

# General John Francis Kelly

## BACKGROUND (GENERAL/CAREER)

### *Personal Information*

John Francis Kelly

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### *Education*

Air University - Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course 2007

Montgomery, AL 36112 ([National Defense University](#) Accessed 11/19/16)

AND

United States Army War College - Joint Force Land Component Commander Course - 2006

Carlisle, PA 17013 ([National Defense University](#) Accessed 11/19/16)

AND

National Defense University - CAPSTONE 2004

Washington, DC 20319 ([National Defense University](#) Accessed 11/19/16)

AND

National War College Masters in National Security - 1995

Washington, DC 20319 ([National Defense University](#) Accessed 11/19/16)

AND

The School For Advanced Warfighting, Marine Corps University - 1992

Quantico, VA 22134 ([National Defense University](#) Accessed 11/19/16)

AND

The Marine Corps' Command & Staff College - 1991

Quantico, VA 22134 ([National Defense University](#) Accessed 11/19/16)

AND

Georgetown University Master's in National Security Affairs 1984

Washington, DC 20057 ([National Defense University](#) Accessed 11/19/16)

AND

The Basic School, United States Marine Corps 1976

Quantico, VA 22134 ([U.S. Senate](#) 7/19/12)

AND

University Of Massachusetts Bachelor's - 1976

Boston, MA ([U.S. Department Of Defense](#) Accessed 11/19/16)

### ***Work Experience***

**February 2016-Present:** Retired ([National Defense University](#), Accessed 11/19/16)

**November 2012-January 2016:** U.S. Southern Command Combatant Commander ([Stars And Stripes](#) 1/14/16)

**March 2011-October 2012:** Department Of Defense Senior Military Assistant To The Secretary Of Defense ([U.S. Department Of Defense](#), Accessed 11/19/16)

**October 2009-March 2011:** Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North Commander ([U.S. Senate](#) 7/19/12)

**April 2009-October 2009:** I Marine Expeditionary Force Deputy Commanding General (Major General) ([U.S. Senate](#) 7/19/12)

**July 2007-April 2009:** I Marine Expeditionary Force Commanding General (Major General) ([U.S. Senate](#) 7/19/12)

**September 2004-June 2007:** Commandant Of The Marine Corps Legislative Assistant To The Commandant ([U.S. Senate](#), 7/19/12)

**July 2002-July 2004:** 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Assistant Division Commander (Brigadier General) ([U.S. Senate](#), 7/19/12)

**July 2001-July 2002:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division Assistant Chief Of Staff, G-3 (Colonel) ([U.S. Senate](#), 7/19/12)

**July 1999-July 2001:** Supreme Allied Commander Europe, NATO - Special Assistant To The Commander In Chief (Colonel) ([U.S. Senate](#), 7/19/12)

**June 1995-June 1999:** Headquarters Marines Director House Liaison Office, Legislative Affairs (Lt. Colonel/Colonel) ([U.S. Senate](#), 7/19/12)

**June 1992-May 1994:** 1<sup>st</sup> Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion Commanding Officer (Lt. Colonel) ([U.S. Senate](#) 7/19/12)

**June 1987-August 1990:** The Basic School Head, Tactics Section; Head, Tactics Group; Director, Infantry officers' Course (Major) ([U.S. Senate](#), 7/19/12)

**August 1986-June 1987:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marines, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division Operations Officer (Major) ([U.S. Senate](#) 7/19/12)

**1984-1987:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division (Captain) ([U.S. Department Of Defense](#) Accessed 11/19/16)

**1981-1984:** Headquarters Marine Corps Assignment Monitor (Captain) ([U.S. Department Of Defense](#) Accessed 11/19/16)

**1980:** U.S. Army's Infantry Officer Advanced Course - (Captain) ([U.S. Department Of Defense](#), Accessed 11/19/16)

**1979-1980:** U.S.S. Forrestal and U.S.S. Independence Sea Duty ([National Defense University](#) Accessed 11/19/16)

**1976-1978:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division Rifle And Weapons Platoon Commander; Company Executive officer; Assistant Operations Officer; Infantry Company Commander; ([U.S. Department Of Defense](#) Accessed 11/19/16)

## QUESTIONS FOR GENERAL JOHN KELLY

### Policy Questions

#### Border Wall

Background: Kelly maintains the belief that protection of the U.S. southern border is so inadequate that biological weapons could be smuggled across. In discussing Mr. Trump's plan to build a border wall, Kelly has stated the U.S. will need to do even more than that to secure the border.

- **How would you advise the President on securing the southern border of the U.S. knowing that a border wall must be play an integral part in said plan?**
- **What other resources can the U.S. use to secure our borders and reduce the influx of drugs and weapons smuggling?**

#### ISIS Tactics - Troop Surge

Background: Kelly has stated his belief that to completely defeat ISIS, a large number of U.S. and allied troops with need to be deployed on the ground in the Middle East. Mr. Trump has indicated he would prefer not to put American soldiers on the ground to combat ISIS.

- **Would you share with us your strategic preferences for combating and defeating ISIS?**
- **Would you be willing to help shape a military strategy that would help defeat ISIS but would also prioritize minimizing U.S. troops on the ground?**

#### Women In Combat

Background: Kelly has expressed worry that military commanders would be "pressured by 'agenda-driven people' in Washington to lower military standards" to allow more women to serve in combat roles.

- **What is your position on women serving in combat roles in the U.S. military?**
- **Would you advise the President on reduce the recent additions of women military personnel serving in combat roles?**

#### Russia Policy

- **Russia has recently made aggressive moves against our NATO allies, prompting fears that the United States will not live up to its obligations under the treaty to treat an attack on any ally as an attack on itself. How would you advise the President addresses Russia's aggression?**
- **Mr. Trump's relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin has been a source of intense criticism during the election cycle. Do you have an opinion on how the President should posture the image of his relationship with Putin?**

#### Syria Policy

Background: The current conflict in Syria is considered to be the most dramatic convergence point of ongoing American military engagements and Russia's foreign policy. Mr. Trump's strategy and policy towards Syria, and the greater Middle East will be vital to the sustainability of several foreign states.

- **A major point of contention between the United States and Russia with regards to objectives in Syria has been the continued leadership of Bashar Al-Assad. Obama's red line**

policy heightened these tensions, but his failure to act made him look weak. Would you advocate to remove Assad from power?

## Cyber Security

- **Given the advancements in modern warfare and the involvement of cyber-attacks in the 2016 campaign cycle, how you advise the President's approach to cyber-security during his administration?**

## SON KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN

**In November 2010, Kelly's Son, Marine Second Lt. Robert Kelly, Was Killed By An Explosion In Helmand Province, Afghanistan.** "The most recent fatality in the Marine battalion that has seen the heaviest casualties in Afghanistan right now was the son of a Marine three star general. Second Lt. Robert Kelly, the son of Lt. Gen. John Kelly, was killed Tuesday in a roadside bomb blast during a foot patrol in Helmand Province. John Kelly served as the top Marine commander in Iraq in 2008 when he commanded the Marine force based in Anbar province. He now oversees all reserve units in the Marine Corps as head of Marine Forces Reserve." (Luis Martinez, "Son Of Marine General Killed In Afghanistan," [ABC News](#), 11/11/10)

**Kelly Is The "Most Senior U.S. Military Officer To Lose A Son Or Daughter In Iraq Or Afghanistan."** "Kelly is the most senior U.S. military officer to lose a son or daughter in Iraq or Afghanistan." (Greg Jaffe, "Lt. Gen. John Kelly, Who Lost Son To War, Says U.S. Largely Unaware Of Sacrifice," [The Washington Post](#) 3/2/11)

**Since His Son's Death, Kelly Has Made "Numerous Speeches About The War In Afghanistan And Iraq" And Warned About The Disconnect Between The Public And The Burden That Service Members Bear.** "In the years since Robert Kelly's death, his father has made numerous speeches about the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the caliber of those who have fought them. He has predicted the U.S. will remain engaged in conflict for decades. In 2013, while addressing a group of Marines during the dedication of an Afghan war memorial in Southern California, the general told those gathered that sustained conflict 'may be an inconvenience for some, but I think it is reality.'" (Andrew deGrandpre, "Gen. John Kelly, SOUTHCOM Chief And Gold Star Dad, To Retire," [Military Times](#) 10/25/15)

## TRUMP-PENCE

### *Trump*

**In A July 2016 Interview With *Foreign Policy*, Kelly Said That Clinton And Trump Were "Not Serious Yet About The Issues" And Only Spoke In Generalities.** "He said Clinton and Trump 'are not serious yet about the issues' and speak only in generalities when it comes to complex topics ranging from combating the Islamic State to handling the Syrian refugee crisis. The campaigns 'don't reflect reality.'" (Molly O Toole, "Ex General To Top Brass Stay Out Of The 'Cesspool Of Domestic Politics,'" [Foreign Policy](#), 7/11/16)

- **"Kelly Said He'd Be Willing To Serve In Either A Trump Or Clinton White House But Didn't Endorse Either."** (Molly O Toole, "Ex General To Top Brass Stay Out Of The 'Cesspool Of Domestic Politics,'" [Foreign Policy](#), 7/11/16)

**Kelly Criticized Trump's Border Wall Proposal, Saying "No Wall Will Work By Itself."** "Kelly has long argued that Americans' drug addiction fuels instability in Central America, and that insufficient resources and inconsistent policy leave the region's criminal networks ripe for exploitation by terrorist groups. But he stressed in the interview that the risk wasn't as bad as conservative pundits liked to argue. He also fired a direct shot at one of Trump's main policy proposals, stressing that 'no wall will work by itself.'" (Molly O Toole, "Ex General To Top Brass Stay Out Of The 'Cesspool Of Domestic Politics,'" [Foreign Policy](#), 7/11/16)

**Kelly Criticized Both Candidates' Public Statements About ISIS, Saying Neither "Was Willing To Acknowledge" That A "Victory...Would Likely Require A Large Number Of U.S. And Coalition**

**Troops Deployed To Iraq For Decades To Come.** “‘You’re not going to win this thing by dropping bombs on these people,’ he said, adding that neither presidential candidate was willing to acknowledge that the sustained ‘victory’ they promise would likely require a large number of U.S. and coalition troops deployed to Iraq for decades to come.” (Molly O Toole, “Ex General To Top Brass Stay Out Of The ‘Cesspool Of Domestic Politics,” [Foreign Policy](#) 7/11/16)

## *Pence*

### No Known Statements

## GENERAL CONTROVERSY

### *Criminal Filings*

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## POLICY STANCES/STATEMENTS

### *Women In Combat*

**In January 2016, Kelly Said That He Was Worried Military Commanders Would Be “Pressured By ‘Agenda-Driven People’ In Washington To Lower Military Standards” To Allow More Women To Serve In Combat Roles In The Military.** Marine Gen. John Kelly on Friday said he fears that commanders will be pressured by ‘agenda-driven people’ in Washington to lower military standards in order to allow more women into combat positions. ‘My greatest fear and we see this happen a lot over the 45 years I’ve been in the Armed Forces is, right now they’re saying we are not going to change any standards,’ said Kelly, who is retiring this month, at his last Pentagon briefing.” (Kristina Wong, “Marine General Predicts Lower Combat Standards For Women,” [The Hill](#) 1/8/16)

**Kelly Said That “Young Women Would Be More Prone To Injuries Due To The Nature Of Infantry Combat.”** “Kelly also said young women would be more prone to injuries due to the nature of infantry combat. ‘The other aspect is, because of the nature of infantry combat, infantry training, and all of rest, there’s a higher percentage of young women in the scientific study that get hurt, and some of them get hurt forever,’ he added.” (Kristina Wong, “Marine General Predicts Lower Combat Standards For Women,” [The Hill](#), 1/8/16)

### *Lack Of Control Of The Southern Border*

**In 2015 Testimony Before The Senate Armed Services Committee, Kelly Said The Criminal Networks Operating At The Southern Border Are “So Efficient” That Nuclear Or Biological Weapons Could Be Smuggled Across.** GENERAL JOHN KELLY: “I think, Senator, that the kind of people that you’re referring to will -- of course, their intent is to do us the greatest amount of harm possible. This network that Bill and I deal with every day, not to mention the law enforcement folks, is so efficient that if a terrorist, or almost anyone, wants to get into our country, they just pay the fare. No one checks their passports, no one -- you know, they don’t go through metal detectors. No one cares why they’re coming. They just ride this network. And if someone wanted to come in here with nuclear material. I was just down at Emory University, at the ebola facility there, talking about how ebola spreads and potentially could be used as a weapon.” (Committee On Armed Services, [U.S. Senate](#) Hearing, 3/12/15)

### *Inadequate Resources To Protect The Southern Border*

- **Kelly Estimated That He Was Only Able To Stop “About 20 Percent Of The Drugs Leaving Colombia For The U.S.”** “Gen. John Kelly told the Senate Armed Services Committee that he is able to get about 20 percent of the drugs leaving Colombia for the U.S., but the rest gets through.” (Lolita Baldor, “General US Lacks Resources To Get Drug Traffickers 80 Percent Of Colombian Drugs Get In,” [The Associated Press](#) 3/13/14)
- **As Commander Of U.S. Southern Command, Kelly Said He Did Not Have An Adequate Number Of Ships To Support His Mission.** “Kelly, who heads U.S. Southern Command, said he would be able to interdict more drugs if he had 16 ships that could be used as the base for helicopters. Generally, law enforcement officials use the helicopters to quickly go after traffickers operating small boats, forcing them to stop and surrender. Currently, Kelly said he has one U.S. Navy ship and two Coast Guard vessels that can be used for the drug operations.” (Lolita Baldor, “General US Lacks Resources To Get Drug Traffickers 80 Percent Of Colombian Drugs Get In,” [The Associated Press](#) 3/13/14)
- **“Asked By Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., Whether He Has Enough Airborne Surveillance Capabilities, Kelly Said He’s Got About Half Of What He Needs.”** (Lolita Baldor, “General US Lacks Resources To Get Drug Traffickers 80 Percent Of Colombian Drugs Get In,” [The Associated Press](#) 3/13/14)

### ***Critical Of Media Coverage Of Guantanamo***

**Kelly Has Criticized Media Coverage Of The Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility, Saying Media Often Knowingly Reports “Wrong” Information And Highlight “The Negative Aspects Of What Might Go On At Gitmo.** “Kelly, who as Southcom commander supervises the prison, lashed out repeatedly at what he said was an unfair public portrayal of the prison now holding 116 captives 52 of them cleared for release by a federal task force and at military court orders forbidding female guards from handling certain captives who invoked a religious privilege. Media coverage, he said, ‘breaks my heart because I know the reporting is wrong, and I believe the media representatives that report what goes on here know it’s wrong but they go on their merry way highlighting the negative aspects of what might go on at Gitmo, never giving you credit for what you do here.’” (Carol Rosenberg, “Southcom s Kelly Installs New Guantanamo Prison Commander, Rips Media Coverage,” [Miami Herald](#) 7/1/15)

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### ***Court Order Preventing Female Guards From Touching Guantanamo Detainees***

**Kelly Criticized A Court Order That Prevented Female Guards At Guantanamo from Touching Detainees, Saying The Order “Discriminates Specifically Against Some Of Our Personnel...That’s Un-American.”** “‘What’s even more frustrating, frankly, is that some of us are not even allowed to do the jobs you were sent here to do,’ said Kelly. ‘Since November, we have labored under an order that discriminates specifically against some of our personnel because of who they are. And that’s un-American. And I as a personal failure have not been able to convince people [who] could change that ruling to change that.’ Eight months ago, the first of two military judges issued an injunction against female troops touching certain detainees in Guantánamo’s Top Secret lockup for former CIA prisoners, Camp 7. The captives’ Pentagon lawyers had protested the introduction of female guards in a transport

unit, saying the prison had until then honored the prisoners' religious and traditional belief that, as Muslim men, only women who are close relatives can touch them." (Carol Rosenberg, "Southcom's Kelly Installs New Guantanamo Prison Commander, Rips Media Coverage," [Miami Herald](#), 7/1/15)

### ***Retired Military Discussing Politics Publicly***

**In 2016, Kelly Told *Foreign Policy* That Current And Former Military Members Who Weigh In On The 2016 Campaign Were Inappropriately Breaking Down A Wall Between Military And Civilian Politics.** "Nothing precludes retired generals from commenting about politics, but as retired Marine Corps Gen. John Kelly told *Foreign Policy*'s Molly O'Toole, it erodes an already weakened norm: To Kelly and many other current and former military, the brass who are weighing in on the 2016 campaign with critiques or endorsements are breaking down a sacred wall between the military and civilian politics that helps maintain the 'tell it like it is' integrity of one of the most trusted institutions in the United States." (Daniel Drezner, "Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Has Crossed Way, Way Over The Line," [The Washington Post](#) 11/20/16)

### ***War On Drugs***

**"Kelly Has Long Argued That Americans' Drug Addiction Fuels Instability In Central America."** "Kelly has long argued that Americans' drug addiction fuels instability in Central America, and that insufficient resources and inconsistent policy leave the region's criminal networks ripe for exploitation by terrorist groups. But he stressed in the interview that the risk wasn't as bad as conservative pundits liked to argue." (Molly O Toole, "Ex General To Top Brass Stay Out Of The 'Cesspool Of Domestic Politics,'" [Foreign Policy](#), 7/11/16)

### ***War Against ISIS***

**Kelly Said He Believes The War Against ISIS May Continue "Long After" Obama's Successor Leaves Office.** "Trump wasn't the only candidate Kelly criticized, at least obliquely. The retired general said the anti-Islamic State fight will continue long after Obama and probably his successor leaves office, a grim reality that neither Clinton nor Trump seems eager to openly discuss." (Molly O Toole, "Ex General To Top Brass Stay Out Of The 'Cesspool Of Domestic Politics,'" [Foreign Policy](#), 7/11/16)

### ***Marijuana Legalization***

**Kelly Has Criticized States That Legalize Or De-Criminalize Marijuana, Saying It Causes "Problems" For Enforcement And Looks Hypocritical To Foreign Partners.** "Some U.S. states' softening stance on marijuana is complicating a broad federal effort to curtail the influx of cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine from Latin America, according to the four-star Marine Corps general who oversaw military activity in that region for the last three years. 'The actual legalization does cause us problems because the hypocrisy,' said Gen. John Kelly, who retires next month after completing his final assignment as the head of U.S. Southern Command, which is headquartered in Miami. '... Where you stand is where you sit. So if you're a Latin American, and we're harping on them to do more to stop the flow of drugs, they say: 'Wait a minute. As we look north, the real problem is the demand. So why don't you do more to stop the demand for drugs. ... Why would we do more when you seem to be legalizing this stuff?'" (Andrew deGerandpre, "Hypocrisy Of Legalizing Pot Undermines America's War On Hard Core Drugs, General Says," [Military Times](#), 1/16/16)

- **Kelly Qualified That He Believed Medical Marijuana Was A Separate Issue.** "Increasingly, those individuals include military veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress and other service-connected injuries or illnesses. That doesn't bother the general, who led combat forces in Iraq as a one- and two-star general. 'I'm not a doctor,' said Kelly, an infantry officer whose military career dates back to the Vietnam era, 'but I'm told it has a medical use. So whether it's veterans or anyone else, if it helps those people, then fine. Medicine is medicine. Every medicine is probably illegal unless you take it medicinally.'" (Andrew deGerandpre, "Hypocrisy Of Legalizing Pot Undermines America's War On Hard Core Drugs, General Says," [Military Times](#) 1/16/16)

## ***Bowe Bergdahl Prisoner Swap***

**Kelly Called The Transfer Of Five Guantanamo Detainees In Exchange For U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl “Unusual.”** “The transfer, which Gen. John Kelly called ‘unusual,’ was part of a deal for the return of captured U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, said Marine Gen. John Kelly, the outgoing commander of U.S. Southern Command, which oversees military operations in Latin America and the Caribbean as well as the detention center at Guantanamo Bay.” (Jamie Crawford, “General Reporters Unaware As ‘Taliban 5 Flew Out Of Gitmo,” [CNN](#), 1/9/16)

## ***ISIS Fighters In The Caribbean***

**In January 2016, Kelly Said That The Number Of Islamic Extremists In The Caribbean With The Intent To Attack Western Targets Was Increasing.** “The number of Islamic extremists in the Caribbean intent on attacking Western targets has crept upward in the last year, the U.S. general overseeing security in Latin and South American said Friday. These would-be attackers largely come from former British colonies within the Caribbean and along its rim, and at least a few have been killed fighting for the Islamic State group, said Marine Gen. John Kelly, a storied combat commander in Iraq who will retire from his final military position later this month. Kelly has seen a shift in extremist leaders’ rhetoric toward these few ‘very, very radical mosques’ to direct their attacks from their homes, rather than attempt the increasingly difficult journey to Iraq or Syria.” (Paul Shinkman, “Top General: ISIS Presence In Caribbean On The Rise,” [U.S. News & World Report](#) 1/8/16)

## **POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

### ***Political Affiliation***

**According To GOP Data Center, John Francis Kelly Is Listed As A Registered Unaffiliated Voter In Woodbridge, VA And Is Calculated To Be A “Swing Voter.”** ([GOP Data Center](#), Accessed 11/19/16)

#### **VOTER INFO**

##### Registration Status

Registered

##### Registration Date

5/24/2016

##### Official Party

Unaffiliated

##### Observed Party

N/A

##### Calculated Party

3 - Swing

##### Absentee Status

No Data Provided

##### Primary Absentee

No Data Provided

##### General Absentee

No Data Provided

##### State Reported Ethnicity

No Data Provided

##### Modeled Ethnicity

Other / Multi-Racial

##### Observed Ethnicity

No Data Provided



**According To Lexis, John Kelly Is A Registered And Active Republican Voter In Ponte Verda, Florida.** (Lexis, Accessed 11/19/16)

**Registrant Information**

Name: KELLY, JOHN FRANCIS  
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Mailing Address: [REDACTED]  
Home Phone: [REDACTED]  
Date of Birth: 05/1950  
Age: 65+  
Gender: Male  
Race: WHITE

**Voter Information**

Registration Date: 08/06/1979  
Last Vote Date: 04/07/2015  
Party Affiliation: REPUBLICAN  
Active Status: ACTIVE  
County District: 4  
State House District: 017  
State Senate District: 006  
U.S. House District: 006  
Primary Election 2015: VOTED  
Special Election 2014: VOTED  
General Election 2012: VOTED  
General Election 2010: VOTED  
Other Election 2009: VOTED  
General Election 2008: VOTED  
General Election 2006: VOTED  
Presidential Primary 2004: VOTED

***Kelly Has Known Obama For Almost A Decade***

**Kelly Accompanied Then Illinois Senator Obama On His First Overseas Trip As The Presumptive Democrat Nominee In 2008.** “Kelly has known the president for nearly a decade. He accompanied Obama, then an Illinois senator, on his first overseas trip as the presumptive Democratic nominee eight years ago. ‘I will never forget,’ said Sen. Jack Reed, (D-R.I.), who rode in a heavily armored truck in Iraq’s Anbar province with Kelly, Obama, and Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.), later Obama’s defense secretary. Kelly turned to Obama, and Reed, who is also a Vietnam-era veteran, said he expected an equipment request. Instead, Kelly expressed concern about the long-term mental health of his military men and women.” (Molly O Toole, “Ex General To Top Brass Stay Out Of The ‘Cesspool Of Domestic Politics,” [Foreign Policy](#), 7/11/16)

***In 2014, Kelly Briefed A Group Of Lawmakers About Smuggling On The Mexico-Guatemala Border***

**In 2014, Kelly Briefed A Visiting Group Of Members Of Congress About Smuggling On The Mexico Guatemala Border, Saying Smuggling Operations Advertised The “Leniency” Of U.S. Laws.** “‘The presidents of both countries, I met with them, our group met with them, they want their children back,’ he said. ‘They’re saying, ‘please, send our children back!’ said Rep. Matt Salmon (R-AZ), a member of the working group and a key conservative lawmaker. On the trip, the group was briefed by U.S. general John Kelly on the Mexico-Guatamala border. While witnessing individuals openly swim across the river border there, Kelly told lawmakers that drug cartels some involved in financing terrorism operations were directing and reaping the profits from sophisticated smuggling operations that had advertised the leniency of U.S. laws.” (Jonathan Strong, “Boehner Group Finalizing Border Security Plan To See Floor Before August,” [Breitbart](#), 7/15/14)

## ***Bill Kristol Floated Kelly's Name For A Possible Third Party Presidential Bid***

**Kelly Was One Of The Many Names That *Weekly Standard* Editor Bill Kristol Floated For A Possible Third Party White House Run.** “Gen. James Mattis: Before Romney, Kristol promoted the former Marine general as the GOP's latest savior in uniform. (He does this a lot, including with former generals David Petraeus and John Kelly.) Mattis quickly said no.” (Max Rosenthal, “Here Are All The People Bill Kristol Can t Get To Run For The White House,” [Mother Jones](#) 11/20/16)

### **DONATIONS**

**No Known Political Donations**

### **BUSINESSES/ASSOCIATIONS**

#### ***Memberships***

**In A 2012 Response To Written Questions From The Senate Armed Services Committee During His Nomination To Be General And Commander Of U.S. Southern Command, Kelly Said He Was A Member Of The Marine Corps Association, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Association, And The Veterans Of Foreign Wars.** “Memberships: List all memberships and offices held in professional, fraternal, scholarly, civic, business, charitable, and other organizations. Marine Corps Association. 1st Marine Division Association. Veterans of Foreign Wars.” (Committee On Armed Services, [U.S. Senate](#), Hearing, 7/19/12)

#### ***Business Associations***

**In A 2012 Response To Written Questions From The Senate Armed Services Committee, Kelly Said He Had No Current Outside Business Relationships.** “9. Business relationships: List all positions currently held as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, agent, representative, or consultant of any corporation, firm, partnership, or other business enterprise, educational, or other institution. None.” (Committee On Armed Services, [U.S. Senate](#), Hearing, 7/19/12)

#### ***Lobbying***

**In Reponses To Written Questions From The Senate Armed Services Committee, Kelly Said He Had No Outside Positions Aside From Those Listed In His Service Record.** “8. Government experience: List any advisory, consultative, honorary or other part-time service or positions with Federal, State, or local governments, other than those listed in the service record extract provided to the committee by the executive branch. None.” (Committee On Armed Services, [U.S. Senate](#), Hearing, 7/19/12)

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#### ***Revolving Door***

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