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Welcome to Washington, D.C.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the International Churchill Society, we are delighted to welcome you to Washington, D.C. for the 42nd International Churchill Conference.

This year's gathering brings us together in the capital of the United States, a city central to the "special relationship" that Winston Churchill championed. Against the backdrop of history and leadership that defines Washington, we will reflect on Churchill's life, legacy, and continuing relevance.

We are especially grateful to our speakers, sponsors, and members who make this conference possible. Over the next three days, you will experience a program of scholarship, conversation, and fellowship—hallmarks of ICS at its very best. We are confident you will find both inspiration and camaraderie as we explore Churchill's enduring example of courage, wit, and statesmanship.

Welcome to Washington, welcome to the 42nd International Churchill Conference, and thank you for being part of this global community.

With warm regards,

Jean-Paul Montupet
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Welcome Message from Executive Director

Welcome to Washington, D.C., and the 42nd International Churchill Conference. It is an honor to greet you in my first year as Executive Director of the International Churchill Society. My career has focused on connecting past to present through applied history, and I am excited to bring that perspective to ICS as we look ahead to all we can accomplish together.

Our mission is clear: to keep Churchill's legacy alive and relevant as a guide for leadership today. We do this by translating Churchill's lessons into education that speaks to today's challenges, building a community that practices applied history through gatherings like this conference, and supporting rigorous scholarship.

None of this would be possible without our sponsors and donors, whose generosity sustains our work. Thank you for your support and for joining us—I look forward to connecting with you in the days ahead!

With great appreciation,

Adam Howard, Ph.D.
Executive Director



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2025 Conference Schedule

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1150 22nd St NW, Washington, DC 20037

Note: All times in ET

Day One Thursday, 9 October

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| 2:00 pm – 5:45 pm | ICS 2025 Conference Registration Opens |
| 5:30 pm | Buses depart Ritz-Carlton for evening reception |
| 6:00 pm – 7:30pm | Anderson House Reception 2118 Massachusetts Ave NW
Cocktails and light refreshments |
| 7:40 pm | Buses depart for return to Ritz-Carlton Hotel |

Day Two Friday, 10 October

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| 7:00 am | Breakfast opens for attendees (Ballroom Foyer & Salon I) |
| 9:00 am – 9:45 am | Opening Session & Welcome Remarks (Salon II & III)
International Churchill Society Board Chair, Jean-Paul Montupet
International Churchill Society Executive Director, Adam Howard
America's National Churchill Museum update by Tim Riley, Sandra L.
and Monroe E. Trout Director and Chief Curator |
| 9:45 am – 10:30 am | "Mellon versus Churchill" (Salon II & III)
Jill Eicher, independent scholar and author
Moderator: Adam Howard, Executive Director of ICS |
| 10:45 am – 11:30 am | "Did Winston Churchill suffer a heart attack in Washington DC?"
(Salon II & III)
Allister Vale, M.D. |

11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Lunch & Keynote Address (Salon II & III) Daniel Yergin, Ph.D., historian & Pulitzer Prize winning author
1:45 pm – 2:15 pm	Presentation by The Queen's Royal Hussars (Salon II & III)
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Bronze and Bravery: Special Presentation - Churchill Remembered at the Normandy British Memorial (Salon II & III) Randolph Churchill, President International Churchill Society Board of Directors
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Stephen and Jane Poss Distinguished Churchill Lecture (Salon II & III) Arthur Herman, Ph.D., historian and author
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Panel Discussion: "My Early Life—Churchill's Autobiography" (Salon II & III) James W. Muller, Ph.D., historian and author Hon. Douglas Russell, author, United States Army, Retired John Maurer, Ph.D., historian and author Daniel Mahoney, Ph.D., historian and author
4:30pm	Author signing - Ballroom Lobby
5:30 pm	Buses depart Ritz-Carlton for evening reception
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Reception at the British Ambassador's Residence 3100 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC Cocktails and light refreshments
7:45 pm	Buses depart for return to Ritz-Carlton Hotel

Day Three Saturday, 11 October

7:00 am	Breakfast opens for attendees (Ballroom Foyer & Salon I)
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Literary Churchill: Shaping Leadership & Public Memory (Salon II & III) Jonathan Rose, Ph.D., historian and author Moderator: Adam Howard, Executive Director of ICS

- 10:00 am – 11:00 am Conversations on Churchill (Salon II & III)
Evan Thomas, J.D., American journalist, historian and author
Moderator: Catherine Grace Katz, historian, author and International Churchill Society Board Member
- 11:00 am – 11:45 am “Presidents and Prime Ministers” (Salon II & III)
Ann Compton, journalist and former ABC News White House correspondent
Kate Andersen Brower, journalist and bestselling author of The Residence
Moderator: Angela Ostrom
- 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm Lunch & Video Presentation: “Allies at War” (Salon II & III)
Tim Bouverie, historian and author (via video)
Special Guests: William Mayer, NCLC Fellow
- 1:00 pm – 2:45 pm Netflix’s Churchill at War – Film & Conversation (Salon II & III)
Introduction: Vice Admiral John Nowell, United States Navy, Retired
Malcolm Venville, Director of Churchill at War
Moderator: Catherine Grace Katz, historian, author and ICS Board of Directors Member
- 6:10 pm Buses depart Ritz-Carlton for reception and dinner
Washington National Cathedral
- 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm Cocktail Reception and Dinner at Cathedral Nave
Washington National Cathedral
- 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm International Churchill Society Black Tie Gala Dinner
Gen. H.R. McMaster, Ph.D., in Conversation with Robert Costa, CBS News Sunday Morning National Correspondent
- 10:00 pm Buses depart for return to Ritz-Carlton Hotel



Winston Churchill in Washington, DC:

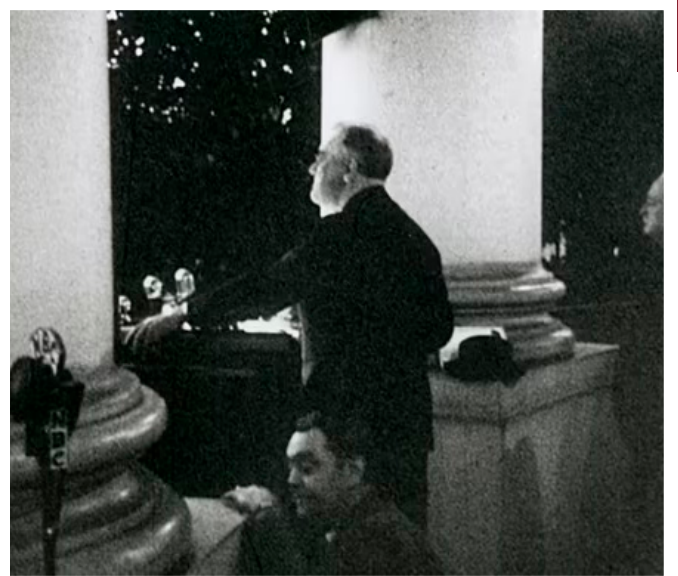
December 1941–January 1942

When British Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington, D.C., just weeks after Pearl Harbor, it was more than a diplomatic visit. It was a dramatic symbol of Allied unity at a moment of crisis. From December 22, 1941, to January 14, 1942, Churchill's presence in the U.S. capital combined strategy, symbolism, and personality in ways that would shape the war, and the partnership between Britain and the United States, for years to come.

Strategy in the Balance

At the White House, where President Franklin Roosevelt welcomed him as a guest, Churchill went straight to work. The two leaders and their military advisers met in what became known as the Arcadia Conference, the first of many wartime summits. In those tense days, they settled on the bold decision to fight "Germany First." Even though Japan had just struck the United States, Churchill and Roosevelt agreed that Hitler's Europe posed the greater danger. It was not an easy choice for Americans to accept, but it gave the Allies a clear strategic priority that endured through the war.

The discussions were intense and exhaustive. Military maps spread across tables, naval and air operations debated late into the night, and Churchill, ever energetic, insisted on reviewing every detail personally. Decisions made in these sessions would influence troop deployments, convoy strategies, and the coordination of lend-lease supplies that were critical to Britain's survival. Beyond the immediate tactical concerns, Churchill and Roosevelt were also establishing a pattern of regular consultation—a template for Allied cooperation that would last for the rest of the war.



Speaking to the American People

Churchill understood that military strategy alone would not secure victory. Public opinion was equally vital, and he set out to win American hearts as well as minds. On December 26, he addressed a joint session of Congress. Speaking with humor, warmth, and urgency, he thanked Americans for standing by Britain and reminded them that the struggle ahead would be long and difficult. At one point, he quipped that if his father had been American and his mother British—rather than the other way around—he might have arrived at Congress on his own. The line drew laughter while underscoring both his own American heritage and the deep ties between the two nations. In that moment of crisis, Britain and the United States stood firmly bound together in the fight for freedom.

On Christmas Eve, the symbolism was even more powerful. Standing beside Roosevelt at the National Christmas Tree lighting, Churchill's words were broadcast across the United States. At a moment when many feared



for the future, he offered reassurance: Britain and America were united, and they would see it through together. In an era before television such appearances were crucial. Radio broadcasts, newspaper accounts, and photographs conveyed the warmth of the visit, making Churchill a familiar figure to Americans who had previously known him mostly through reports of Britain's darkening struggle against Germany.

Churchill took care to engage with everyday Americans, joining receptions and informal gatherings that showcased his trademark charm and wit. He described Britain's wartime hardships candidly, yet with a tone that emphasized resilience and shared purpose. By humanizing the distant war, Churchill built a sense of partnership that went beyond strategy—it was moral, emotional, and personal.

Churchill the Houseguest

Churchill's stay in Washington also revealed the force of his personality. For three weeks, he lived at the White House, working late into the night, dictating memos, and demanding constant discussions. Staff members remembered him appearing in his bathrobe or pajamas, cigar in hand, ready to debate strategy at any hour. Roosevelt adapted to Churchill's intensity—and even his eccentricities—and during those early days, the two leaders forged a partnership grounded in candor and trust.

Out of those long conversations grew not just strategy, but the personal bond that would carry them through the war's darkest days. Churchill's anecdotes, storytelling, and occasional bursts of humor broke the tension of diplomatic negotiations, making the grueling hours of planning more

bearable. Roosevelt, recognizing Churchill's blend of urgency and charm, learned to navigate his moods and capitalize on his energy. Their interactions demonstrated that wartime alliances depended as much on personalities as on policies.

A Turning Point

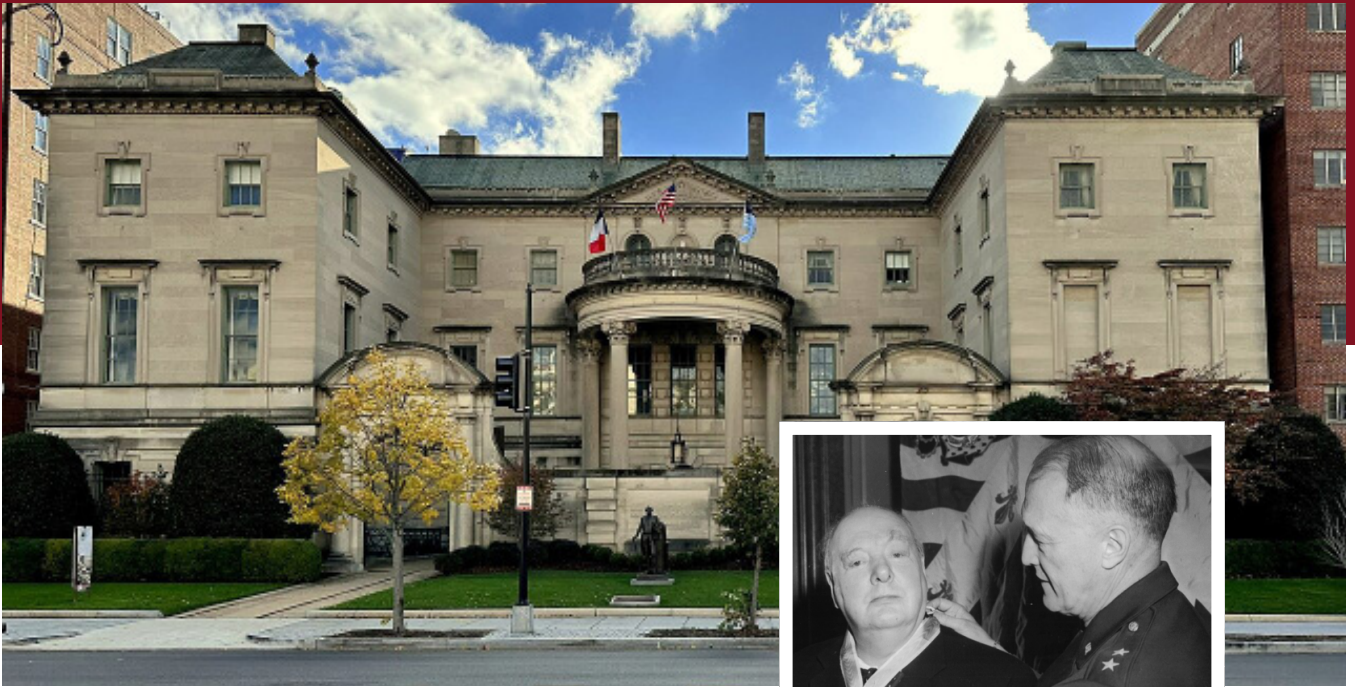
When Churchill finally left Washington in January 1942, he had achieved more than agreements on paper. He had introduced himself to the American public, inspired confidence in the partnership, and laid the foundation for the Allied war effort. The creation of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, headquartered in Washington, ensured that the close cooperation begun during his visit would continue throughout the war.

Churchill later reflected that he had never received more loyal service than he did from Roosevelt during those weeks. Their partnership, born of necessity, was strengthened by personality and sealed by trust. For the American people, Churchill's visit was their first real glimpse of the man who would come to symbolize defiance and determination. For history, it was the moment when the "special relationship" began to take shape in earnest.

A Winter of Resolve

Churchill's first wartime visit to Washington was about more than the places he visited or the people he met. It was a journey defined by themes that would shape the Allied effort: unity, determination, and vision. His speeches reassured a nation grappling with the shock of war, his presence inspired confidence, and his meetings helped chart the course of a global struggle.

During his stay in Washington, Churchill exemplified the interplay between leadership and symbolism. Every handshake, every speech, every late-night consultation carried meaning. In the harsh winter of 1941–42, Churchill offered Americans—and the world—a clear message: the cause of freedom would endure, and together, it would prevail. The visit was a turning point not only in policy but in perception, embedding a sense of mutual purpose that would define the Allied coalition and, ultimately, the postwar world.



Anderson House

Completed in 1905, Anderson House quickly became one of Washington's most fashionable mansions—a "Florentine villa in the midst of American independence," as a local newspaper declared. Designed by Boston architects Arthur Little and Herbert Browne as the winter residence of diplomat Larz Anderson and his wife, author and philanthropist Isabel Anderson, the fifty-room mansion cost nearly \$750,000 and featured a walled garden, tennis court, carriage house, and state-of-the-art conveniences including electricity, central heat, telephones, and two elevators. Its eclectic interiors, blending English and Italian influences, showcase carved wood panels, gilded papier-mâché ceilings, ornate iron staircases, and intricate marble floors.

For over thirty years, the Andersons hosted high society galas, diplomatic receptions, concerts, and formal dinners attended by Presidents Taft and Coolidge, Gen. John J. Pershing, and members of the Vanderbilt and du Pont families. Their Washington home embodied the Andersons' vision of a grand, modern American capital, rich in history and patriotic identity.



After Larz Anderson's death in 1937, Isabel gifted the house and its contents to the Society of the Cincinnati. Open to the public since 1939 as a National Historic Landmark, Anderson House continues the tradition of collecting, entertaining, and patriotic service that the Andersons began. Among its notable members, Sir Winston Churchill—elected in 1947 through his Connecticut lineage—proudly referenced his connection to the Society in speeches to American audiences.

Churchill formally received his Society insignia—the Eagle and diploma—on January 16, 1952, during a ceremony at Anderson House, the Society's headquarters in Washington, D.C. The event was attended by approximately 140 guests, including Vice President Alben Barkley and Chief Justice Fred Vinson. General Edgar Erskine Hume, then President General of the Society, presented Churchill with the Eagle, symbolizing the shared ideals between the United States and the United Kingdom. The ceremony was captured in a brief Fox Movietone newsreel, preserving this significant moment in Anglo-American diplomatic history.

British Embassy and British Ambassador's Residence

The British Embassy in Washington, D.C., together with the Ambassador's Residence, is one of the most important diplomatic landmarks in the United States. Designed by the renowned British architect Sir Edwin Lutyens, the chancery opened its doors in 1930 and was the first purpose-built British embassy in America. Its elegant classical façade and gracious grounds symbolized a new era of Anglo-American cooperation and were deliberately designed to reflect both British tradition and American sensibility.

Winston Churchill visited the Embassy during his wartime trips to the United States. Notably, on May 22, 1943, he addressed the Embassy staff, accompanied by British

Ambassador Lord Halifax, underscoring the importance of the diplomatic mission during a critical period of World War II.

In 1966, to honor Churchill's legacy, a statue was erected outside the Embassy. The statue's unique placement—with one foot on British soil and the other on American soil—symbolizes Churchill's Anglo-American heritage and his status as an honorary U.S. citizen.

Today, the British Embassy continues to serve as a hub for diplomatic engagement, cultural exchange, and a testament to the enduring friendship between the United Kingdom and the United States.



Washington National Cathedral



Washington National Cathedral—the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in the City and Diocese of Washington—is the Episcopal Church’s national house of prayer. Built in a Neo-Gothic idiom modeled on late fourteenth-century English precedents, it is the second-largest church building in the United States and the third-tallest structure in Washington, D.C. The cathedral serves as the seat of the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church and the bishop of Washington, welcomes more than 270,000 visitors each year, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2007, the American Institute of Architects ranked it third on the list of America’s Favorite Architecture.

The idea for a sacred home for all Americans in the nation’s capital is as old as the country itself. Pierre L’Enfant’s original design for the new capital city included a “great church for national purposes.” That non-sectarian concept did not proceed, and the site envisioned for it is now occupied by the National Portrait Gallery. The enduring aspiration, however, found its lasting form in Washington National Cathedral, when in 1893, a congressional charter authorized a cathedral dedicated to religion, education and charity. Construction began in 1907, when President Theodore Roosevelt helped lay the foundation stone.

Bethlehem Chapel opened for services in 1912, and daily worship has continued since. Building advanced across the upheavals of the twentieth century, including pauses and pressures imposed by the First and Second World Wars. After the First World War, with both original

architects deceased, American architect Philip Hubert Frohman became principal architect and guided the project forward. The final finial was set on September 29, 1990, in the presence of President George H. W. Bush, marking formal completion after eighty-three years. Decorative and restorative work has continued, including repairs from the 2011 earthquake, and remained ongoing as of 2024.

The Cathedral Nave

Adorned with beautiful stained glass, distinctive carvings and historical references, the Cathedral’s nave is a stunning space to host a seated dinner, reception, lecture, concert and more. This space can be split to accommodate smaller events. The limestone columns offer a canvas which can be lit in any color to match décor or seasonal theme.

Winston Churchill Porch

The Churchill Porch at Washington National Cathedral is a quiet threshold with a large story. Tucked just beyond one of the Cathedral’s shops, it honors Winston Churchill as the statesman who bound two democracies together in their darkest hour. The stone bears words from his Boxing Day 1941 address to the United States Congress—language forged in war but aimed at peace—reminding visitors that courage, candor, and alliance are choices renewed by each generation.

Sculpted by the noted artist William McVey, the porch is modest in scale and expansive in meaning. It marks Winston Churchill not as a distant icon but as a living link between the United States and the United Kingdom, a man who carried both nations in his voice and, ultimately, in his citizenship. Standing there, one feels the continuity of purpose that runs from the Atlantic Charter through the long partnership that followed.



You can explore Washington National Cathedral with their free digital guide on Bloomberg Connects .

Portrait of the Right Honorable Winston Churchill by Douglas Chandor

From The Smithsonian American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery collection, this 1946 portrait of Winston Churchill in the honorary uniform of an Air Commodore of the 615 Squadron, RAF, was painted by Douglas Chandor. Chandor recounted that, while sitting for the portrait, Churchill suggested he "might cut me in here at the waist a bit" and then, taking a paintbrush himself, proceeded to trim "down his painted girth." Chandor sold the painting that same year to Bernard Baruch for \$25,000—the highest price ever paid at the time for a contemporary portrait.



Richard M. Langworth CBE (1941–2025): A Tribute

On February 20, 2025, the world of Churchill studies lost one of its greatest champions. Richard Michael Langworth, CBE, passed away at age 83. Over more than half a century, he built a body of work that preserved the legacy of Sir Winston Churchill with rigor, passion, and extraordinary fidelity. He is survived by his wife Barbara; their son Ian; daughter-in-law Emily; and grandchildren Michael and Aiden.

Richard Langworth was born on July 7, 1941, in Rye, New York, and grew up on Staten Island.

After service in the U.S. Coast Guard, he pursued interests that would combine his lifelong enthusiasms for history, literature, and collecting. Amid a flood of posthumous Churchill commemorative stamps—many of which were produced more for profiteering than for genuine commemoration—Langworth was determined to distinguish what was authentic from what was exploitative.

In 1968, he founded the Churchill Study Unit—which later evolved into the International Churchill Society (ICS)—to serve as a forum for serious study of Churchill’s life and works. He launched *Finest Hour*, initially as a newsletter, and soon it was publishing content of substance well beyond philately: speeches, writings, contextual essays, and critical commentary.

Scholarship, Publishing & Leadership

Richard’s career as editor of *Finest Hour* spanned more than three decades, from its rebirth in 1981 until 2014. Under his editorship, the journal matured into a respected quarterly, balancing scholarly work with broader interest essays, always maintaining high integrity.

Beyond ICS, Richard was a prolific author and editor. He published books both on Churchill and automotive



history—many works considered definitive. Notable among them are *A Connoisseur’s Guide to the Books of Sir Winston Churchill* (1988), *Churchill In His Own Words*, as well as texts that debunked myths about Churchill and clarified what he did (or did not) say.

In academic and public history circles, he was known for his meticulous attention to sources—vetting quotations, tracking down original documents, ensuring that letters, speeches, and recollections were accurately cited. His work greatly assisted scholars, authors, and enthusiasts alike.

Later Years & Honors

Richard was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1998 in recognition of his contributions to Anglo-American understanding and Churchill scholarship.

After stepping down as *Finest Hour*'s editor in 2014, he remained active as a Senior Fellow of The Churchill Project at Hillsdale College. Much of his later work involved helping to preserve Churchill's official biography and document volumes, ensuring that the full suite of Winston Churchill's writings remains accessible and accurate for future generations.

Legacy

Richard Langworth was far more than a collector, editor, or historian—he was a steward of memory. He helped

transform ICS from a modest gathering of enthusiasts into a globally respected institution. Conferences, symposia, well-researched articles, scholarly debates—all of these benefited from his steadiness, rigor, and generosity of spirit. His knowledge was encyclopedic, but more importantly it was disbursed freely: with help, mentorship, correspondence, and encouragement.

His passing leaves a great void, but also a strong foundation: writings, editorial standards, archival work, and a community strengthened by his example. Those who study Churchill, who champion truth in history, and who value leadership shaped by principle will continue to draw on the work Richard built.

Richard M. Langworth, born July 7, 1941, passed away February 20, 2025. The International Churchill Society and all who admire Sir Winston will remember him with respect, gratitude, and admiration.

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The 4th Queen's Own Hussars

The 4th Queen's Own Hussars was one of the British Army's most storied cavalry regiments, with a history stretching back nearly three centuries. First raised in 1685 during the Monmouth Rebellion, the Regiment originally served as dragoons before later adopting the more dashing title of hussars.

Throughout the 18th century, the Regiment fought in continental wars including The War of Austria Succession and the Seven Years' War. Its reputation grew further during the Napoleonic Wars, when it provided reconnaissance and light cavalry support in the Peninsular campaigns under Wellington.

The regiment's most famous moment came in the Crimean War at the Battle of Balaklava in October 1854, when the 4th Hussars took part in the legendary Charge of the Light Brigade. Though the assault was a military disaster, the courage and discipline of the Regiment became immortalized in poetry and legend.

In the decades that followed, the 4th Hussars saw service across the British Empire and became known as a fashionable regiment for young officers, among them Winston Churchill, who was commissioned into the regiment in 1895. Like many cavalry units, the 4th Hussars adapted to mechanization in the 20th century. Horses gave way to armored vehicles, and during the Second World War the regiment served with distinction in North Africa and Italy.

In 1958, the 4th Hussars were amalgamated with the 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars to form the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, carrying forward the traditions of a regiment that had embodied both the romance of the cavalry charge and the realities of modern warfare.

During the 1990 the "options for change" defence review, the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars and Queens Own Hussars



were amalgamated, becoming the Queens Royal Hussars (The Queens Own and Royal Irish). Was soon moved onto Challenger 1 tanks, and deployed to Bosnia as part of of NATO's British led implementation force (IFOR).

The Regiment converted to Challenger 2 in 1999. In August 2000, B Sqn Deployed their tanks to Kosovo, and was responsible for guarding the international border with Serbia, the remainder of the regiment deployed to Kosovo

as a battlegroup between October 2001 - April 2002 with the Lancers Battlegroup.

In November 2003, the regiment deployed to Iraq on Op Telic 3, with one squadron of Challenger 2 tanks and the rest as light role. The Regiment would deploy again to Iraq in 2006 (Op Telic 8), where members of the regiment were awarded a Conspicuous Gallantry Cross, Military Crosses and several mentions in Despatches.

Further deployed to Iraq in 2008-2009 (Op Telic 13), where they provided the armoured reserve, mentored the Iraqi army, guarded Iraq's main port.

The regiment deployed a squadron to Afghanistan in 2014 as part of (Op Herrick 20), rolling onto Warthogs,

providing security and conducting search operations to disrupt insurgent activity, with an AO covering 700km and sustaining 171 contacts, they ensured security for the last British Troops in Helmand.

2016, saw the regiment deploy to Estonia on Op Cabrit 1, as part of the enhanced forward presence to deter Russian Aggression, this would be the first of seven deployments to Estonia.

June 2019, saw the regiment move from Athlone Barracks Germany to Tidworth, England.

January 2022, saw regimental HQ and B Sqn support the training of Ukrainian soldiers in the UK through Operation Interflex.





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Speaker Bios



Gen. H.R. McMaster, Ph.D.

General H.R. McMaster is the Fouad and Michelle Ajami Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. He is also the Bernard and Susan Liautaud Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute and a lecturer at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business.

Upon graduating from the U.S. Military Academy in 1984, McMaster served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army for thirty-four years. He retired as a lieutenant general in June 2018 after serving as the twenty-fifth Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. From 2014 to 2017, McMaster helped design the future Army as the director of the Army Capabilities Integration Center and deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC). As commanding general of the Maneuver

Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, he oversaw all training and education for the Army's infantry, armor, and cavalry forces.

He has commanded organizations in wartime, including the Combined Joint Inter-Agency Task Force-Shafafiyat in Kabul, Afghanistan (2010–2012); the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment in Iraq (2005–2006); and Eagle Troop, Second Armored Cavalry Regiment in Operation Desert Storm (1990–1991). McMaster also served overseas as an advisor to the most senior commanders in the Middle East, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

McMaster holds a Ph.D. in military history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was an assistant professor of history at the U.S. Military Academy. He is the author of the bestselling books *Battlegrounds: The Fight to Defend the Free World* and *Dereliction of Duty: Lyndon Johnson, Robert McNamara, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Lies That Led to Vietnam*. In August 2024, he released his most recent book, *At War with Ourselves: My Tour of Duty in the Trump White House*. His many essays, articles, and reviews on leadership, history, and the future of warfare have appeared in *The Atlantic*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *National Review*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and *The New York Times*.

McMaster is the host of *Battlegrounds: Vital Perspectives on Today's Challenges* and a regular on *GoodFellows*, both produced by the Hoover Institution. He is also a Distinguished University Fellow at Arizona State University.



Daniel Yergin, Ph.D.

Daniel Yergin is a highly respected authority on energy, international politics, and economics. He is vice chairman of S&P Global and chairman of CERAWEEK, which CNBC has called “the Super Bowl of world energy.” Time magazine wrote, “If there is one man whose opinion matters more than any other on global energy markets, it’s Daniel Yergin.” Fortune described him as “one of the planet’s foremost thinkers about energy and its implications,” while The New York Times called him “America’s most influential energy pundit.”

In 2014, the Prime Minister of India presented Dr. Yergin with a Lifetime Achievement Award, and the U.S. Department of Energy awarded him the first James Schlesinger Medal for Energy Security. He is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author whose latest book, *The New Map: Energy, Climate, and the Clash of Nations*, was hailed by Kirkus as “required reading. Another winner from a master.” He also authored the bestseller *The Quest: Energy, Security, and the Remaking of the Modern World*, described by The Economist as “a masterly piece of work” and by the Financial Times as “a triumph.” The New York Times called it “necessary reading for CEOs, conservationists, lawmakers, generals, spies, tech geeks, thriller writers,” and many others. Bill Gates summed up his review by saying, “This is a fantastic book.”

Dr. Yergin is best known for his landmark work *The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money, and Power*, which

won the Pulitzer Prize, reached number one on The New York Times bestseller list, and has been translated into twenty languages. His book *Commanding Heights: The Battle for the World Economy*, translated into thirteen languages, was described by The Wall Street Journal as “no one could ask for a better account of the world’s political and economic destiny since World War II.” Both *The Prize* and *Commanding Heights* were adapted into award-winning television documentaries for PBS, the BBC, and Japan’s NHK, which Dr. Yergin co-produced, co-wrote, and narrated. *Commanding Heights* earned three Emmy nominations, the CINE Golden Eagle Award, and the New York Festivals Gold World Medal for Best Documentary.

Dr. Yergin has received the United States Energy Award for “lifelong achievements in energy and the promotion of international understanding,” the Charles Percy Award for Public Service from the Alliance to Save Energy, and the 2012 award of the International Association for Energy Economics for “outstanding contributions to the profession of energy economics and to its literature.” The University of Pennsylvania awarded him the inaugural Carnot Prize for “distinguished contributions to energy policy.”

He has served on the U.S. Secretary of Energy Advisory Board under the last four presidents and is a member of the Energy Policy Council of the Dallas Federal Reserve. He is a director of the Council on Foreign Relations, a senior trustee of the Brookings Institution, a member of the National Petroleum Council, and a director of both the United States Energy Association and the U.S.-Russia Business Council. He also serves on the advisory boards of the MIT Energy Initiative, the Columbia University Center on Global Energy Policy, and Singapore’s International Energy Advisory Board. In addition, he is recognized as a “Wise Man” of the International Gas Union and a member of India’s Ministry of Petroleum Think Tank.

Dr. Yergin holds a B.A. from Yale University, where he founded *The New Journal*, and a Ph.D. from Cambridge University, where he was a Marshall Scholar.



Kate Andersen
Brower

Kate Andersen Brower is a renowned journalist and bestselling author, celebrated for her insightful explorations of the White House and American political life. Her acclaimed works include *The Residence: Inside the Private World of the White House*, a #1 New York Times bestseller, and *First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies*, also a New York Times bestseller. Her other notable books are *Team of Five: The Presidents Club in the Age of Trump*, *First in Line: Presidents, Vice Presidents, and the Pursuit of Power*, and *Elizabeth Taylor: The Grit and Glamour of an Icon*, the first authorized biography of the legendary actress and activist.

Brower has an extensive background in journalism, having covered the Obama administration for Bloomberg News. She has also contributed to major publications such as *The New York Times*, *Vanity Fair*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Smithsonian*. Additionally, she has held positions at CBS News and Fox News as a producer.

Her book *The Residence* has been adapted into a Netflix series produced by Shonda Rhimes, and *First Women* is being developed into a television series produced by Reese Witherspoon and directed by Robin Wright. Brower resides outside Washington, D.C., with her husband, their three young children, and their wheaten terrier.



Ann Compton

Ann Compton is a distinguished journalist whose pioneering career at ABC News spanned over four decades. In 1974, she made history as the first woman assigned to cover the White House on a full-time basis by a network television news organization. Throughout her tenure, Compton reported from the White House, Capitol Hill, and across the globe, traveling with seven U.S. presidents, vice presidents, and first ladies. Her coverage encompassed ten presidential campaigns and significant global events, including the end of the Cold War and the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Compton's contributions to journalism have been widely recognized. She was inducted into the Journalism Hall of Fame in 2000 and the National Radio Hall of Fame in 2005. Her work earned her a Silver Baton Alfred I. duPont Columbia University Award for the network's coverage of September 11, 2001, as well as Emmy and Peabody awards.

After retiring from daily coverage in 2014, Compton returned to ABC News to cover the 2016 political conventions. She also accepted a fellowship at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government Institute of Politics, focusing on media coverage of the 2016 election. Additionally, she joined the Governing Council of the Miller Center for presidential studies at the University of Virginia.

Compton's extensive experience and insights into American politics and media make her a sought-after speaker. She offers audiences a unique perspective on the historical context of current global events and the individuals shaping the future of the country. Through her "White House Press Conference" sessions, she engages audiences by inviting them to ask tough questions about current events, mirroring the role she once held as a White House correspondent.



Robert Costa

Robert Costa is a national correspondent for CBS News Sunday Morning and chief Washington analyst for CBS News. Before joining CBS, he was a longtime reporter at The Washington Post and moderator of Washington Week on PBS. He co-authored *Peril* (2021), a #1 New York Times bestseller, with Bob Woodward.

Costa was named national correspondent for Sunday Morning in February 2025, after three years of contributions to the program, including an exclusive interview in the White House residence with President Joe Biden in August 2024—Biden's first since announcing he would not seek reelection. Costa and colleagues at Sunday Morning won a 2023 Emmy Award for "Outstanding Recorded News Program."

From 2022 through 2024, Costa served as CBS News' chief election and campaign correspondent and has guest-anchored programs including CBS Evening News, CBS Weekend News, and Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan.

Costa holds a bachelor's degree with honors from the University of Notre Dame, where he served as a trustee, and a master's degree in politics from the University of Cambridge. Since 2022, he has also been a scholar at the University of Virginia's Center for Politics.



Jill Eicher

Jill Eicher is an independent scholar and writer based in Washington, D.C., whose work bridges history,

policy, and finance. Following a distinguished career in investment management, she brought her analytical expertise to public service at the U.S. Department of the Treasury and later contributed to policy research at the Bipartisan Policy Center.

A dedicated scholar, Eicher has held visiting appointments at Stanford University and, most recently, with the International Churchill Society, where she pursues research on Winston Churchill and modern history. Her debut book, *Mellon vs. Churchill*, showcases her ability to combine rigorous scholarship with engaging narrative, offering fresh insights into the intersection of finance, politics, and leadership.



Arthur Herman,
Ph.D.

Arthur Herman is a Pulitzer Prize-finalist historian and biographer, a New York Times bestselling author, a leading defense and technology policy analyst, and a former national security official. He is a Senior Research Fellow at the Civitas Institute at the University of Texas at Austin and founder and CEO of the defense technology consulting firm Freedom's Forge Solutions LLC.

Dr. Herman has authored ten acclaimed books, including *How the Scots Invented the Modern World* (a New York Times and Washington Post bestseller); *Gandhi and Churchill* (Pulitzer Prize finalist); and *Freedom's Forge: How American Business Produced Victory in World War II*, named one of The Economist's Best Books of 2012 and recommended reading for Secretaries of Defense, Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, members of Congress, and defense industry leaders. His other works, *The Cave and The Light: Plato, Aristotle, and the Struggle for the Soul of Western Civilization* (2013) and *1917: Lenin, Wilson, and the Birth of the New World Disorder* (2017), were finalists for

Conservative Book of the Year at the Intercollegiate Studies Institute.

Dr. Herman served on the National Security Council in the first Trump administration as Senior Advisor to the National Security Advisor (2020–21) and was Senior Technical Writer for the Congressionally appointed Commission on Pentagon Budget Reform (2022–24). His writings on defense and technology have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Commentary*, *Foreign Affairs*, *National Interest*, *National Review*, *Real Clear Defense*, *The Hill*, *Forbes.com*, *Quantum Insider*, and the *Korea Business Herald*.

He co-founded and served as Director of the Quantum Alliance Initiative, helping shape legislation for the National Quantum Initiative, establish global technical standards in quantum computing, and address the National Assembly of Korea in Seoul on the future of quantum technology in 2019.

Born and raised in Wisconsin, Dr. Herman earned a Ph.D. in history from Johns Hopkins University. He and his wife, Beth, an essayist and docent at the National Gallery of Art, live in the Washington, D.C., area.



Lt. Louis Hoffman

Born in Dublin, to an Irish father and an English mother, Hoffman attended Blackrock College for school, alma matter of Eamon DeValera President of Ireland and political enemy of Churchill whilst he was colonial secretary during the Irish War of Independence. Whilst there, he represented the school regionally and nationally at football, water polo, cricket and debating. On finishing his schooling, he read History at Trinity College Dublin, (twenty minutes from where Churchill spent much of his youth in the Phoenix Park). Outside of his studies he debated at the Philosophical Society,

headed up the Politics society, played cricket for the university, joined the Irish Army Reserve and spent a year studying politics, economics and history in Siena, Italy.

On completion of his studies, Hoffman spent a brief period travelling Europe, India and Thailand where he trained in Muay Thai in Chiang Mai, before Covid brought him home. Moving to London in 2020 and subsequently joining the London Irish Rifles as a Ranger, and soon started work as speechwriter and advisor in the House of Commons for Matt Vickers MP, who would go on to be vice chairman of the Conservative Party. Hoffman then moved to work as a senior advisor for the Rt Hon Tobias Ellwood MP, chief of the Defence Select Committee and member of the liaison select committee. Present in Parliament for the invasion of Ukraine Feb 2022, he decided to transfer his reserve officer application to a regular application, starting at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in September 2022. He obtained a coveted place in the Queen's Royal Hussars (Own and Royal Irish) and commissioned as a Cornet in September 2023.

Lt Hoffman then attended his Troop Leaders course, completing his tactical training in February in 2024 at the top of his class and earning the title of tank commander and troop leader in the QRH. Almost immediately he was sent to Estonia to act as SO3 IA&O for four months, before returning to his role as an armoured troop commander. Since returning to Regimental Duty, he has been involved in a series of range packages and exercises, and next year will take up the role as Squadron Second in Command of D Squadron, as they begin the reorbiting onto the new Challenger 3 tank.



Adam Howard, Ph.D.

Adam Howard (Ph.D., University of Florida) is Executive Director of the International Churchill Society, headquartered at the National Churchill Leadership Center on the campus of The George Washington University. He assumed the role in 2025 following a distinguished 22-year career with the U.S. Department of State, including seven years as chief historian and Director of the Office of the Historian. In that capacity, he oversaw the production of the Foreign Relations of the United States series—the official documentary historical record of U.S. diplomacy—trained U.S. diplomats, and advised senior officials on the use of history in policymaking.

He also serves as an adjunct professor of history and international affairs at The George Washington University. His teaching focuses on applied history and the ways in which historical insight informs diplomacy and international relations.

His publications include *Sewing the Fabric of Statehood: Garment Unions, American Labor, and the Establishment of the State of Israel*. He is also co-author of the chapter “Confronting the Arc of Crisis: The Carter Administration’s Approach to Security Building in the ‘Greater Gulf’ Region, 1977–80,” in *United States Relations with China and Iran: Towards the Asian Century*, and editor of three volumes of the *Foreign Relations of the United States* series on U.S. policy toward the Middle East during the 1970s.



Catherine Grace Katz

Catherine Grace Katz is a writer and historian from Chicago. She graduated from Harvard in 2013 with a B.A. in History and received her MPhil in Modern European History from Christ’s College, University of Cambridge in 2014, where she wrote her dissertation on the origins of modern counterintelligence practices. After graduating, Catherine worked in finance in New York City before a very fortuitous visit to the Chartwell Booksellers in the lobby of her office in Manhattan led her to return to history and writing. She received her J.D. from Harvard Law School in May 2023. Catherine published her first book, *The Daughters of Yalta: The Roosevelts, Churchills, and Harrimans: A Story of Love and War* in 2020. Her second, *Shadow Before the Flame: The Hindenburg Disaster and the Prelude to War*, is forthcoming from Viking in the fall of 2026.



Daniel Mahoney, Ph.D.

Daniel J. Mahoney is professor emeritus at Assumption University (where he taught from 1986 until 2021), Senior Fellow at the Claremont Institute, Senior Writer at Law and Liberty, and executive editor of *Perspectives on Political Science*. He has written extensively (in a dozen books and over 500 articles, essays, and reviews) on statesmanship, French political thought, the art and political thought of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, conservatism, religion and politics, and various themes in political philosophy. His book, *The Statesman as Thinker: Portraits of Greatness, Courage, and Moderation* was awarded the Palouci Prize for

Conservative Book of the Year by ISI in 2023. His most recent book, *The Persistence of the Ideological Lie: The Totalitarian Impulse Then and Now*, published in 2025 by Encounter Books.

Dr. Mahoney has written for a wide range of academic and public journals from *The Political Science Reviewer* and *Perspectives on Political Science* to the *Public Interest*, the *National Interest*, *First Things*, *National Review*, the *Claremont Review of Books*, *The New Criterion*, *Modern Age*, *Commentaire*, *La Nef*, *The European Conservative*, and the *Hungarian Review*, among others. He has also edited and introduced the writings of Raymond Aron, Aurel Kolnai, Pierre Manent, Bertrand de Jouvenel, Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty, and the Nobel Laureate Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (see the acclaimed *The Solzhenitsyn Reader: New and Essential Writings, 1947-2005*, published in 2006).

His writings have been translated into thirteen languages including French, Italian, Hungarian, Romanian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Korean. In his scholarship and public writings, Dr. Mahoney vigorously defends a conservative-minded liberalism informed by classical and Christian wisdom and the best currents of moderate modernity, as well as the practical wisdom of the American Founders and public-spirited statesmen such as Burke, Lincoln, Churchill, and de Gaulle. His public writings have taken eloquent and pointed aim at the totalitarian temptation in its various forms.



**John H. Maurer,
Ph.D.**

Dr. John H. Maurer serves as the Alfred Thayer Mahan Distinguished University Professor of Sea Power and Grand Strategy. He is a graduate of Yale College and holds a MALD and PhD in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He is the author or editor of books

examining the outbreak of the First World War, military interventions in the developing world, naval competitions and arms control between the two world wars, Winston Churchill and British grand strategy, and a study on the great-power contest in Asia and the Pacific that led to Pearl Harbor. He served as Chairman of the Strategy and Policy Department. He teaches in the advanced strategy program and a popular course on Winston Churchill and the history of the two world wars. Before coming to the College, he held the positions of research fellow and executive editor of *Orbis: A Journal of World Affairs* at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. He served on the Secretary of the Navy John Lehman's special advisory committee on naval history. In recognition of his contribution to professional military education, he has received the U.S. Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service Award and Superior Civilian Service Award.



**James W. Muller,
Ph.D.**

James W. Muller is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, chairman of the Board of Academic Advisers of the International Churchill Society, and senior editor of *Finest Hour*. He studied political philosophy at Harvard University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and won the Bowdoin Prize for Undergraduate Dissertations in English. He served as Harvard's exchange student at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris (1973–74). In 1983–84, he was a White House Fellow, and in 1988–89 he was an Academic Visitor at the London School of Economics and Political Science. During the Michaelmas term of 1995, he was an Archives by-fellow at Churchill College, Cambridge.

Professor Muller is the editor of *The Revival of Constitutionalism* (University of Nebraska Press, 1988), *Churchill as Peacemaker* (Cambridge University

Press, 1997), and Churchill's "Iron Curtain" Speech Fifty Years Later (University of Missouri Press, 1999). He has published annotated editions of four books by Winston S. Churchill. His definitive edition of Churchill's early work, *The River War: An Historical Account of the Reconquest of the Soudan*, published in 2020 in two volumes by St. Augustine's Press, won the 2021 Winston S. Churchill Literary Award from the International Churchill Society. His editions of Churchill's interwar essay collections, *Thoughts and Adventures* and *Great Contemporaries* (ISI Books, 2009 and 2012), have returned to print with new forewords (Bloomsbury Academic, 2024). Most recently, he published an annotated edition of Churchill's memoir *My Early Life: A Roving Commission* (St. Augustine's Press, 2024).

He lives in Anchorage with his wife, Judith, with whom he founded the Right Honourable Sir Winston Spencer Churchill Society of Alaska in 1990, and their daughter, Helen Pospisil, resident production stage manager and office manager of Anchorage Opera.



Vice Admiral John Nowell (Retired)

Retired Vice Admiral John Nowell became President and CEO of the U.S. Navy Memorial in June 2024. He completed a distinguished career in the U.S. Navy in 2022, with operational tours spanning the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets, including forward-deployed forces in Europe and the Western Pacific. Nowell served aboard USS Callaghan (DDG 994), Bunker Hill (CG 52), Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), and The Sullivans (DDG 68), commanded USS Porter (DDG 78) and Destroyer Squadron 60/Task Force 65, and led the inaugural Africa Partnership Station deployment, Task Force West and Central Africa (CTF-365), BONHOMME RICHARD Expeditionary Strike Group, and as Maritime Force Commander for Joint Task Force Lebanon (Combined Task Force-Bravo).

His staff assignments included tours on the Chief of Naval Operations and Joint Staff, focusing on the development and operationalization of the Navy and Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Programs. He also served as Director, Washington Placement Branch (PERS-441), Executive Assistant to the Commander, Navy Personnel Command/Naval Personnel Development Command, Director, Surface Warfare Distribution Division (PERS-41), and Director of the Navy Senate Liaison Office.

As a flag officer, Nowell was Chief of Staff and Director, Strategy, Resources, and Plans (N5/8) for U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa/U.S. Sixth Fleet; Commander, Amphibious Force Seventh Fleet/Expeditionary Strike Group Seven/Task Force 76 in Okinawa; Director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy (OPNAV N13); Acting Commander of Navy Personnel Command; and ultimately the Navy's 59th Chief of Naval Personnel, serving concurrently as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education) (N1), leading more than 26,000 professionals managing the development of 400,000 Navy personnel.

Nowell's awards include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (six awards), Bronze Star, and multiple personal, unit, and campaign awards. Every ship he served aboard earned the Battle Efficiency "E" award, with USS Porter (DDG 78) also receiving the Anti-Submarine Warfare "Bloodhound" award. He was the recipient of the 2021 Association of Naval Services Officers Legacy in Leadership and Vision Award, the 1987 Pacific Fleet Junior Officer Shiphandling Award, and in 1999 was honored as an Honorary Chief Petty Officer while serving as Executive Officer of USS The Sullivans. Prior to joining the Navy Memorial, he led the Federal Practice at McChrystal Group. Nowell is a 1984 distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a B.S. in Ocean Engineering and holds an M.S. in Weapons Systems Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School.



Angela Ostrom

Angela Ostrom is the Deputy Executive Director of the International Churchill Society. She has served over 15 years as a nonprofit executive and public-policy advocate known for building high-performing teams, aligning boards, and turning strategy into measurable results. She has led national initiatives across advocacy, fundraising, and communications—standing up programs from scratch, revitalizing mature organizations, and forging cross-sector partnerships with universities, museums, foundations, and corporate sponsors.

A member of the Maryland Bar, Angela holds a law degree from the University of Maryland and a B.A. from The Ohio State University. A lifelong Anglophile, her path began with Monty Python and a steady diet of World War II documentaries, leading to an enduring admiration for Winston Churchill and the leadership lessons she applies daily. Off the clock, she's an unabashed corgi devotee who brings a bit of bulldog spirit—and humor—to everything she does.



Tim Riley

Since 2016, Timothy Riley has served as the Sandra L. and Monroe E. Trout Director and Chief Curator of America's National Churchill Museum, where he has expanded collections, exhibitions, programs, and publications while underscoring Churchill's contemporary relevance. A graduate of Lawrence University with graduate study at Columbia University, he previously worked at The Cloisters (Metropolitan

Museum of Art) and directed The Trout Museum of Art (2006–2012), where he was named Director Emeritus.

Riley has curated Churchill exhibitions across the United States—including aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach, at the Society of Four Arts in Palm Beach, Hillsdale College, and Washington University in St. Louis, which Vanity Fair called “the most comprehensive collection of Churchill paintings ever to be presented.” He has been cited or interviewed by outlets such as the Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Le Point, NPR, and C-SPAN.

An in-demand speaker on Churchill, Riley contributed a chapter on Churchill and Gorbachev to *The End of Cold War and its Aftermath* (Simons Center/Command and Staff College Foundation Press) and serves as a contributing editor for *Finest Hour*, the journal of the International Churchill Society. He was inducted into the Association of Churchill Fellows of Westminster College in 2016.

He also serves on the Board of Governors of the Association of Churchill Fellows of Westminster College and the Board of Directors for the International Churchill Society–United States.



Jonathan Rose,
Ph.D.

Jonathan Rose (Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania) is the William R. Kenan Professor of History. His fields of study are British history, intellectual history, and the history of the book. He served as the founding president of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing, and as the president of the Northeast Victorian Studies Association. His book *The Intellectual Life of the British Working Classes* (2001) won the Jacques Barzun Prize in Cultural History, the Longman-History Today Historical Book of the

Year Prize, and the British Council Prize. He has also published *A Companion to the History of the Book* (2007), *The Holocaust and the Book: Destruction and Preservation* (2001), *The Revised Orwell* (1992), *British Literary Publishing Houses 1820-1965* (1991), and *The Edwardian Temperament 1895-1919* (1986). He was a founding coeditor of the journal *Book History*, which won the Council of Editors of Learned Journals award for the Best New Journal of 1999. He has held visiting appointments at the University of Cambridge and Princeton University, and he reviews books for the *Times Literary Supplement* and the *Wall Street Journal*. His most recent books are *The Literary Churchill: Author, Reader, Actor* (Yale UP, 2014), which won the New Jersey Council for the Humanities Book Prize; *Readers' Liberation* (Oxford UP, 2018); and *The Edinburgh History of Reading* (4 vols., Edinburgh UP, 2020).



Evan Thomas

Evan Thomas is the author of eleven books, including *The Wise Men* (with Walter Isaacson), *The Man to See*, *The Very Best Men*, *Robert Kennedy*, *John Paul Jones*, *Sea of Thunder*, *The War Lovers*, *Ike's Bluff*, *Being Nixon*, *First: Sandra Day O'Connor*, and *Road to Surrender*. *John Paul Jones*, *Sea of Thunder*, *Being Nixon*, and *First* were all New York Times bestsellers. Thomas spent over 30 years as a writer and editor at *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines, including ten years as *Newsweek's* Washington bureau chief. His latest book, *Road to Surrender*, recounts the dramatic final days of World War II, when Japan was reeling but refused to accept defeat. He has appeared on numerous television programs, including *Meet the Press*, *CBS Morning News*, *Morning Joe*, and *The Colbert Report*. From 2007 to 2014, Thomas taught writing and journalism as the Ferris Professor of Journalism at Harvard and Princeton.



**The Honorable
Douglas S. Russell**

Douglas S. Russell was educated at Grinnell College, the Defense Language Institute, and the University of Iowa College of Law. After a career as a trial lawyer, he was appointed a Judge of the Iowa District Court in 1999 and retired as a Senior Judge in 2021. He is the author of two books on Sir Winston Churchill and is recognized as an expert on Churchill's military career. His most recent work, *Winston Churchill Soldier: The Military Life of a Gentleman at War*, was published in London in 2005 and will be released in a third edition by Pen & Sword, Ltd. later this year. Russell previously served as an officer and member of the Board of Directors of the International Churchill Society and has contributed occasionally to *Finest Hour*.



Allister Vale, M.D.

Professor Allister Vale has long been interested in Churchill's illnesses and his doctors. He has written 15 medical articles on Churchill's various ailments and published the definitive book with John Scadding on the subject: *Winston Churchill's Illnesses 1886-1965: Courage, Resilience, Determination*.

He has been elected President of professional societies in the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States and is the current President of the Fellowship of

Postgraduate Medicine. He is a former Censor of the Royal College of Physicians and was awarded the Presidents Medal for services to postgraduate medical education over 24 years.



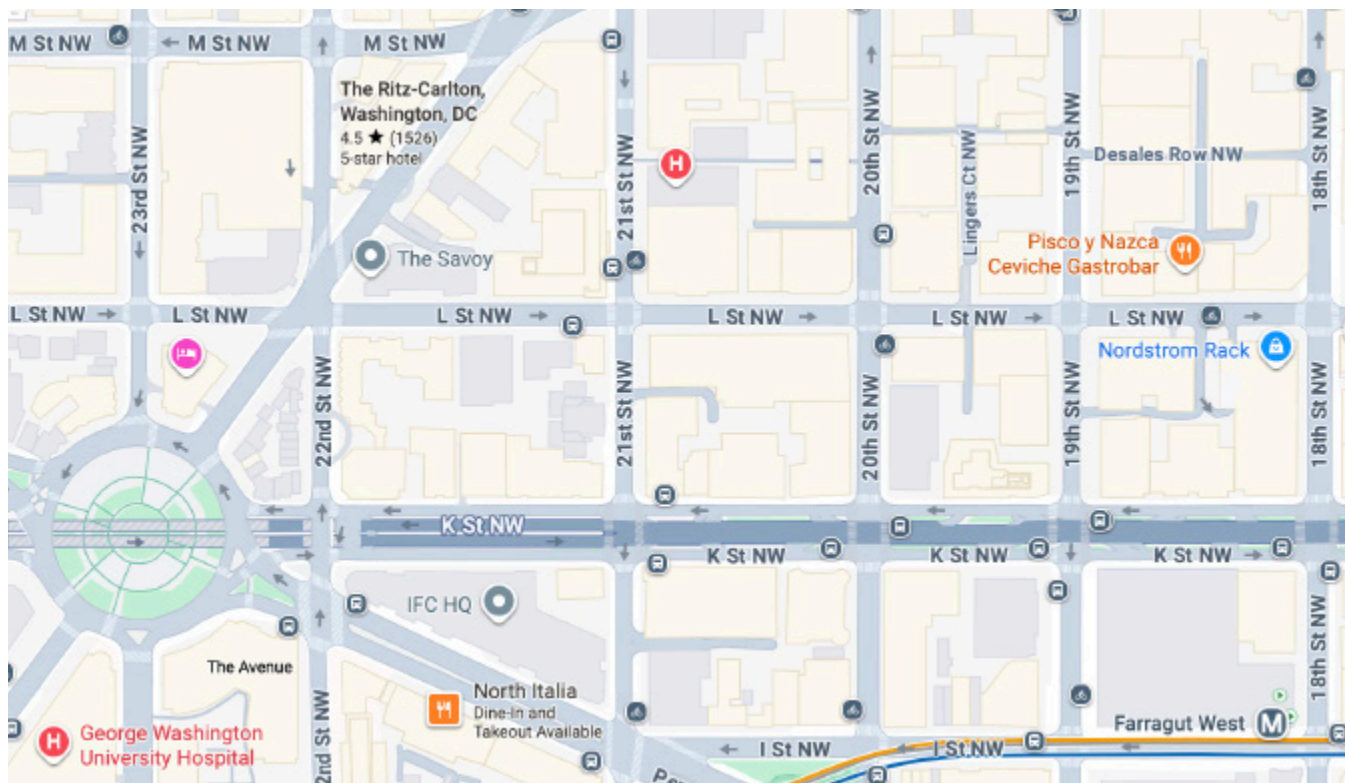
Malcolm Venville

Malcolm Venville is a renowned photographer and filmmaker whose career spans advertising, narrative film, and documentary. He earned a degree in Film,

Video, and Photographic Arts from the Polytechnic of Central London and first rose to prominence through award-winning commercial photography and advertising campaigns before moving into filmmaking, where his work has been recognized for its emotional depth and striking visual style. His feature films include *44 Inch Chest* (2009) and *Henry's Crime* (2010).

In recent years, Venville has directed acclaimed historical documentaries such as *Grant* (2020), *Abraham Lincoln* (2022), *Theodore Roosevelt* (2022), and most recently, *Churchill at War* (2024), bringing the drama of leadership under pressure vividly to life. He has also published photographic books including *Layers*, *Lucha Loco*, and *The Women of Casa X*, which explore identity, culture, and memory through portraiture.





The International Churchill Society (ICS) was founded in 1968 to educate new generations about the continuing relevance of the life and legacy of Sir Winston Churchill. In 2016 the society established the National Churchill Leadership Center (NCLC) at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. to serve as a forum for teaching about the important example of Churchill's leadership.

America's National Churchill Museum (ANCM) opened in 1969 on the campus of Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, where Churchill delivered his famous "Iron Curtain" speech in 1946. The museum was designated by act of Congress in 2009 as the official tribute to Churchill in the United States. The museum has hosted leading dignitaries such as Margaret Thatcher, Ronald Reagan, and Madeleine Albright to lecture on Churchill's enduring importance.

Since 2016, ICS and ANCM have worked in strategic partnership in their shared mission to advance Churchill's legacy. Both are private, non-profit, tax-exempt organizations that rely on membership and donations. Please consider making a gift above your membership dues to ICS, ANCM, or the NCLC so that our vital shared work may continue. Donations can be made by visiting www.winstonchurchill.org/donate.



ICS 2025 Schedule At A Glance

October 9-11, 2025

Thursday, October 9 Registration Opens

2:00 PM - 5:45 PM

Ritz-Carlton, Washington, Ballroom Foyer
1150 22nd St Nw, Washington, DC

Thursday, October 9 Welcome Reception

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Anderson House
2118 Massachusetts Ave Nw, Washington, DC
(Cocktails & Light Refreshments)

Friday, October 10 Conference Sessions

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Ritz-Carlton, Washington, Ballrooms
1150 22nd St Nw, Washington, DC
(Breakfast And Lunch Provided)

Friday, October 10 Evening Reception

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

British Ambassador's Residence, Washington
3100 Massachusetts Ave Nw, Washington, DC
(Cocktails & Light Refreshments)

Saturday, October 11 Conference Sessions

9:00 AM - 2:45 PM

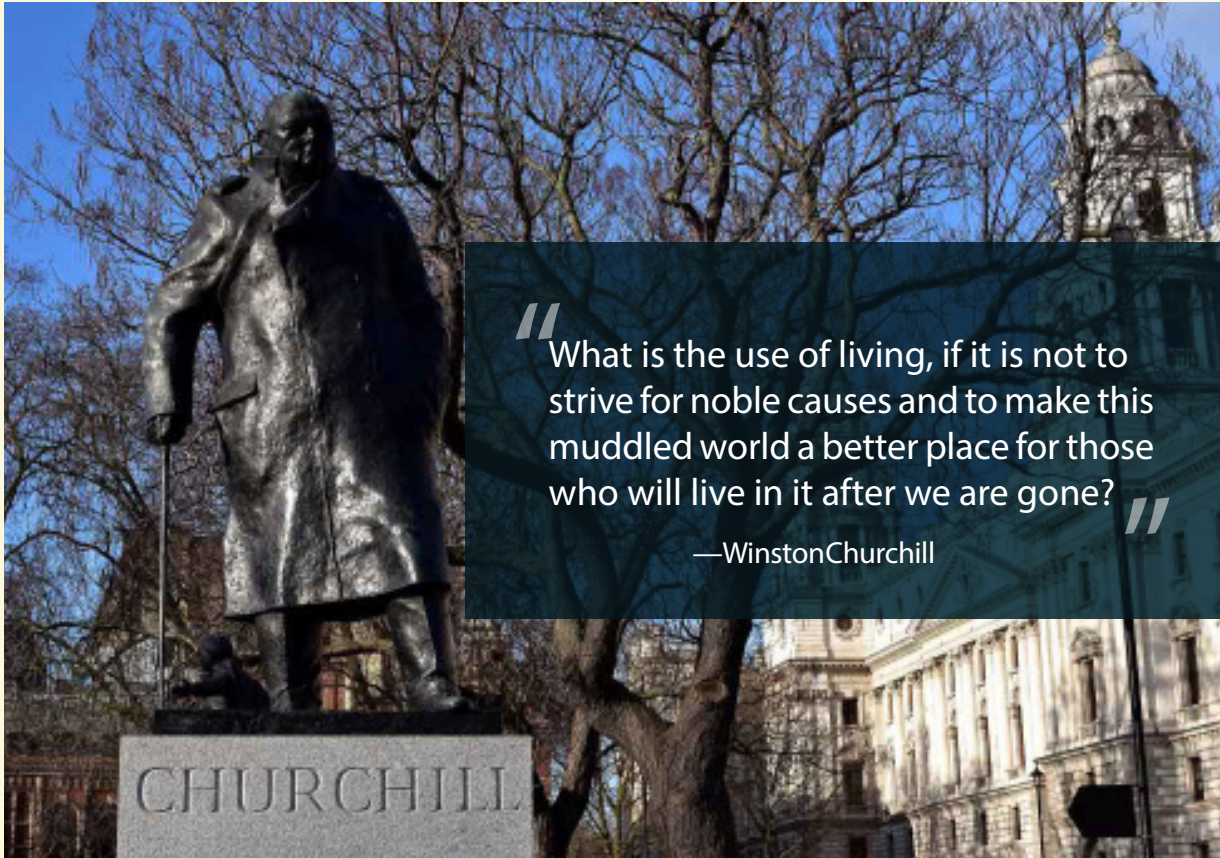
Ritz-Carlton, Washington, Ballrooms
1150 22nd St Nw, Washington, DC
(Breakfast And Lunch Provided)

Saturday, October 11 Cocktail Reception & Black-Tie Gala Dinner

6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Washington National Cathedral
Cathedral Nave
3101 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

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—Winston Churchill

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