

Introduction for Randall Larsen

Colonel Randall Larsen, USAF (Ret) is the Founding Director of The Institute for Homeland Security, the National Security Advisor to the Center for Biosecurity, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and the co-host of Public Radio's HOMELAND SECURITY: Inside and Out.

His studies of homeland security began in 1994 while on a one-year fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh. In 1999 he created the nation's first graduate course in homeland security. He is a frequent expert witness for the US Congress and was one of the first witnessed for the 9-11 Commission.

Many of you have seen him on TV, from the major network newscasts to Larry King, the History Channel and Oprah. For the past five years he has been the CBS News commentator and analyst on homeland security and counter terrorism.

Colonel Larsen served for 32 years in both the Army and Air Force. His flying career began as a 19 year old Cobra pilot in the 101st Airborne Division. He flew 400 combat missions in Vietnam. He also served as a military attaché at the US Embassy in Bangkok, the commander of America's fleet of VIP aircraft at Andrews AFB MD, and the Chairman of the Department of Military Strategy and Operations at the National War College.