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EXPERTS AND MILITARY GENERALS DISCUSS MAINTAINING CONSTITUTIONAL BALANCE DURING A LONG WAR AS PART OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER'S PETER JENNINGS PROJECT FOR JOURNALISTS AND THE CONSTITUTION

Philadelphia, PA (February 8, 2010) – As part of the National Constitution Center's Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution, Yale Law School Professor **Bruce Ackerman**, former Army vice chief of staff **General Jack Keane**, and **Brigadier General H. R. McMaster** will discuss maintaining our constitutional balance during a protracted war, in an event moderated by **Terry Moran** of ABC News. The program will take place at the National Constitution Center on Saturday, February 27 at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$9 for members, \$15 for non-members, and \$7 for students and teachers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Civilian and military experts estimate that hostilities between America and Muslim extremists will last a generation. This timely program will address whether or not the country can maintain the Constitution's prized balance of power where a war is prolonged, or if the executive must have expanded power to act without significant participation by Congress or the courts.

Bruce Ackerman is Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale, and the author of fifteen books that have had a broad influence in political philosophy, constitutional law, and public policy. Professor Ackerman is a member of the American Law Institute and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is a Commander of the French Order of Merit, and the recipient of the American Philosophical Society's Henry Phillips Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Jurisprudence.

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General Jack Keane served 37 years in the Army, rising to the rank of four-star General. Most recently, he held the position of Vice Chief of Staff of the Army. During his four years as Chief Operating Officer of the United States Army, he managed operations of more than 1.5 million soldiers and civilians in over 120 countries. During his tenure, the Army fought and won wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, while supporting numerous worldwide peace operations, maintaining readiness, and transforming to a faster, more deployable force.

Brigadier General H.R. McMaster has served in numerous command and staff positions in armor and cavalry units in the United States and Germany. He served as director of the Commander's Advisory Group for the commander of the U.S. Central Command from 2003 to 2004, and is currently serving as special assistant to the commander, Multinational Force Iraq. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, senior research associate at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, and a research fellow at the Hoover Institution. In addition, he is the author of the award-winning book, *Dereliction of Duty: Lyndon Johnson, Robert McNamara, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Lies That Led to Vietnam*.

Terry Moran was named co-anchor of "Nightline" for ABC News in October 2005. At "Nightline," Moran has led the program's distinguished coverage of major news stories of the last several years. Moran has also reported extensively from overseas for "Nightline," covering the wars in both Iraq and Afghanistan. He also hosted "Nightline's" one-hour special on Iraq in April 2008, an in-depth interview of Gen. David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker after they testified before Congress. In 2006, he interviewed Vice President Dick Cheney in Iraq, and in 2008, he interviewed President Bush in Saudi Arabia.

The **2010 Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution** will take place from February 26 through February 28, 2010. Named in honor of the late, award-winning news anchor and friend of the National Constitution Center, the Peter Jennings Project allows professional journalists from print, broadcast, and online media

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organizations, as well as a select group of collegiate journalists from across the country, to examine the constitutional dimension in the news today and acquire a deeper understanding of the Constitution and its important role in the lives of all Americans.

Kayce Freed Jennings, wife of Peter Jennings, serves on the board of the project and veteran journalist **Todd Brewster**, who worked closely with Jennings and co-authored two books with him, is the program director.

The Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution is made possible through the generosity of The Annenberg Foundation.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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