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Virginia

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The mission of SSV, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational and advocacy organization, is to enable seniors to identify and articulate their viewpoints on the issues affecting all citizens of Virginia, to encourage knowledge of and active participation in the legislative process of government, and to disseminate information about the social, governmental, and educational institutions that offer support and assistance.



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting of the **Senior Statesmen of Virginia** will be held on
Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
at the **THE CENTER, 491 Hillsdale Drive**

A Free-Enterprise Solution To Climate Change

Bob Inglis
Executive Director, republicEn.org

A conservative lays out conservative economics and ethics principles for climate action.

Bob Inglis was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1992, having never run for office before. He represented Greenville-Spartanburg, SC, from 1993-98 and from 2004 to 2010 when he was defeated in the Republican primary.



In 2011, Inglis went full-time into promoting free enterprise action on climate change and launched the Energy and Enterprise Initiative (E&EI) at George Mason University. In 2014, E&EI rebranded to become republicEn.org, a growing grassroots community of over 5000 members educating the country about free-enterprise solutions to climate change.

For his work on climate change Inglis was given the 2015 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. He appears in the film *Merchants of Doubt* and in the Showtime series *YEARS of Living Dangerously* (episodes 3 and 4). He has given talks at the TEDxJacksonville and TEDxBeaconStreet events (available to watch on YouTube), and has been interviewed on various national news programs.

He was a resident fellow at Harvard's Institute of Politics in 2011, a visiting fellow at Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment in 2012, and a resident fellow at the University of Chicago's Institute for Politics in 2014.

Inglis grew up in the Low country of South Carolina, graduated from Duke and from the University of Virginia School of Law and practiced commercial real estate law in Greenville, S.C., before and between his years in Congress. Bob, his wife, and five children live on a small farm in Greenville County.

The program will be moderated by SSV Past President **Bob McGrath** and is free and open to the public.

In case you missed the March 13 meeting:

Thomas Dukes, Director of Strategic Initiatives for Virginia National Guard as well as adjunct professor of cyber law and policy at UVA Law School and Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy presented a program on Cybersecurity: A Policy Perspective on Government Efforts to Make Cyberspace Open, Interoperable, Secure and Reliable. Issues covered included description of major Cybersecurity threat and challenges for now and the future, and the government policy framework for dealing with cybersecurity issues. US government primary roles and responsibilities and a final piece on what specifically Virginia is doing to tackle cybersecurity.



Cybersecurity threats would include cyberespionage to seek political, economic and military advantage over the US, cyber enabled theft and extortion against US networks and US elections interference. The role of the US has been one of leadership in developing a strategy for managing cybersecurity. The global use of the internet has different countries having different thoughts on how this should be accomplished. US presidents have initiated several commissions to present a federal policy, but currently there is not one though individual states have their own. The UN has also tried to form a global policy, but without success. In principle all parties agree on the goal of an open, reliable and secure network.

In speaking about Virginia specifically, the state government has several cybersecurity initiatives: Cybersecurity Strategy (2016), cyberva.gov, Virginia Information Technology Agency (VITA), Attorney General of Virginia, Virginia Dept of Public Safety, VA National Guard and VA Department of Emergency Management.

The internet has radically changed our world and it is important to remember how young this field of technology really is. On June 29, 2007 the first iPhone was released. Cybersecurity is an evolving field trying to maintain a balance between freedom and safety.

You can hear the entire program as recorded and podcast by the ***Charlottesville Podcasting Network*** by accessing it on the Senior Statesmen website: www.seniorstatesmen.org/. Also available on the website is a PDF file of the PowerPoint presentation utilized by Col Dukes, so you can listen to the podcast and follow along as you view the slides.

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Mark your calendar

Wednesday, May 8: General Assembly Report

Wednesday, June 12: Lessons from August 11 and 12th in Charlottesville, Professor Nicole Hemmer

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