

## General Makes a Major Impression

Like General Stan McChrystal, I watched war movies as a youngster. For me, it fostered an immense respect and appreciation for what our service men and women risk and potentially face on a daily basis. For him, the impact went far beyond that and proved another catalyst for his chosen profession.

I'm told McChrystal's one-on-one with *BizVoice*® magazine was one of the more fascinating interviews in the publication's 15-year history. He was sincere and painted a picture of what it was like leading the U.S. troops in battle in Afghanistan and the pressures of being in the spotlight. (See Page 14.)

On November 12 (that's a Tuesday this year, one day after Veteran's Day), you have the opportunity to hear from the man himself as McChrystal speaks at the Indiana Chamber's 24th Annual Awards Dinner. It's truly a unique evening as we give thanks, honor Hoosiers in the military and recognize those companies with ties to the armed services. I hope to see you there for this always special occasion that will contain a few new highlights this year.

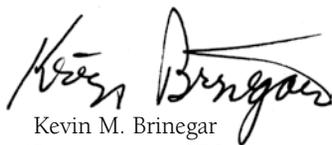
Another fascinating "interview" feature in this issue is our roundtable discussion (Page 26) with four of the businesses recognized as Indiana Companies to Watch. Stories of and about entrepreneurs are always intriguing for the details and the passions they reveal.

There is no exception here, as all of us have the opportunity to learn more about business success in "hamburger flippers" (Sportula Products), transportation services (Royal Excursion), online furniture shopping (StrataShops) and food bases and flavorings from a company (Integrative Flavors) that's history dates back to supplying Army rations in World War II.

Congratulations to each of the 33 Companies to Watch honorees. Learn about the impact they are having in their communities and collectively on the state's economic fortunes.

Finally, along with the upcoming 24th Annual Awards Dinner will be the *BizVoice*® issue that spotlights our Business Leader, Government Leader and Community of the Year. The November-December edition will also feature special recognition of long-time Indiana Chamber members and supporters.

Thank you for reading our flagship Indiana Chamber publication.



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