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LTG (Ret.) Daniel Christman is responsible for representing the U.S. Chamber before foreign business leaders and government officials and for providing strategic leadership on international issues affecting the business community. He oversees a team of policy analysts and program coordinators who are committed to global business engagement. He lectures extensively on foreign policy and national defense topics, including the ongoing war against international terrorism. His experience and his deep knowledge of foreign policy fuels each incendiary presentation.

Peace and prosperity, personified. Before joining the Chamber, Christman served for two years as the president and executive director of the Kimsey Foundation, where he helped launch a program on political reform in China in coordination with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Christman, a career military officer who retired from active duty in 2001, served for five years as the superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He also served for two years as assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during which time he traveled with and advised Secretary of State Warren Christopher. He was centrally involved during this period with negotiations between Israel and Syria as a member of the Secretary's Middle East Peace Team. Further, Christman represented the United States as a member of NATO's Military Committee in Brussels, Belgium.

Letters, decorations, honors. Christman served as a military analyst for CNN International during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a frequent contributor to CNN, and has also appeared on ABC, FOX, MSNBC, CNBC, and C-SPAN, to discuss defense and national security issues. During the Gulf War in 1991, he headed a strategic planning group that advised the Army's chief of staff on war prosecution policies.

Graduating first in his class from West Point, Dan also received MPA and MSE degrees in public affairs and civil engineering from Princeton University and graduated with honors from the George Washington University Law School. He is a decorated combat veteran of Southeast Asia, where he commanded a company in the 101st Airborne Division in 1969. On four occasions, Christman has been awarded the Army and Defense Distinguished Service Medal, which is the Defense Department's highest peacetime award. Christman serves as a member on the Council of Foreign Relations and on the board of directors of United Services Automobile Association, Entegris Corporation, and Ultralife Batteries, Inc.

Daniel Christman issues a clarion call to people striving for a unified today and a promising tomorrow. His gripping presentations about 21st century leadership and why values still matter rouse and inspire, and always leave audiences charged for the future.