

## Robert P. Waller, FE-MC

### Experience:

*2022-Present: Minister Counselor for Political Affairs, U.S. Embassy Rome*

- Led political effort to ensure Italy's withdrawal from the PRC's Belt & Road Initiative.
- As Acting DCM/CDA, oversaw Mission Italy's 654 employees as needed.

*2020-2021: Consul General, U.S. Consulate General Erbil*

- Led 400 employees in advancing U.S. policy priorities in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region.
- Persuaded the Ministry of Peshmerga Affairs to centralize its payroll operations, thereby reducing the scope for "ghost soldiers" to siphon resources.
- Secured a \$250 million Development Finance Corporation loan for a strategic gas project.

*2018-2020: Director, Office of Iraq Affairs*

- Managed a critical bilateral relationship with \$500 million in bilateral assistance.
- As Acting DAS, forged interagency consensus on Iraqi government formation.
- Led Department Task Force during the December 2019 attack on Embassy Baghdad.

*2015-2018: Minister Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs, U.S. Mission Geneva*

- As Acting DCM for 16 months, oversaw 249 employees and a \$40 million budget.
- Overcame daunting odds (171 to 18) to achieve consensus on the adoption of governance reforms at the World Intellectual Property Organization.
- Blocked U.S. rivals from expanding the mandate of the International Telecommunications Union to the detriment of U.S. industry.

*2012-2015: Consul General, U.S. Consulate General Dubai*

- Managed 200+ employees from 21 nationalities and a broad range of federal agencies.
- Unlocked \$5 billion in U.S. Export-Import Bank financing for U.S. companies.

*2011-2012: NSC Director for Israeli, Palestinian, and Jordanian Affairs*

*2010-2011: Deputy Director of NATO Operations, EUR/RPM*

*2009-2010: Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs*

*2006-2007, 2008-2009: Middle East Watcher, U.S. Embassy Paris*

*2007-2008: Deputy Political Counselor, U.S. Embassy Baghdad*

*2005-2006: Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State*

2004-2005: Desk Officer for Iran

2003-2004: Staff Assistant, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs

2001-2003: Political Officer, U.S. Consulate Jerusalem

1998-2000: Consular Officer, U.S. Consulate Jeddah

**Awards:**

- o James Clement Dunn Award for Excellence in Mid-Level Officers (2010)
- o Department of State Superior Honor Awards (2003, 2008, 2009, 2015, 2020)
- o Department of State Meritorious Honor Award (2000)

**Languages:**

Arabic 4/4, French 3+/3+, Italian 3/3, and Spanish 3/3.

**Publications:**

“Chemical and Biological Weapons and Deterrence Case Study 2: Libya,” (Alexandria, VA: Chemical and Biological Arms Control Institute, 1998).

Review of “Algeria: The Next Fundamentalist State?” by Graham E. Fuller. Survival, Vol. 39 Issue 2, (1997).

“The Lockerbie endgame,” The Journal of North African Studies, Vol. 1, Issue 1, (1996): 73-94.

“Libyan CW raises the issue of pre-emption,” Jane’s Intelligence Review, Vol. 8, no. 11, (November, 1996): 523-524.

“UNSCOM left in the lurch,” Jane’s Intelligence Review, Vol. 8, no. 9, (September, 1996): 408.

“Sudanese security: Rogue state in crisis,” Jane’s Intelligence Review, Vol. 8, no. 7, (July, 1996): 311-315.

“The Libyan threat to the Mediterranean,” Jane’s Intelligence Review, Vol. 8, no. 5, (May, 1996).

“Libyan threat perception,” Jane’s Intelligence Review, Vol. 7, no. 9, (September, 1995): 408.

**Education:**

DPhil in Mediterranean Studies, King’s College, University of London (2000)

BA in Near Eastern Studies (*summa cum laude*), Brigham Young University (1994)