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**ADMIRAL JONATHAN GREENERT JOINS NBR AS JOHN M. SHALIKASHVILI
CHAIR IN NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES**

The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) is pleased to announce Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, who served as the thirtieth Chief of Naval Operations in the U.S. Navy from September 2011 to September 2015, as the third holder of the John M. Shalikashvili Chair in National Security Studies (Shali Chair).

Admiral Greenert comes to NBR after a distinguished career in the U.S. Navy that began with his commissioning as an ensign from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1975. His career as a submariner included numerous assignments, culminating in command of USS Honolulu (SSN 718) from March 1991 to July 1993. His Pacific assignments included Commander, Submarine Squadron 11; Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas; chief of staff and Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet; and deputy commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. He served as Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command before becoming the 36th Vice Chief of Naval Operations from 2009 to 2011.

“We are truly honored to welcome the remarkable Admiral Greenert to the Shali Chair. His wisdom and vision will bring cutting edge knowledge and experience to U.S. security studies. He brings to policy discussions extraordinary expertise in the Asia-Pacific, where maritime, nuclear, and other critical issues challenge America and its partners,” said Rich Ellings, President of NBR.

As Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Greenert was a forward-thinking leader who improved America’s ability to operate in an increasingly contested maritime environment. He was the first commander to deploy laser technology afloat and oversee a carrier-landing of an unmanned system. He dramatically improved the deployment and capabilities of U.S. operations technology around the world. Admiral Greenert increased the number of forces in the Asia-Pacific and was also responsible for the doubling of minesweeping and patrol ships in the Arabian Gulf in response to Iranian aggression. He is a recipient of many awards including the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, and Legion of Merit.

At NBR, Admiral Greenert will employ his impressive experience to inform debates on critical issues in the Asia-Pacific through briefings to congressional, military, and Administration officials; meetings with senior-level counterparts in Asia; and research and writing.

“I am thrilled to see Admiral Greenert, with whom I have worked closely for decades, take up the mantle of the Shali Chair. Admiral Greenert’s remarkable strategic vision and leadership have been demonstrated in the field time and time again, and there is no one better to carry on the legacy of General Shalikashvili,” said former Shali Chair holder Admiral Thomas Fargo.

Media

Admiral Greenert has graciously agreed to make himself available to members of the press. For interview requests, please email media@nbr.org.

About the Shali Chair

NBR endowed the John M. Shalikashvili Chair in National Security Studies in April 2006 to honor General Shalikashvili for his thirty-nine years of military service to our nation that culminated in his role as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, his leadership on the NBR Board of Directors, and his role as Senior Advisor to NBR's Strategic Asia Program. The Chair provides a platform for a distinguished practitioner in the national security field to inform, strengthen, and shape the understanding of U.S. policymakers on critical current and long-term national security issues related to the Asia-Pacific.

Previous holders of the Shali Chair include Admiral (retired) Dennis Blair and Admiral (retired) Thomas Fargo.

About The National Bureau of Asian Research

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