J. Liam Wasley

Senior U.S. Diplomat | Transatlantic Security & Crisis Leadership

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Profile

Accomplished American diplomat with 30+ years advancing U.S. national security and foreign policy across Europe, NATO, and conflict zones. Trusted crisis leader with deep expertise in Central/Eastern Europe and multilateral diplomacy. Proven record working with military partners, managing billion-dollar security programs, and navigating complex geopolitical landscapes.

Leadership Roles

Director, NATO Office & Acting DAS – Washington, DC | 2023–2025

- Directed U.S. planning for the 2024 Washington NATO Summit
- Oversaw NATO & OSCE policy across the interagency

Acting DCM & Political Minister Counselor – U.S. Embassy Paris | 2020–2023

• Restored U.S.–French ties post-AUKUS; led Ukraine coordination

Acting DCM – U.S. Embassy Baghdad | 2018–2019

• Managed \$1B+ security portfolio during drawdown; led Iran-militia diplomacy

DCM & Chargé – U.S. Embassy Bratislava | 2015–2018

• Negotiated defense sales; countered Russian disinformation

Political-Military Counselor – U.S. Embassy Rome | 2008–2011

• Led NATO & Libya war negotiations with Italian MOD

Earlier Highlights

- U.S. Advisor in eastern Afghanistan | 2005–2006
- NATO enlargement negotiator | 1997–2000
- Kosovo ceasefire monitor | 1998
- Led U.S. privacy response post-Snowden | 2012–2014

Education

- ◆ National War College MS, National Security Strategy
- ◆ Georgetown University *MSFS / MA*, *History*
- **♦** Brown University *AB*, *History & International Relations*

Languages

French, Slovak, Polish (fluent) | Italian, Swedish (advanced) | German (intermediate)

Honors

- Secretary's Expeditionary Diplomacy Award
- 3 Senior Foreign Service Performance Awards
- 6 Superior Honor Awards
- NATO Defence College Executive Seminar