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Kenneth A. Hersh
and
W. Herbert Hunt

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W. HERBERT HUNT
Advisor, Petro-Hunt, L.L.C.
Maguire Energy Institute Pioneer Award Recipient

William Herbert Hunt graduated in 1951 from Washington and Lee University with a Bachelor of Science in Geology. Hunt has been active in the upstream and downstream sectors of the oil and gas industry, and has been involved in numerous discoveries and developments of large and giant fields in his career. Hunt is active in the oil service industry, mining, and real estate operations on behalf of various Hunt family companies.

Hunt has been a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) since 1953 and serves on its Corporate Advisory Committee. He received the AAPG Pioneer Award in 2007. He has also been a long-time member of the board of directors for the American Petroleum Institute (API).

He has served as president and board member of the American Association of Drilling Contractors (AAODC, now IADC); board member and chairman of the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA); and president of both the Dallas Petroleum Club and Dallas Wildcat Committee.

Hunt presently serves other non-industry organizations, including the Executive Board of Boy Scouts of America’s Circle 10 Council.
Since 2016, Kenneth A. Hersh has served as President, Chief Executive Officer, and board member of the George W. Bush Presidential Center, a Dallas-based non-partisan institution that houses the George W. Bush Library and Museum and the George W. Bush Institute. The Bush Center’s mission is to engage communities in the U.S. and around the world by developing leaders, advancing policy, and taking action to solve today’s most pressing challenges.

Hersh co-founded NGP Energy Capital Management, a premier private equity investment franchise in the natural resources industry managing over $20 billion of cumulative committed capital since inception in 1988. Until 2016, he served as NGP’s Chief Executive Officer. From 1988 through 2015, under his leadership, NGP invested over $12 billion and achieved returns making it one of the nation’s leading investment firms.

Hersh currently serves as Senior Advisor to The Carlyle Group’s natural resources division and sits on the boards of the Texas Rangers Baseball Club and the Dallas Citizens Council. He serves on the Board of Overseers of the Hoover Institution and the Dean’s Council of the Harvard Kennedy School. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the National Council of the American Enterprise Institute.

Hersh was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. After graduating from St. Mark’s School of Texas, he attended Princeton University and earned his M.B.A. from Stanford University’s Graduate School of Business.