

American Society of Access Professionals

**The Collision between National Security & Open Government: "Protecting Americans While Protecting America"
September 25, 2006
Ronald Regan Building & International Trade Center - Washington, D.C.**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – POLARIS ROOM

12:30-12:45 pm **Welcome, Announcements and Introductions – Why Do We Need a Program on National Security?**
Fred Sadler, ASAP President

12:45-1:15 pm **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Thoughts on National Security and Open Government**
William H. Leary - Senior Director for Records and Access Management
National Security Council, Executive Office of the President

1:30-2:30 pm **Protecting Information During Wartime: How Far is Too Far?**
This panel will explore the effect that the war on terror has had on open government and the release of information to the public. How much secrecy is necessary to carry on the campaign against terror and protect Americans from attack? Who gets to decide how much secrecy is too much? The panel will compare the need for secrecy in the war on terror to other crises in American history. Can open government coexist with the long-term battle against terrorism and insurgency? Do recent court decisions suggest that open government must ultimately overpower wartime secrecy?
Moderator: Mr. William Ferroggiaro, Consulting Fellow, National Security Archive
Panelists: Anne L. Weismann, Staff Attorney, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington
Meredith Fuchs, General Counsel, National Security Archive
Mark Tapscott, Editor, Editorials, *The Examiner*

2:30-2:45 pm Afternoon Break

2:45-3:30 pm **The National Declassification Initiative**
- Dr. Michael J. Kurtz, Assistant Archivist, Office of Records Services-Washington
National Archives and Records Administration

3:30-4:30 pm **The Looming Automatic Declassification Deadline - What Does It Mean for Agencies and the Public?**
The panel will discuss the National Archives' National Declassification Initiative and the automatic declassification deadline of December 31, 2006, set by Executive Order 12,958, as amended. What is the government doing to declassify the millions of pages of records maintained in the vaults of the National Archives and the various agencies. What can the public expect of these efforts? What will the world of classified information look like on January 1, 2007?
Moderator: William J. Bosanko, National Archives and Records Administration
Panelists: L. Britt Snider, Chairman, Public Interest Declassification Review Board
Jeanne Schauble, Director, National Archives and Records Administration
Richard Warshaw, Central Intelligence Agency

4:30 pm **CLOSING REMARKS, EVALUATIONS & CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION**

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