

General James Cartwright, USMC (Ret.)
Inaugural Chairholder, Harold Brown Chair, Center for Strategic and International Studies



General James Cartwright, USMC (Ret.), currently serves as the inaugural holder of the Harold Brown Chair in Defense Policy Studies for the Center for Strategic & International Studies. Unique among Marines, General Cartwright served as Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, before being nominated and appointed as the 8th Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's second highest military officer. General Cartwright served his four year tenure as Vice Chairman across two Presidential administrations and constant military operations against diverse and evolving enemies. He became widely recognized for his technical acumen, vision of future national security concepts, and keen ability to integrate systems, organizations and people in ways that encouraged creativity and sparked innovation in the areas of strategic deterrence, nuclear proliferation, missile defense, cyber security, and adaptive acquisition processes.

General Cartwright has testified before the Commission previously, most recently in 2007 at the Commission's hearing on China's Military Modernization and Its Impact on the United States and the Asia-Pacific.