

Donald S. Hays

Ambassador Hays is a senior inspector with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Department of State and the Broadcasting Board of Governors. He joined OIG in January 2010.

Mr. Hays served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1970, with a tour in Vietnam (1968–1970). He then joined the Foreign Service in 1973, serving in Vietnam, the former Soviet Union, Sierra Leone, Senegal, and Germany. He also served in the Department in the Secretariat as Executive Director of the Office of Medical Services and later of the Bureau of European and Canadian Affairs. He then served as Director of the Office of Management Policy.

In 1999, Mr. Hays was appointed Ambassador for United Nations Reform at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. Following that tour, he was seconded to the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and served as the senior deputy high representative for 4 years. He finished out his career on assignment to the U.S. Institute of Peace.

Mr. Hays has been awarded the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service, two Department Distinguished Honor Awards, and four Superior Honor Awards. While in the military, he also received two Bronze Stars, an Army Commendation Award, and an Air Medal for his service in Vietnam.

Mr. Hays received his B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and attended postgraduate studies at Georgetown University and the Department's senior training at Princeton. Mr. Hays retired from the Foreign Service in 2006.