1918 Society

The 1918 Society is comprised of individuals who directly support the World Affairs Councils of America in its mission of educating Americans on global issues. The 1918 Society honors the founding of the World Affairs Councils network and the importance of its mission. In 1918, during the aftermath of World War I, the Foreign Policy Association of New York – the very first Council – was established to nurture grassroots citizen involvement in international affairs.

Membership Benefits

- Special recognition as an individual sponsor of the World Affairs Councils of America on WACA’s Website.
- An invitation to exclusive 1918 Society events at the annual WACA National Conference:
  - In 2017, we featured a special briefing at the National War College and an elegant dinner at the Newseum with a panel of top women journalists on “Media, Fake News, and Foreign Policy”
  - The 2016 events for 1918 Society members were Pentagon and CIA briefings and tours and dinner talk by New York Times columnist and best-selling author Tom Friedman
  - VIP benefits include access to the hospitality suite and the opportunity to meet guest speakers and other leaders attending the conference, and priority seating at lunches and the opening dinner.
- Access to other VIP special events:
  - Exclusive VIP Reception with Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine, and his delegation, following WACA’s exclusive program at the U.S. Capitol
  - Dinner program with Secretary James Baker III at the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC
- Eligibility to attend special 1918 Society trips:
  - Centro Fox (Vicente Fox Center for Studies, Library, and Museum), Guanajuato City, Mexico
  - WorldAffairs Conference in San Francisco
  - U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York City
- Preferential selection for WACA Leadership Missions, which are overseas visits by a WACA delegation of civic and business leaders to learn about a host country.
  - Access to exclusive off-the-record 1918 Society Conference Calls where members gain first-hand access to leading experts on today’s pressing issues. Recent briefings include:

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