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In Memoriam: George Herbert Walker Bush (1924-2018)

Under President George Herbert Walker Bush, the nation witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Soviet Union. In this piece, we honor the former President who served his country with distinction, and gave us a glimpse of his humanity through being the original “Sock Diplomat.”

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Twenty Years Later, Diplomats Reflect on African Embassy Bombings



Twenty years ago, the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania fell victim to coordinated and nearly simultaneous truck bombs – later linked to Al-Qaeda. Fifty-six U.S. government employees, contractors, and family members were killed. From the ashes, countless survivors pulled together and rebuilt

strengthened and resilient communities. On August 6, 2018 the [United States Diplomacy Center](#) commemorated the anniversary of these bombings hosted by Ambassadors Prudence Bushnell and John Lange, who respectively were in Kenya and Tanzania at the time. Both ambassadors and four embassy employees shared how they served their communities in the face of the ultimate tragedy. AFSA, in its July/August editions of the Foreign Service Journal highlighted more [stories of survivors](#).

September 11th, From Tragedy a Global Community Comes Together



This year, in conjunction with the “Vets at State” affinity group, the Diplomacy Center recognized the 17th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks by showcasing how this tragedy brought the world together.

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And the Hackathon winners are...



In September, Amazon Web Services sponsored ImpactHack 2018, hosted by the United States Diplomacy Center and World Resources Institute. Teams competed against one another to create innovative ways to highlight the impact of diplomacy. Alex Cohen (Maryland), Taylor Funk (Virginia), Brianna McGowan (Maryland), and Chaudhry Talha (District of Columbia) created the winning project, [My State, My State Department](#).

Public Historian Dr. Alison Mann and Associate Curator Katie Speckart appear on CSPAN’s American Artifacts Series, sharing highlights



from the United States Diplomacy Center's collection of artifacts. Check out the history of diplomacy and what we have in store.

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***"I'm very happy that they can be part of the
Diplomacy Center"***

Ambassador John Limbert is a former diplomat and American hostage during the takeover of the U.S. embassy Iran in 1979. Ambassador Limbert, and other Americans in the embassy, were captive for 14 months, and amongst other hardships, also contended with not having a change of clothes. The items he wore during the 444 days are now part of the Diplomacy Center collections, and include a pair of sandals given to him by his captors.



The support needed to make the vision of the United States Diplomacy Center a reality is based on a public-private partnership. The Department of State, representing the public sector, is providing the space, staff and security. The Diplomacy Center Foundation (DCF), a 501(c)(3) organization, is representing the private sector. DCF has raised \$50 million and is working to raise the other \$40 million needed to complete the project and set up the endowment necessary to maintain the collection.

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