

Hon. Andrew H. Card and Hon. Leon Panetta to Appear on Next Steps Forward with Dr. Chris Meek for 250th Show

Stamford, Connecticut Jan 28, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Hon. Andrew H. Card Jr., former Chief of Staff to President George W. Bush, and Hon. Leon Panetta, former director of the CIA and subsequent Secretary of Defense under President Barack Obama, will appear on the VoiceAmerica Media podcast Next Steps Forward with Dr. Chris Meek tomorrow. Premiering in August 2020, this installment will mark the program's 250th show.

"Reaching our 250th show is a meaningful milestone for *Next Steps Forward*, and it is truly an honor to mark it with two of our nation's most respected public servants. Andrew Card and Leon Panetta represent the very best of bipartisan leadership, integrity, and service at the highest levels of government during some of the most consequential moments in our history," said program host Dr. Chris Meek. "Their firsthand perspectives, their enduring commitment to honoring the lessons of September 11, and their continued dedication to educating future generations make their participation especially powerful. I am deeply grateful to welcome them to the program and to share their wisdom with our audience."

Known for his calm, disciplined leadership and deep sense of duty, Andrew Card has spent decades in high-level roles in the public and private sectors. Among his roles during three administrations was his service as U.S. Secretary of Transportation and Chief of Staff to President George W. Bush during one of the most consequential periods in modern American history, including the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Leon Panetta is one of America's most experienced public servants. A former member of Congress, he has also served as White House Chief of Staff, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Director of the CIA, and later as United States Secretary of Defense. He also founded the Panetta Institute for Public Policy to inspire civic engagement and educate future leaders.

Card and Panetta are deeply committed to ensuring that the lessons of September 11 are remembered, understood, and passed on to future generations through their work with The 9/11 Legacy Foundation.

"Reaching our 250th episode of *Next Steps Forward* is a milestone I could never have imagined when we first started this journey in 2020. I am deeply grateful to our incredible audience. Your curiosity, engagement, and support have made every conversation possible. Every guest, every story, and every lesson shared is meaningful because of you. Thank you for taking these steps forward with us and for making this milestone a celebration of our collective journey," Meek said.

Meek is the co-founder and chairman of SoldierStrong, a national nonprofit dedicated to connecting military veterans with revolutionary medical technology to help them take the next steps forward into life after service, and co-founder and organizing committee chairman of The 9/11 Legacy Foundation, a national nonprofit dedicated to educating, commemorating, and inspiring service in response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Meek hosts the informative, uplifting hour on VoiceAmerica Media every Tuesday at 1 p.m. ET/10 a.m. PT. Each week, *Next Steps Forward* features prominent leaders from the worlds of business, sports, entertainment, medicine, politics, and public policy. Past guests include FOX News Channel anchors Martha MacCallum and Dana Perino, NTT IndyCar drivers Graham Rahal and Bobby Rahal, former

Second Lady Karen Pence, former NFL stars Charles Haley, Jon Runyan, Chad Hennings, and Kendall Gammon, former National Security Advisor LTG H.R. McMaster, and Saturday Night Live legend Victoria Jackson.

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