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Thomas P.M. Barnett to speak at The Citadel, April 7, 2009

On April 7, 2009, American “grand strategist” and *New York Times*-bestselling author Thomas P.M. Barnett will visit Charleston, S.C. to participate as a featured Leadership Lecture speaker at The Citadel.

Described by *U.S. News & World Report*'s Michael Barone as “one of the most important strategic thinkers of our time,” Thomas P.M. Barnett is a preeminent thought-leader in America's defense and intelligence communities today. Since its publication in 2004, Barnett's *New York Times*-bestselling book *The Pentagon's New Map: War and Peace in the Twenty First Century* (Putnam) has been required reading for military brass and foreign policy-makers the world over.

The senior managing director of Enterra Solutions, LLC, Dr. Barnett is in high demand within government circles as a forecaster of global conflict and an expert of military transformation. He is a strategic planner who has worked in national security affairs since the end of the Cold War. Dr. Barnett regularly advises the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), Special Operations Command, and the joint Forces Command, and routinely offers briefings to senior members of all four military services, the intelligence community, and Congress. He formerly served as Senior Strategic Researcher at the Naval War College and as Assistant for Strategic Futures in OSD's Office of Force Transformation.

Barnett, who holds a PhD from Harvard University, is also a nationally syndicated columnist and contributing editor, *Esquire* magazine. His other books include *Blueprint for Action: A Future Worth Creating* (2006) and *Great Powers: America and the World After Bush* (2009).

Organized through a partnership between The Citadel and The Free Enterprise Foundation, and sponsored by The NEFA Foundation, this special speaking engagement will begin at 6:30 p.m. on April 7 in The Citadel's Graham Copeland Auditorium, located in Grimsley Hall.

Members of the public are invited to attend this special event. Admission is free, and copies of Barnett's latest book, *Great Powers: America and the World After Bush*, will be available for purchase.

Additional hosting support for this event has been provided by Citadel Provost and Dean General Sam Hines, Senator Jim DeMint, S.C. Senator Chip Campsen, Free Enterprise Foundation President and Founder Robert E. Freer, Jr., The Honorable L. Ronald Scheman, NEFA Founder and President MT Hayes, NEFA Founder and Director of Strategic Operations David Draper, NEFA Director of Research and Analysis Ronald Sandee, Michael S. Smith II, Jill Aiken, MD, Scott Massey, and John H. “Hank” Hofford.

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