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Monday April 9, 2018

The Fess Parker Resort
Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.

Reagan Room



Topic:

**"How Special Operations Forces Defeated
ISIS in Iraq and Syria"**

Speaker:

Commander Richard J. Witt

Director of Operations and Plans, Naval Special Warfare Group ONE

Commander Witt received his commission from Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Pensacola, Florida in November, 1999 and graduated from Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S), Class 229 as Honorman in July, 2000.

Commander Witt began his career at SEAL Team ONE as assistant Operations Officer for the Defense Attaché, U.S. Embassy, Sri Lanka. He then served as assistant Platoon Commander completing two CENTCOM deployments, first to the Horn of Africa as the Commanders In-extremis Force (CIF) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and a second to Western and Central Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He then served as Action Officer and Assistant Operations Officer with Naval Special Warfare Unit ONE in Guam coordinating training events in Australia, Indonesia, South Korea, the Philippines and Sri Lanka, followed by seven months as Operations Officer at the U.S. Embassy, Indonesia.

In January 2008 as a Platoon Commander of SEAL Team THREE he commanded a SEAL Platoon in Ramadi and in Fallujah, Iraq, and oversaw the transition of responsibility from U.S. forces to Provincial Iraqi Control; in 2009 he became Basic Training Command Operations Officer managing the expansion of SEAL Qualification Training; in 2010 he became Executive Officer of Naval Special Warfare Unit THREE in Bahrain; 2013 - 2015 he served as Crisis Action Planner and Yemen Action Officer with Special Operations Command CENTRAL (SOCCENT); in 2016 he was selected to serve in the Commander's Action Group (CAG) with U.S. Central Command.

His personal decorations include Bronze Star, Star (2 Awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2 Awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal (3 Awards), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and various campaign and service Awards.

He is a graduate of the University of Michigan with B.S. in Atmospheric, Oceanic and Space Sciences from the College of Engineering, and earned a Master of Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 2013.

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\$45.00 per person

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