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In 1982, Herman Pirchner, Jr. became the founding President of the American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC), a non-profit public policy organization headquartered in Washington, DC.

Under his leadership AFPC has hosted the Washington events for hundreds of foreign officials ranging from the Prime Minister of Malta to the Prime Minister of Russia; conducted hundreds of briefings for Members of Congress and their staffs; and organized dozens of fact-finding missions abroad for current and former senior American officials. Tom Ridge, Don Rumsfeld, Bud McFarlane, Newt Gingrich. Jim Woolsey, as well as former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Generals Dick Myers are among those who have participated in this program.


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