



CNP 2008 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

CNP HONORS BIDEN AND

SCOWCROFT: CNP was proud to be able to present this year's Edmund S. Muskie Distinguished Public Service Award to **Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE)** and **General Brent Scowcroft** on June 18. This award, named after the late Senator Edmund S. Muskie, who served the United States as a Senator, Secretary of State, Secretary of the Navy and CNP Chairman following his retirement from the government, is given annually by CNP to exceptional public servants who best embody integrity, dedication, thoughtfulness, and putting country above all else.



Rep. Fortenberry, Rep. Schiff, Gen. Scowcroft, Sen. Biden, CNP President Tim Roemer and CNP Board Chairman Peter Kovler

CNP also paid special recognition to **Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)** and **Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA)**, for their leadership in launching the bipartisan Congressional Nuclear Security Caucus after co-chairing CNP's Nuclear Security Study Group. The NSSG is an innovative MacArthur Foundation-funded project focusing on how to combat the problem of unsecured nuclear materials and facilities around the world—a major threat to America's national security.



Tim Roemer, Sherri Goodman

DEFENSE TRANSFORMATION SERIES LAUNCHES ADVISORY GROUP:

CNP has made significant progress in its Defense Transformation Series, initiated by the Center in early 2008. The first DTS Advisory Group meeting was held in May, bringing together experts ranging from National Defense University to the Naval War College to various postings in the Pentagon and private industry. The Advisory Group's discussions focused on the 12 most important questions to ask about the military in coming decades, and which issues will be the most relevant for the next President and Secretary of Defense.

In addition, CNP has held several public DTS-related events, including talks by **Colonel Felipe Morales Jr.** of the U.S. Air Force and **Dan Verton**, Founder and Executive Producer, Homeland Security Television on the potential threat of cyber attacks, **Anthony Cordesman**, a distinguished national security scholar at CSIS on the future of stability operations after Iraq, and **Sherri Goodman** of the CNA Corporation and **Vijay Vaitheeswaran** of *The Economist* on the implications of our military's dependence on foreign oil.

CNP MAINTAINS FOCUS ON REGIONAL SECURITY:

CNP continued its focus on the most important regional events and issues challenging the security of the United States. CNP held important events on security issues in Asia including discussions with **Michael Green** of CSIS and **Michael Schiffer** of the Stanley Foundation on the role of Japan in security stability in Asia, and **Susan Shirk** from the University of California San Diego on the elements of China's rise to superpower status.



Susan Shirk and CNP Vice President Scott Bates

CNP also held an event on the modernization of India's economy, and what it will mean for the world economy and the United States with **Ed Luce** of the *Financial Times*.



David Abshire

CNP EXAMINES NATIONAL SECURITY

REFORM: In June CNP teamed up with the Center for the Study of the Presidency's Project on National Security Reform to host a roundtable discussion with leading national security experts on the changes needed in the country's national security structure and the interagency process. CNP President **Tim Roemer** and CSP President **David Abshire** moderated the event.

As part of CNP's Presidential Series, Abshire also gave a talk on the challenges facing the next President in bringing the nation together, which will be difficult but necessary, especially on issues of national security. Dr. Abshire talked about the strategies and characteristics of the American presidents who were most successful in unifying the country.

CNP IN THE NEWS: CNP continued to take its message of the importance of bipartisan solutions to national security challenges to the airwaves, internet, radio and print publications in the past few months. Pieces by and about CNP staff and CNP's national security work were published in a wide range of outlets, including the Associated Press, *Congressional Quarterly*, ABC News, CNN, the *San Jose Mercury News*, the *Westerly Sun*, the Huffington Post and Wired's "Danger Room" website, as well as the Bill Press radio show and NPR affiliates.

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