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Robert has also served overseas tours in Beijing, Baghdad, Tokyo, and the American Institute in Taiwan, Taipei. He holds a master's degree from the London School of Economics and a bachelor's from Boston University. Robert enjoys introducing American culture through his love of playing and appreciating jazz music. He is married with two children, and speaks Mandarin, Japanese, German, and Spanish.