

## Speaker Series

### ABBAS DAHOUK



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Time:
12:00 PM Pacific
3:00 PM Eastern
10:00 PM Beirut

Place: Zoom
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# Lebanon's National Security: US & International Community Perspective

#### **PROFILE**

Colonel (Ret.) Abbas Dahouk was a VP of Middle East Programs at Advanced Technology Systems Company in McLean, VA and served in the U.S. Army for 33 years as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne division along with multiple staff officer assignments during war and peace throughout Europe and the Middle East. He also served as Senior Military Advisor at the U.S. Department of State for the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; Defense and Army Attaché to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia representing three consecutive Securities of Defense: Chuck Hagel, Ash Carter and Jim Mattis; and as Associate Professor of Arabic and Persian-Farsi at the US Military Academy of West Point.

Abbas was born and raised in Baakline, Lebanon. Upon completion of high school, he joined the Popular Liberation Army (aka Druze militia) and completed his unconventional military training in the former Soviet Union. Frustrated from the cruelty of the Civil War in his native country of Lebanon, he left to the United States seeking higher education. However, he enlisted in the U.S. Army as an Airborne Cavalry Scout and then commissioned as an Artillery Officer in 1990 thru the Officer Candidate School (OCS) of Fort Benning, GA where upon completion of his military career, he was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame Class of 2019.

Abbas holds two Bachelor degrees from the University of Arizona – a BS in Mathematics and a BA in Near Eastern Studies. He also holds a BA in Military Science from the Sultanate of Oman Joint Command and Staff College and two Masters of Art - a MA in Strategic Studies from the Army War College, and a MA in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton University. He is a member of the Board of Directors at the National Council on U.S. Arab Relations, a member of the Advisory Board at the Arab-American Business and Professional Association, and a founding member of the Princeton Veterans Alumni Association.

#### Q/A

Please prepare your questions in advance and send them to ferris@ournewlebanon.org no later than Saturday, January 15th at 10 pm.

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