

Biographical Sketch

Ambassador James F. Jeffrey

Ambassador Jeffrey retired from the foreign service in 2012 with the rank of career ambassador, at the end of a thirty-five year career including ambassador to Iraq, Turkiye, and Albania, Deputy National Security Advisor in the George W. Bush administration, and service as Special Envoy for Iraq and Deputy Special Envoy for Bosnia. He was recalled to the foreign service in 2018 to serve as Special Envoy/Chief of Mission Syria, and in 2019 concurrently as Special Representative to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, and retired again in late 2020. In retirement Ambassador Jeffrey has worked for the Washington Institute for Near Eastern Policy and the Wilson Center, and served on the Defense Policy Board 2012-2017 and on the CIA External Advisory Board 2017-18. Ambassador Jeffrey is married with two children, one of whom is a foreign service officer, and served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army 1969-1976 with service in Germany and Vietnam.