defense University ~ Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies (November 4, 2011), Washington, DC

Guest Lecture, "U.S. Northern Command: Critical Mission, Limited Resources," National Defense University (October 5, 2011), Washington, DC

Keynote Address, "International Disaster Relief Operations," EUCOM/NGB State Partnership Program (August 18, 2011), Marshall Center, Garmisch, Germany

Keynote Address, "Leading in the Interagency," DOD Senior Leader Development Program (June 6, 2011), Southbridge, MA

Speaker, "21st Century Defense: the Enduring Threat," Society of International Business Fellows (May 16, 2011), Washington, DC

Speaker, "The Threat Beyond Bin Laden," TASC National Security Series (May 11, 2011), Arlington, VA

Keynote Address, "Federalism and How It Functions in a Crisis," National Guard Judge Advocate Conference (March 4, 2011), Orlando, FL

Moderator, "Defense Support of Civil Authorities: DoD's Role in Domestic Preparedness and Response," American Bar Association 6th Annual Homeland Security Law Institute (March 3, 2011), Washington, DC

Presenter, "Combating Terrorism in the Post 9/11 World," El Pomar Conference ~ Heritage Foundation (November 9, 2010), Colorado Springs, CO

Keynote Address, "Emerging Issues in Homeland Defense," DOD Worldwide Security Conference (August 5, 2010), Chicago, IL

Presenter, "Challenges and Opportunities in the Homeland Security Market," Homeland Security and Defense Business Council (June 3, 2010), Lockheed Martin Vision Center, Arlington, VA

Participant (POTUS role), Heritage Foundation Annual Energy War Game (June 4, 2010), Washington, DC

Keynote Address, "Purple Haze: DOD's Role in the Interagency," Defense Senior Leader Development Program (May 24, 2010)

Keynote Address, "The Asymmetric Threat: WMD and Its Consequences," NBC Industry Annual Dinner, (May 20, 2010), Ft. Myer, VA

Presenter, "DOD and Homeland Defense," American Bar Association 5th Annual Homeland Security Law Institute (March 3, 2010)

Presenter, "The Role of Homeland Defense and Civil Support in Securing our Nation," DOD Joint Senior Leaders Course (December 11, 2009)

Moderator, "NORAD's Maritime Mission," Center for National Policy (October 29, 2009)

Keynote Address, "Homeland Security: Strategy Rich and Plan Poor," The Heritage Foundation (October 2, 2009)

Presenter, "The Pacific Rim: Trade, Security and Diplomatic Engagement," China Export Control and CFIUS Seminar (September 30, 2009)

Keynote Address, "Economic and Political Changes: Effects on U.S. - Israel Business" - American Israel Chamber of Commerce (August 27, 2009), Atlanta, GA

Moderator, "Building a Secure Afghan State: Can it Be Done?" Center for National Policy
(August 2009)

Graduation Speaker and Honorary Degree, U.S. Army War College (July 2009)

"DOD in the Interagency," Defense Senior Leader Development Program (May, 2009)

Presenter at the ABA Battle Space & Contingency Contracting Committee Meeting (Spring
2009)

Presenter, American Bar Association's 4th Annual Homeland Security Law Institute
(February 26-27, 2009)

Publications:

Interview: "Homeland Defense: Emerging Issues and Opportunities," *Domestic
Preparedness Journal* (January, 2013)

Contributing Author: "WMD Terrorism," Aspen Institute Homeland Security Group
Monograph (November, 2012)

Author: "Critical Mismatch: The Dangerous Gap Between Rhetoric and Readiness in DOD's
Civil Support Missions," Heritage Foundation Monograph (August, 2012)

Author: "Ending Pakistan's Double Game," *The Baltimore Sun* (May, 2011)

Author: "Unreserved Support," *The American Interest* (August, 2010)

Author: Preface, *2009 Domestic Operational Law Handbook* (Judge Advocate General's
Legal Center and School, Charlottesville, Virginia)

Author: "The Fuse and the Powder Keg," *Orlando Sentinel* (November, 2009)

Author: "Domestic Security and the Maintenance of Liberty: Striking the Balance,"
International Law Studies (Naval War College), Vol. 83 (2007)

Interview: *Joint Forces Quarterly* (National Defense University), Issue 40, 1st Qtr 2006

Author: "Defending the Homeland and Defeating Enemies Abroad," *McGraw Hill Homeland
Security Handbook* (2005)

Professional Activities:

Faculty Member, U.S. Strategic Leadership Center

Member, Aspen Institute Homeland Security Group

The Center for National Policy - Board of Directors

Adjunct Professor, U.S. Army War College

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