

Biography of
AMBASSADOR RONALD E. NEUMANN
President of the American Academy of Diplomacy

Formerly a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Ronald E. Neumann served three times as Ambassador to Algeria, Bahrain and finally to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan from 2005 to 2007. Before Afghanistan, Mr. Neumann, a career member of the senior foreign service, served in Baghdad from 2004 with the coalition provisional authority and then as embassy Baghdad's principal interlocutor with the multinational command, where he was deeply involved in coordinating the Political part of military action.

Prior to working in Iraq, he was chief of mission in Manama, Bahrain. Before that, Ambassador Neumann served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Near East Affairs, where he directed the organization of the first separately-funded NEA democracy programs and also was responsible for the bureau's work in developing the north African economic initiative for Morocco, Tunisia, and Algeria. Before that assignment, he was Ambassador to Algeria and Director of the Office of Northern Gulf Affairs (Iran and Iraq from 1991 to 1994).

Earlier in his career, he was Deputy Chief of Mission in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and in Sanaa in Yemen, Principal Officer in Tabriz, Iran and Economic / Commercial Officer in Dakar, Senegal.

His previous Washington assignments include service as Jordan Desk Officer, Staff Assistant in the Middle East Bureau, and Political Officer in the Office of Southern European Affairs.

Ambassador Neumann is the author of *The Other War: Winning and Losing in Afghanistan*, a book on his time in Afghanistan. He is the author of a number of monographs and articles. At the academy he has focused particularly on efforts to expand state and USAID personnel to enable these institutions to carry out their responsibilities.