

AMBASSADOR CHARLES E. MARTHINSEN

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Background

Born in New Jersey, raised in Pennsylvania
Gannon College, Erie, PA
United States Army
State Department, 1955
Entered the Foreign Service in 1956

Dacca, East Pakistan; Economic/Commercial Officer 1957-1959

Environment
River transportation
Jute
Population
Marriage

Beirut, Lebanon; Arabic language study 1959-1961

Environment
Arabic language dialects
Arab-Israel issue
Arab regional politics
Iraq

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Political/Consular Officer 1962-1964

Saudi-Egypt relations
Environment
Yemen Civil War
Socializing
Education
Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO)
Palestinians
Gulf Emirates
Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

Damascus, Syria; Economic/AID Officer 1964-1967

Pre-Baath Government
Economy
Historic Syria
Environment
Coups
Military
The United Arab Republic
Baath Party

Hafiz Al-Assad
Arab-Israel 1967 War

Montreal, Canada; Public Relations Officer	1967
Cairo, Egypt; Spanish Embassy Interests Section Contacts with the Revolutionary Command Council Economic/commercial affairs Environment Soviets Nasser	1968-1969
State Department; Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State, Near East and South Asian Affairs (NEA) Sisco-Kissinger relations Arab-Israel	1969-1970
Tripoli, Libya; Political Officer Omar Qadhafi Environment General distrust Contacts Nasser's death Egyptians Oil production Qadhafi's peculiarities Declared Persona non Grata (PNG)	1970-1972
The National War College	1973-1974
State Department; Department of Personnel Near East, South Asia Assignments Officer Minority assignments	1974-1976
Department of State; Political-Military Affairs, NEA	1976-1977
Department of State; Office Director, Egyptian Affairs Middle East Peace Initiatives Anwar Sadat Camp David Accords	1977-1980
Ambassador to Qatar Transformation of Qatar Education Ruling Sheikh Khalifas Environment	1980-1983

Relations with neighbors
United Arab Emirates
Oil
Iran-Iraq War

Diplomat in Residence, University of Pittsburgh	1983-1984
The Army War College, Carlisle, PA Deputy Commander for International Affairs	1983-1987
Retirement	1987