

Brenda Saunders Sprague
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Brenda Saunders Sprague was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated summa cum laude from Saint Frances College in Loretto, Pennsylvania in 1973 with a degree in business administration. Later that year she joined the United States Foreign Service. She has served at the Consulate General in Seville, Spain; at the U.S. Sinai Field Mission and at the Consulate General in Jerusalem. Mrs. Sprague has also served as a staff assistant in the Office of Operations, Bureau of Administration; special assistant to the Director General of the Multinational Force and Observers; executive director of the Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs and budget officer and deputy executive director of the Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. She participated in the Congressional Fellowship program for the 1984-85 academic year, working in the office of the late Congressman Dante Fascell, Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mrs. Sprague served for nine years in State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security. In 1995 she was named the Deputy Director of the Office of Language Services, the organization responsible for providing high level interpreting and translating services to the White House and the rest of the federal government. In June 1997 she was named Director of the office and was admitted to the Senior Executive Service in August of that year.

In July 2008, Ms. Sprague was appointed as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Passport Services in the Bureau of Consular Affairs. In that capacity she oversees a network of 28 agencies and centers that are responsible for the acceptance, adjudication, and issuance of US passports.

Ms. Sprague is married and has two adult sons.