



DIPLOMACY IS OUR *Mission*

Highlights Tour

Welcome to the National Museum of American Diplomacy (NMAD). While still under development, we are pleased to share a glimpse of what's to come through our preview exhibit, *Diplomacy Is Our Mission*.

Diplomacy Is Our Mission is about a shared commitment to service. It is about the people who have dedicated their lives to protect and strengthen our country by pursuing our national interests. From the founding of our nation to the global challenges of today, American diplomats, staff, and citizens have built bridges of cooperation and understanding around the world. Through the words, images, and artifacts of these diverse practitioners, *Diplomacy Is Our Mission* tells the often surprising story of how diplomacy has shaped and benefited our nation.

Security

Prosperity

Democracy

Development



Four words loom large in this exhibit: security, prosperity, democracy, and development. Together, they capture the mission of the State Department and frame the stories found in each enclosure. These historic and contemporary stories highlight the efforts of U.S. diplomats and how they work with international partners to create a more stable world.

Four Secretaries of State, spanning four centuries, invite you to discover why diplomacy matters.

Four questions help guide you through this exhibit:

- What is diplomacy?
- Who are America's diplomats?
- How does diplomacy benefit our nation?
- How does diplomacy benefit me?

Visit each enclosure to find examples of diplomacy through stories, artifacts, and videos.

Security

How does an aid worker who provides medicine to combat an epidemic practice diplomacy? Or a Public Affairs Officer who works with artists and journalists?

Find the graphic novel displayed: How do you think this information would help protect citizens in the United States?



Le Virus Ebola! graphic novel (2014)



Japan delegation commemorative medallion (1860)

Prosperity

How do political, economic, and financial relationships facilitate international investment, trade, and entrepreneurship that benefit Americans?

Find a medal coin in the case: Why would this event be commemorative? How did this visit contribute to a prosperous relationship between the United States and Japan?

Democracy

How does the work of diplomacy expand responsive, transparent, and responsible governments that support a clean and healthy environment?

Find the largest object in this enclosure: Which images in this space help you understand the need to study the air quality? How does placing an air quality monitor on the roof of the U.S. Embassy Beijing model democracy?



L.A. County Fire Department fire helmet (2015)

Development

How does the work of diplomacy build collaboration with nations and communities to meet the needs of citizens through better access to health care, public safety, education, and economic opportunity?

Find the hard-hat helmet: How is a firefighter a citizen diplomat? How does assisting in humanitarian crises benefit the United States?



Air quality monitor (2008)