

## ROBERT B. PETERSEN

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#### Background

Born and raised in Ohio  
Oberlin College  
Entered the Foreign Service (USIA) in 1965  
A-100 Course

State Department; FSI; Vietnamese language training 1965-1966

Saigon, Vietnam; USIA; Asst. Public Affairs Officer (Danang) 1966-1967

Environment  
Chu Hoi  
Student Exchange Program  
Joint Economic Section  
Civilian Manpower Committee  
Consular duties  
Congressional escort  
Joint US Public Affairs Office (JUSPO)  
Vietnamese-American Association  
Programs

Kuching, Malaysia; USIA; Branch Public Affairs Officer 1967-1970

Ethnic and religious groups  
Communal riots  
Operations  
Government  
American films  
Public speaking  
Brunei

State Department; FSI; Japanese language study 1970-1971

Sapporo, Japan; Branch Public Affairs Officer 1971-1973

Environment  
US policy  
Hokkaido University  
Olympics  
Japanese journalists

Princeton University; Mid-Career Fellowship 1973-1974

Washington, D.C. USIA; Exhibitions Section 1974

Preparations for the Okinawa 1975 World's Fair Language proficient recruiting team	
Okinawa; USIA; US Pavilion, Okinawa World's Fair Hiring employees Pavilion objectives Assessment of Expo's success American expatriates Duties Environment	1974-1976
Washington, D.C.; USIA; Desk Officer, Latin American Office Human Rights Marriage	1976-1978
Mauritius; USIA; Public Affairs Officer Diego Garcia military base Government Operations Elections Population	1979-1982
State Department; FSI; Hebrew language training	1982
Tel Aviv, Israel; USIA; Cultural Affairs Officer Government Lebanon invasion Student exchange program Arab relations Environment Cultural programs Congressional visits	1982-1986
Washington, D.C.; USIA; Educational Exchange, North Africa/ Middle East/ South Asia Program funding Criteria for grantees Relations with schools US Policy input	1986-1988
The National War College	1988-1989
Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire: Public Affairs Officer President Houphouet-Boigny Liberia war refugees Humanitarian relief	1989-1992

US interests  
Environment  
Security  
Economy  
French influence

Rabat, Morocco; Public Affairs Officer 1992-1996  
Environment  
Relations  
Tangier VOA relay station  
Government  
Democratization  
Berber-Arab relationship  
Libya  
Jewish community  
Board of English Language Libraries

Retirement 1996  
Post Retirement Assignments  
Science Applications International Corporation  
(Special Operations in Low Intensity Conflict) Pentagon  
Office of Strategic Communication in the International Information Program  
Strategic Communication for Policy Coordination Committee