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**YFPF TO ANNOUNCE NEW VETERANS' FELLOWSHIP
AT 10TH ANNUAL AFFAIRS OF STATE GALA**

WASHINGTON, DC (November 7, 2017)- YFPF will announce a new Veterans' US National Security Fellowship at the [10th Annual Affairs of State Gala and Fundraiser](#). This year's event will be held on Veterans Day 2017 - recognizing the importance of veterans' voices in foreign policy.

"As a veteran, YFPF is the perfect opportunity to bring the experience in implementation of policy together with the development and writing of policy," said David Simon, U.S. Army veteran and YFPF board member.

All YFPF fellows publish monthly and participate in exclusive workshops, socials, and mentorship opportunities. YFPF fellows have been featured in *Business Insider*, *The Hill*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Diplomat*, *The National Interest*, *The HuffPost*, and YFPF's own [Charged Affairs](#).

"Veterans bring experience of the nature of modern conflict, which is both technologically sophisticated and sociologically messy," noted Paul Taylor, veteran and chair of YFPF's Defense Discussion Group. "They are more likely to understand the complexity of modern international competition, encompassing both military and nonmilitary aspects."

YFPF will also announce a new partnership with [Veterans in Global Leadership](#) (VGL), awarding 20 VGL fellows complimentary YFPF membership and giving them access to YFPF's exclusive events, publishing opportunities, and network of over 17,000 NextGen professionals worldwide.

"As we celebrate YFPF's new impact mission and the emerging voices it amplifies, we also honor the sacrifices of our servicemembers," said Courtney Barno, Interim President of YFPF. "YFPF recognizes NextGen veterans' voices are both a critical and underrepresented part of today's most challenging foreign policy discussions."



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YFPF's [10th Annual Affairs of State Gala and Fundraiser](#) will take place on November 11, 8-11pm. If interested in covering this story, please reach out to Christina Connelly, who can arrange press passes for the gala and VIP reception, by 6pm Thursday, November 9. YFPF veterans and leaders will be available for interviews.

ABOUT YFPF

[YFPF](#) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to informing, building, and amplifying NextGen voices to advance innovative solutions to global challenges. Headquartered in Washington, DC with branches in New York, Brussels, and London, the YFPF network consists of 17,000+ leaders from 80 countries across the globe.

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