

AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

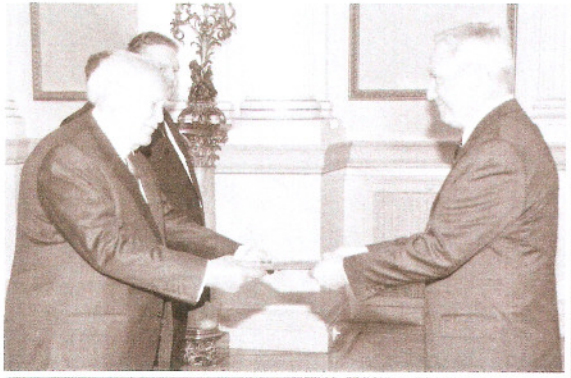
Newly-appointed Ambassador of the United States of America, David D. Pearce, presented his credentials to the President of the Hellenic Republic, Karolos Papoulias, on October 17th 2013.

Ambassador Pearce, is a 30-year veteran of the Foreign Service with long experience in the Middle East, he earlier held the position of Senior Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan and served concurrently as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs. He was the Assistant Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Kabul, one of five Ambassador-level positions at the Embassy. Prior to Kabul, he was the US Ambassador to Algeria from 2008 to 2011. He was also Chief of Mission and Consul General in Jerusalem from 2003 to 2005.

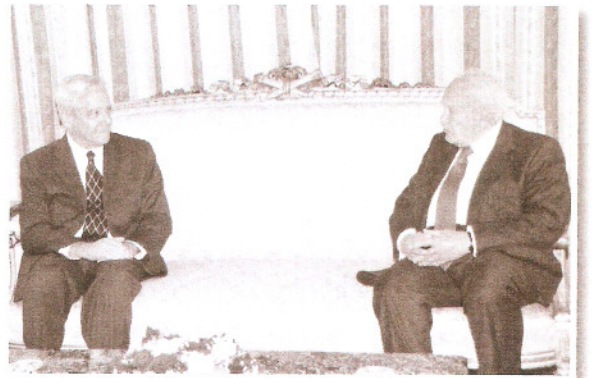
Ambassador Pearce was born in Portland, Maine on June 9th 1950. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine in 1972 and an MA in journalism from Ohio State University in 1973. He was a reporter and foreign correspondent for nearly a decade before joining the Foreign Service. In January 1982 he entered the Foreign Service, serving first as a Vice Consul and Political Officer in Riyadh.

From 1984 to 1985, he was a Watch Officer in the State Department Operations Center, followed by a 1985-87 tour as a Country Desk Officer for Greece. In 1987-88, he studied Arabic at the Foreign Service Institute field school in Tunis, then became Chief of the Political Section at the US Embassy in Kuwait. During the Gulf War, he worked as a Liaison Officer with the Kuwaiti government-in-exile in Taif, Saudi Arabia. He returned to Washington in 1991 to become a Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

In 1992 to 1993, Ambassador Pearce took sabbatical leave to write a book on diplomacy and the media. From 1994-1997, he was Consul General in Dubai and from 1997-2001 he served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Damascus. From September 2001 to July 2003, he was Director of the Department of State's Office of Northern Gulf Affairs, with responsibility for Iraq and Iran. In May-June 2003, he served with the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad. He was the Minister Counselor for Political Affairs at the United States Embassy in Rome from 2005-2008. While in Rome, he served two excursion tours to Iraq, in March-April 2007 and September 2007-March 2008, as a Senior Adviser to Ambassador Ryan Crocker.



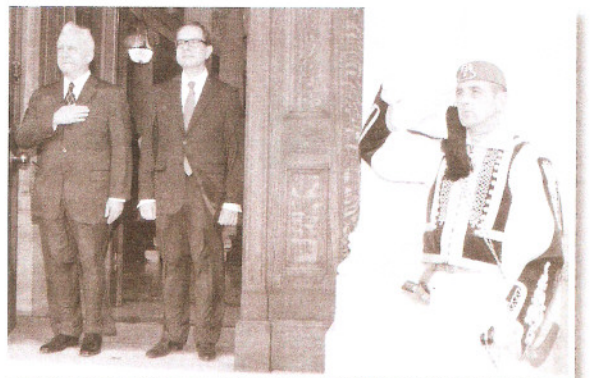
President of the Hellenic Republic Karolos Papoulias accepts the credentials of the newly-appointed Ambassador of the United States of America, David D. Pearce.



Ambassador of the United States of America, David D. Pearce pictured in discussion with President Karolos Papoulias after the presentation of his credentials to the Hellenic Republic.



MoFA Chief of Protocol, Ambassador Dimitrios Zevelakis introduces Ambassador Pearce to Vice President of the Government, Foreign Minister Evangelos Venizelos.



Standing at attention during the National Anthems, Ambassador of the United States of America, David D. Pearce and Chief of Protocol, Ambassador Dimitrios Zevelakis.