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Asha Castleberry-Hernandez Bio:

A national security and foreign policy expert, military officer in the Army services, former congressional candidate and author of a memoir, *Why National Security Matters*, Asha has over a decade of experience in Middle East policy, including as a Senior Executive in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the Department of State and diplomatic service in Kuwait, Iraq and Jordan. Previously, she served as Cyrus Vance Visiting Professor at Mount Holyoke College, also taught at Fordham, George Washington and Baruch College and handled foreign & military affairs for the Office of Congressman George Latimer.

Asha is a Council on Foreign Relations term member, Senior Fellow at the Diplomat Courier, and a member of National Security Leaders for America, a non-partisan network of former military and civilian leaders from across the political spectrum uniquely qualified to provide expert insight on U.S. national security and its impact on democracy and economic stability. A recipient of numerous honors, including the Middle East Policy Council 40 Under 40, she is frequently featured in major media outlets such as CNN, Fox News, BBC News and *The Washington Post*.

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