

Wall of Honor

Paul D. Wohlers

Class of 1970

Education

- U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland - B.S. in Foreign Affairs, 1974.
- University of Washington School of Law -J.D., 1982.

Career

- After Annapolis, completed Naval Flight School and earned Naval Flight Officer Wings.
- Served in VAW-121, flying in the E2-C Hawkeye Airborne Early Warning aircraft deployed aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower; 100+ carrier landings.
- Joined the U.S. Department of State in 1984 and served as Foreign Service Officer for 33 years.
- Diplomatic postings as Political Officer at U.S. Embassies in Romania, Russia, Cyprus, and Macedonia, plus numerous positions in Washington, including on the staffs of five Secretaries of State.
- Achieved rank of Minister Counselor (Two-star military equivalent) in the Senior Foreign Service.
- Assignments included senior positions managing personnel, resources, and policy:
 - Deputy Director, Executive Secretariat Staff - supervised advance teams for Secretary of State's travel;
 - Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d'Affaires at U.S. Embassy Skopje, Macedonia;
 - Director, Office of Caucasus Affairs in the Bureau of European Affairs - responsible for U.S. bilateral relations with Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.

- Deputy Executive Secretary of the Department of State - oversaw preparation of briefing papers for the Secretary of State and managed Secretary's global travel.
- Nominated as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia by President Obama; served as Ambassador to Macedonia from September 2011 - January 2015.
- Selected in 2015 as Deputy Commandant of the National War College in Washington, D.C., the premier training center in National Security Strategy for U.S. Government officials.
- Received multiple State Department awards, including 2 Meritorious Honor Awards, 3 Superior Honor Awards, and 3 Ambassadorial Performance Awards.
- After retirement in 2017, taught as Adjunct Professor in the Political Science Department at the U.S. Naval Academy and served as a Senior Inspector for the Department of State Inspector General.
- Married to Mary Jo (Larsen) for 42 years; three daughters and sons-in-law; eight grandchildren.

Community Service

- Board of Directors of Romanian Christian Enterprises - 1995-present. Advanced RCE's mission of providing group homes for hundreds of Romanian orphans and learning-disabled children, with full-time caregivers, schooling, therapy, and vocational training, with the goal of adoption into a family, managing a \$2 million budget and Romanian staff of 100 teachers, counselors, and therapists.
- Elder, McLean Presbyterian Church (McLean, Virginia) – 2019-present. Assisted in church governance and congregational care for a congregation of 1,500.
- Part-time teacher of International Relations and History at Immanuel Christian High School (Alexandria, Virginia) – 2021-present.