

# Gen. David Petraeus to speak in Boca Raton in July

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Gen. David Petraeus, commander of the U.S. Central Command, is coming to Boca Raton next month.

He is scheduled to speak about U.S. military involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan at 3 p.m. July 16, at Spanish River Church, 2400 Yamato Road.

The event, which is open to 1,500 people, is being hosted by the South County Community Partnership.

The partnership is comprised of three residential organizations - the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations, the Alliance of Delray Residential Associations and the West Boca Community Council. Together, the three groups represent more than 350,000 residents in southern Palm Beach County.

Tickets are free and must be reserved in advance. Preference will be given to members of the three organizations, with any remaining tickets as of June 25 available to the public.

Ken Lassiter, president of COBWRA, said when they were deciding on a speaker for the event, they aimed high, starting with President Obama. Gen. Petraeus wasn't far down the list.

"Much to our amazement, he accepted," Lassiter said. "We hope that this will be the beginning of an annual lecture series that our three groups will offer."

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