Robert David STEELE Vivas is a former spy, honorary hacker, and the #1 Amazon reviewer for non-fiction, reading in 98 categories. As CEO (pro bono) of Earth Intelligence Network, he has led a team in creating concepts for restoring power to the public with public decision-support (intelligence), public budgeting, and a public Global Game. He offers three kinds of presentations in English or Spanish:

- Very formal “presidential” speeches with measured words and a specific focus, for example to the French Senate or the Chilean government (see Steele @ Chile)
- Informal community town hall and professional working group presentations that are interactive (see Steele @ Yale, Steele @ Spain, Steele @ Amazon)
- Rousing “no holds” barred presentations on anything from JFK to 9/11 to ET, for social clubs and colleges (see Steele @ Hackers, Steele @ Gnomedex)

His largest audience to date has been 4,500 in number (Superintendent’s Guest Lecturer, Naval Postgraduate School). His Q&A record is 8 hours and 1 minute, set at Hackers on Planet Earth in NYC in July 2010. He has spoken in the French Senate, to all NATO/PfP/MD flag officers for intelligence, and across 20 countries. He has personally mentored and trained over 7,500 international personnel in how to make informed decisions. Recently returned from Afghanistan, he understands our persistent incapacity to wage and win wars. Among his wide variety of presentation titles are:

- America the Beautiful—What Went Wrong, Where Now?
- Ask Me Anything—Spy IMPROV or Truth on Steroids
- Global Reality—10 Threats, 12 Policies, 12 Countries Owning the Future
- Hack the Earth—Holistic Analytics, True Cost Economics & Total Integrity
- Intelligence—from Spies & Lies to Decision-Support with Integrity
- Open Source Everything—the Cultural, Financial, and Technical Revolution
- Revolution USA—Understanding Washington’s Betrayal of the Public Trust

His motto is “The truth at any cost lowers all other costs.” Since 1988, when he left the clandestine service to create the Marine Corps Intelligence Activity, he has been the most persistent published proponent for intelligence (decision-support) reform. He challenges conformist thinking and entrenched biases. He is the father of the third era of national intelligence, the era of the Smart Nation (and Smart Organization). Among his seminal short works are Intelligence for the President—AND Everyone Else (Counterpunch, 3 March 2009) and The Evolving Craft of Intelligence (Routledge Companion to Intelligence Studies, 2014).

In 2008, concerned about the corruption of the two-party bi-opoly, he published ELECTION 2008: Lipstick on the Pig. In 2012 he ran briefly for President, accepted as a candidate by the Reform Party, one of four disenfranchised parties blocked from the ballot—along with Independents. He did this for two reasons: to put the best apolitical ideas in one place, at We the People Reform Coalition; and to have a basis for challenging all the other Presidential candidates to come together in a universal demand for an Electoral Reform Act that would restore public sovereignty over the government. The story of that campaign is told in How I Tested the Boundaries of the Two-Party Tyranny (Reality Sandwich, 5 June 2012).

Whatever your interest, Robert will energize your group and nurture your good intentions. Robert will tailor a presentation to your precise needs.
Robert Steele is unusual for an American…he is clearly internationalist in his orientation. He has written a book that can bring us together in facing our greatest enemies: ignorance, poverty, and mistrust.

Rear Admiral Hamit Gulermre Aybars, Turkish Navy (Retired)

Robert Steele’s vision for the future of intelligence is clearly “internationalist” in nature. It focuses on regional partnerships…and on the value of open source intelligence collection.

Rear Admiral Dr. Sigurd Hess, DE (Ret),
Former Chief of Staff, Allied Command Baltic Approaches

Robert Steele goes well beyond the original visions of the best of the Directors of Central Intelligence, and has crafted a brilliant, sensible, and honorable future for the intelligence profession.

Major General Oleg Kalugin, KGB (Ret),
Former Elected Deputy to the Russian Parliament

Over a broad canvas reflecting the changing nature of information and information technologies, Robert Steele lays the foundation for the future of e-intelligence.

Commodore Patrick Tyrrell, OBE, Royal Navy, United Kingdom

Robert Steele’s concept is simple: Empower the citizen and private sector to gather and analyze intelligence so that we can make informed decisions…using Open Source Intelligence gathering [that] is faster, smarter, cheaper…

Robert Young Pelton, author, World’s Most Dangerous Places, producer, Come Back Alive

Robert Steele is about 100 times as smart and 10,000 times as dangerous as the best of the hackers, for he is successfully hacking the most challenging of bureaucracies…for the right reasons.

Bruce Sterling in Hacker Crackdown: Law and Order on the Electronic Frontier

Steele consistently has been well ahead of the pack in his appreciation for everything from open source research to the implications of technology…his work thrills with its insights and ideas.

Ralph Peters, Fighting for the Future: Will America Triumph?

Few have thought as deeply or imaginatively about such questions as a super-smart [now sixty-one]-year old former Marine and intelligence officer named Robert D. Steele…

Alvin & Heidi Toffler, War & Anti-War: Survival at the Dawn of the 21st Century

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Robert Steele deserves our admiration and our focused attention for bringing the idea of open source information to the fore. His passion to serve the nation by developing this new approach…is exemplary.

The Honorable Richard Kerr, Former Deputy Director of Central Intelligence