

FORMER ADMIRALS AND GENERALS WARN TRUMP IS 'DANGEROUS' TO MILITARY AND COUNTRY



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WASHINGTON — The 15 men and one woman standing at the front of a room at the National Press Association on Wednesday had several things in common.

All retired from the military as either a general or an admiral. All support Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, though they said her campaign was not involved in organizing their media event. And all warned Donald Trump would be a dangerous commander in chief.

The event occurred five days after Trump appeared at his new hotel a

few blocks from the White House flanked by two Medal of Honor recipients. He declared they were among 17 Medal of Honor recipients, most from Vietnam, Korea and World War II, who have endorsed him.

“Even the generals admit there is something very special about Medal of Honor recipients,” Trump said.

One by one, the group of old guard military leadership questioned Trump’s relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin and warned the Republican presidential candidate was alienating U.S. allies. Several warned about his calls to use and allow the proliferation of nuclear weapons. They declared Trump lacked understanding of national security and the role and structure of the military.



Retired generals and admirals hold a press conference supporting Hillary Clinton for Commander in Chief on Sept. 21, 2016, inside the National Press Club Building.

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“We want to make sure that Donald Trump never sends our troops to war because of his lack of knowledge, his bad judgment, impulse, ego or his business interests,” said retired Navy Rear Adm. Jamie Barnett, an avid Clinton campaigner. “We are calling on veterans, military families, the press and the American people to realize that all of what I’ve just discussed has an unavoidable consequence: danger to our men and women in uniform.”