

## **David Hale**

### **Career Ambassador**

Ambassador David Hale was the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs from August 2018-May 2021, reporting directly to the Secretary of State. Ambassador Hale was responsible for the conduct of U.S. foreign relations globally. He supervised the Department's six regional bureaus and the bureau for international organizations, as well as all American embassies, consulates and missions abroad.

Ambassador Hale was in the U.S. Foreign Service for 38 years and holds the lifetime rank of a Career Ambassador. A Career Ambassador is Senate-confirmed, the most senior rank in the State Department, and equivalent to a four-star general. He served in the administrations of Presidents Bush, Obama, and Trump as: Ambassador to Pakistan (2015-2018), Ambassador to Lebanon (2013-2015), Special Envoy for Middle East Peace (2011-2013), Deputy Envoy (2009-2011), Deputy Assistant Secretary of State covering Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and the Palestinians (2008-2009), and Ambassador to Jordan (2005-2008). Other overseas assignments included Israel, Tunisia, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia.

He graduated in 1983 from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and speaks and reads Arabic. He has received one presidential distinguished and two meritorious rank awards; the Secretary of State's distinguished service award; State Department superior and meritorious honor awards; the Philip C. Habib Award for Distinguished Public Service from the American Task Force for Lebanon; and, Jordan's Order of Istiqlal.

His book, "American Diplomacy toward Lebanon: Lessons in Middle East Foreign Policy," was published in February 2024.