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The Palmetto Club

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Walker Institute of International and Area Studies presents
PALMETTO FORUM

**Jim McKinney presents:
“Nexus of Risks- What Binds
Ukraine, Afghanistan and China to
U.S. and Global Security”**



Lieutenant Colonel James (Jim) McKinney retired as a US Army Russian/Central Asian/Eastern European Foreign Area and Intelligence Officer with over 32 years of service. Jim worked in strategic, tactical and special operations assignments around the globe. He served as the Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché to Slovenia, the Deputy Chief of Combating Terrorism for US Indo-Pacific Command's Joint Intelligence Operations Center, and as the Security Assistance Officer for US Embassies in Albania and Rep of Georgia, as well as with the CIA, NSA, NRO and other agencies in special mission programs. He retired as a political-military Advisor to the US Army Central Commander in the Middle East, but continued to serve as a defense consultant supporting combat operations in the Middle East and Afghanistan until the recent withdrawal. Jim has a Master's Degree from the University of Washington in International Studies, and a Bachelor's Degree from California State University Sacramento in Government. He attended Command and General Staff College, Joint Forces Staff College, and a senior fellow for the George C. Marshall European Center for Security studies.



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