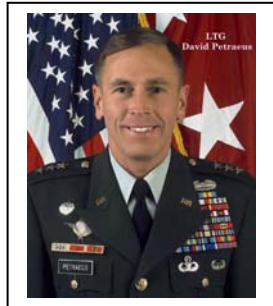


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## **Former ‘Screaming Eagles’ commander to discuss lessons learned from Iraq at Dole Institute**



LAWRENCE — The first commander of the Multi-National Security Transition Command in Iraq and former commander of the 101st Airborne Division’s “Screaming Eagles” will discuss lessons learned from Iraq at 8 p.m. Monday, April 17, at the Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas.

Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus assumed command of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth in October 2005 following his deployment in Iraq, which also included the command of the NATO Training Mission from October 2004 to September 2005. His lecture is titled “Observations From Soldiering in Iraq.”

“Ever since the commencement of Operation Iraqi Freedom we have tried to make the Dole Institute a central location for experts to discuss the war and place it in context,” said Jonathan Earle, associate director for programming at the institute.

The institute hosted Col. Kevin Benson of the School for Advanced Military Studies and convened a conference on the Iraq war featuring James Lindsay of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Petraeus is one of the Army’s most decorated soldiers. He was the Gen. George C. Marshall Award winner as the top graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Class of 1983, and he subsequently earned master’s and doctoral degrees in international relations from Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

He was awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, two awards of the Defense Superior Service Medal, four awards of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with “V” device, the State Department Superior Honor Award and the Gold Award of the Iraqi Order of the Date Palm. He is a Master Parachutist and Air Assault- and Ranger-qualified. He has also earned the Combat Action Badge and French, British and German Jump Wings.