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**April 26th , 2016 Event Registration**

**Dinner – Skyline Country Club**

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**5:30pm- Social • 6:00pm Dinner • 6:45pm Speaker and Discussion**

**Afghanistan:**

**How Will This End and What Have We Learned?**

Dr. Stephen Biddle

America has been at war in Afghanistan for 15 years, our nations longest war. For the people of Afghanistan the suffering has been even worse, at war for 37 years dating back to the 1979 Soviet invasion. The U.S. role in the war is now greatly reduced, but the fighting continues, posing important challenges for Afghan security forces. Can they hold what the American surge took from the Taliban in the 2009-2011 fighting seasons? Can the Afghan political system overcome its internal divisions and corruption problems to offer a viable alternative to the insurgency? What role will Pakistan play? And in light of all this, what is now achievable in Afghanistan, and what further American contribution makes sense to achieve it?

To address these questions and examine what lessons for the future can be drawn from our experience in Afghanistan to date, we welcome Dr. Stephen Biddle. Dr Biddle is Professor of Political Science and International Affairs at George Washington University. His book [*Military Power: Explaining Victory and Defeat in Modern Battle*](http://press.princeton.edu/titles/7764.html) won four prizes, including the Harvard University Huntington Prize and the Council on Foreign Relations Arthur Ross Award Silver Medal.

Professor Biddle has presented testimony before congressional committees on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He served on General David Petraeus' Joint Strategic Assessment Team in Baghdad in 2007, on General Stanley McChrystal's Initial Strategic Assessment Team in Kabul in 2009, and as a Senior Advisor to General Petraeus' Central Command Assessment Team in Washington in 2008-2009. He was awarded the U.S. Army Superior Civilian Service Medal in 2003 and 2006, and was presented with the U.S. Army Commander's Award for Public Service in Baghdad in 2007.

Before joining the GW faculty in 2012 he was Senior Fellow for Defense Policy at the [Council on Foreign Relations](http://www.cfr.org), and previously held the Elihu Root Chair in Military Studies at the U.S. Army War College, as well as teaching and research positions at Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.

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**Meal Selections:**

Roasted Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Qty $40ea Names:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Qty $40ea Names:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Tower \_\_\_\_\_ Qty $40ea Names:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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