



VETERANS' LECTURE SERIES

China's Global "Belt and Road Initiative": Will it change the World?

District 8, of the American Legion, presents the initiation of the Veterans' Lecture Series.

The first program in this series is a public presentation by **Lt Colonel Roger S. Dong**, USAF, retired, who has been a Foreign Area/China Specialist with the Department of Defense for over 30 years. He was a former DoD Military/Defense Attaché in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Also Speaking: **Michael Steger** of The Schiller Institute, and **Sergey Petrov**, Consul General of the Russian Federation

Since 2013, China's President Xi Jinping has been pursuing the China Dream which includes China's Belt and Road infrastructure project, designed to connect dozens of developed and emerging countries, and which will transform the economic structure of the entire World. This complex infrastructure project has already begun and is gaining traction globally. Its potential global impact may rebalance the entire economy of the World. This presentation will describe the B&R Initiative (BRI) with representatives from several countries to help explain the potential benefits of the B&R Initiative to their countries. The BRI is described by many international commentators as the greatest infrastructure project Man has ever attempted. China alone is providing technology, trillions of dollars via loans, and even labor if needed, for all nations involved throughout the entire Eastern Hemisphere, where 65% of the world's population resides. The technologies include high speed railroads, power plants (including nuclear, wind and solar technologies), advanced fiber communications, pipelines, airports, and port upgrades to transfer goods from dozens of countries by land and by sea. American companies, including General Electric and Honeywell International, are already involved to provide American technologies and business opportunities for the BRI. The Belt and Road is already creating a new world of economic development.

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

6:00 pm at The War Memorial Building

San Francisco Civic Center, 401 Van Ness Ave.

Veterans Lecture Hall - Room 210

There will be light refreshments.

Seats are \$10 with all proceeds to be donated to: The American Legion Veterans Success Center

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