

## NELSON RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL SECURITY LEADERSHIP AWARD



*Senator Nelson, receiving the American Security Council Foundation's International Security Leadership Award from ACSF Vice President Gen. Frederick Kroesen (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), ASCF Chairman Brig. Gen. Donald Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), ASCF President Dr. Henry Fischer (far right) and other members of ASCF leadership.*

March 11, 2011 – This week, Nebraska's Senator Ben Nelson received the International Security Leadership Award, the top award given by the American Security Council Foundation. He received the honor as part of the Foundation's 2011 Congressional Leadership Award presentations.

In presenting the award, Brigadier General Donald Smith, who is chairman of the American Security Council Foundation's Board of Directors, said, "In recognition for his leadership, courage and vision in revitalizing America's defense capabilities, Senator Nelson's tremendous dedication and distinguished

service has resulted in numerous strides to increase the readiness of America's Armed Forces and the advancement of peace, democracy and human rights."

Dr. Henry Fischer, president of the Foundation, added, "We thank you, Senator Nelson, for your years of bipartisan leadership. Bipartisan cooperation has been the key to our military's success."

Gen. Smith applauded Senator Nelson's outstanding voting record on matters of military preparedness as one of the best in Congress.

Previous winners of the International Security Leadership Award include former Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, and former Sens. Howard Baker (R-Tenn.), Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) and Robert Dole (R-Kan.).

The American Security Council Foundation also recognized Sens. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.), and Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.) and Connie Mack (R-Fla.) with other 2011 Congressional Leadership Awards.

The American Security Council Foundation has been at the forefront of the defense and foreign policy debate for more than 50 years. President Reagan credited the organization for developing the doctrine of "Peace through Strength" that won the Cold War.

Originally known as the Institute for American Strategy, the foundation focuses on a wide range of educational programs which address critical challenges to U.S. foreign policy, national security and the global economy.

More information on the American Security Council Foundation can be found at [www.ascfusa.org](http://www.ascfusa.org)