

# **AHEC PRESENTS: Peter Mansoor to discuss US military, Gen Petraeus, and 2007-2008 surge in Iraq**

## **A Case for COIN, Behind the Scenes of the Surge in Iraq**

### ***Peter Mansoor to speak at USAHEC***

Since the unveiling of the U.S. Army and Marine Corps Counterinsurgency Field Manual in 2006, the efficacy of America's counterinsurgency doctrine (COIN) has been continuously debated amongst military leaders, strategists, and academics. To put forth a case in support of the U.S. military's use of COIN doctrine, the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, is proud to present a lecture as part of the Brooks E. Kleber Memorial Series from COL (RET) Peter Mansoor, PhD, based on his newest book, *Surge: My Journey with General David Petraeus and the Remaking of the Iraq War* (Yale University Press). The lecture will be in the Visitor and Education Center at 7:15 PM on February 6, 2014.

Dr. Mansoor has the unique ability to provide a firsthand, behind the scenes look at the most pivotal phase of the Iraq War, the 2007-8 "surge." Through his use of newly declassified information, interviews, unpublished manuscripts, and his personal experience as the Executive Officer to General David Petraeus, Mansoor explains the development and implementation of COIN policy during America's bloody years occupying Iraq. *Surge* covers all perspectives of the conflict: from politicians in Washington D.C. to Soldiers on the streets of Baghdad. In his lecture, Dr. Mansoor will examine COIN policy from its inception through its execution and draw upon his own experiences as a battalion commander in Iraq to analyze the application of COIN doctrine in historical contexts and in current operations.

Dr. Peter Mansoor currently serves as the General Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History at Ohio State University and is a retired Colonel with the U.S. Army. During a military career spanning twenty-six years, he held distinguished positions and honors such as Valedictorian of his graduating class at West Point, a variety of Army command and staff positions throughout the U.S., Europe, and

Middle East, and service with the Joint Staff as the special assistant to the Director for Strategic Plans and Policy. His military career culminated with his service in Iraq as the Executive Officer to General David Petraeus, Commanding General of Multi-National Force-Iraq, during the period of the surge in 2007-2008. In addition to his most recent book, Mansoor has published Baghdad at Sunrise: A Brigade Commander's War in Iraq (Yale University Press) and GI Offensive in Europe: the Triumph of American Infantry Divisions, 1941 – 1945 (University Press of Kansas).

All USAHEC lectures are open to the public and FREE to attend. Doors to the Visitor and Education Center will open at 6:30 PM, and the lecture will begin at 7:15 PM. Parking is free, and the Museum Store will be open. For directions, more information, and a complete schedule of USAHEC events, please visit: [www.usahec.org](http://www.usahec.org) or call 717-245-3972.

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