

Former NATO Commander Wesley Clark to Speak in New Canaan April 25

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Former NATO Supreme Allied Commander and U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark is coming to New Canaan on April 25 to speak about "America's potential for growth and leadership," including "modern-day slavery and its impact on both the environment and business community."

IF YOU'RE GOING: *Clark will speak at Grace Farms, starting at 7 p.m. The event is free. To register for his talk at Grace Farms, [365 Lukes Wood Road](#) at the far north end of New Canaan, please visit [this Web page](#). According to the registration Web page, the event is expected to last until 9 p.m.*

Here's the announcement from Grace Farms and New Canaan Library, which is co-sponsoring the event:

In partnership with New Canaan Library, [Grace Farms Foundation](#) will host an insightful conversation about global policy and America's potential for growth and leadership with retired United States Army Gen. Wesley K. Clark.

The talk will focus on the country's most important assets: the planet and its people.

The discussion will include General Clark's unique perspective concerning the crime of modern day slavery and its impact on both the environment and business community.

About Wesley Clark

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In his remarkable 38 years of service in the U.S. Army, General Clark rose to the rank of four-star general and NATO's Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

Since retiring from the military in 2000, he has not missed a step while using his extraordinary talents as an investment banker, businessman, commentator, author, and teacher, not to mention answering the call to run as a Democratic candidate for President of the United States in the 2004 election.

Clark graduated first in his class at West Point and completed degrees in philosophy, politics, and economics at Oxford University (B.A. and M.A.) as a Rhodes Scholar.

While serving in Vietnam, he commanded an infantry company in combat, where he was severely wounded and evacuated home on a stretcher. He commanded at the battalion, brigade, and division level, and served in a number of significant staff positions, including service as the Director Strategic Plans and Policy (J-5).

Clark finished his career as NATO commander and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, where he led NATO forces to victory in Operation Allied Force, saving 1.5 million Albanians from ethnic cleansing.

His awards include the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Defense Distinguished Service Medal (five awards), silver star, bronze star, purple heart, honorary knighthoods from the British and Dutch governments, and numerous other awards from other governments including award of Commander of the Legion of Honor (France).

The author of four books, "Waging Modern War: Bosnia, Kosovo and the Future of Combat," "Winning Modern War: Iraq, Terrorism and the American Empire," "A Time to Lead: For Duty, Honor, Country," and "Don't Wait for the Next War: A Strategy for American Growth and Global Leadership," Clark also serves as Chairman/CEO of Wesley K. Clark & Associates, a strategic consulting firm, and Co-Chairman of Growth Energy.

Clark joined UCLA as a senior fellow at the Burkle Center for International Relations in UCLA's International Institute, where he teaches and hosts an annual conference on national security.

He currently serves in leadership positions with a number of non-profit public service organizations, and serves on the Clinton Global Initiative's Energy & Climate Change Advisory Board and ACORE's Advisory Board.

Clark will offer a singularly informed and dynamic view of leadership based on honor, conviction, and action.

About Grace Farms Foundation

Grace Farms Foundation was established in 2009 as a private operating foundation with 501c3 status in New Canaan, Connecticut. The Foundation supports initiatives in the areas of nature, arts, justice, community, and

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faith, and encourages participation on a local, national, and global level. Grace Farms Foundation carries out its work principally through the publicly available facilities and integrated programs of Grace Farms, an 80-acre property owned and operated by the Foundation, where individuals and not-for-profit organizations can come together to collaborate for good.

About New Canaan Library

New Canaan Library has been the community's intellectual and cultural center for more than a century. Today, the Library continues as a vibrant community resource for learning and innovation, offering an extraordinary print and electronic collection, dynamic programming, and up to the minute technology and maker spaces. Every month, over 17,000 people come through the doors in search of information, culture and entertainment. New Canaan Library looks confidently towards the future, embracing its vision of being the community's source for innovation and discovery.