

# Announcement: the Center for National Security, Cyber-Warfare, and Intelligence

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It is critical that cyber warfare and cyber terrorism be recognized as one of the new and sustaining tools in the arsenal of warfare and a critical need to defend against with strong national security policy and intelligence operations. For these reasons, the Frontiers of Freedom Institute is proud to announce the establishment of its Center for National Security, Cyber-Warfare, and Intelligence.

The Institute is also honored to welcome as the Vice President of the new Center for National Security, Cyber-Warfare, and Intelligence, Mr. Matthew "Mac" McLauchlin. Mr. McLauchlin has an extensive and decorated history of involvement in national security, intelligence, foreign policy, and investigation throughout the world. Mr. McLauchlin is the recipient of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service, the Secretary of Defense Medal for the Global War on Terrorism, and the State Department Meritorious Honor Award.

Under his leadership, the Center will become a source of global education and excellence through partnerships with other institutions, community outreach, research and training. The Center will support research, exploring solutions to the challenges facing the various Islamic countries and efforts to promote community participation. The activities of the Center will create new strategies as well as provide research products to academia in the United States and abroad.