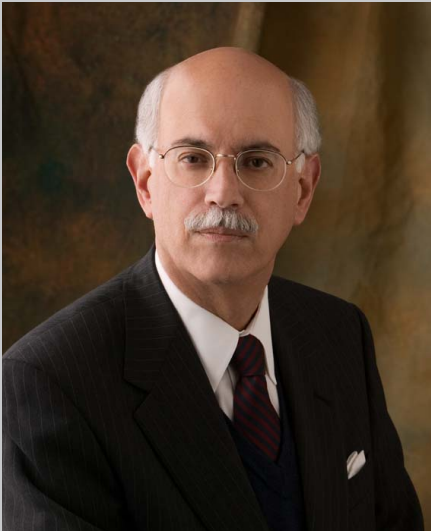


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**LIEUTENANT COLONEL
ANDREW S. NATSIOS**

Inducted November 2016



Lieutenant Colonel Andrew S. Natsios was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A 23-year veteran of the United States Army Reserve, he was commissioned as an Infantry second lieutenant from Georgetown University ROTC. In 1983, he completed the Civil Affairs Officer Advanced Course at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School.

Lt. Col. Natsios joined the 357th Civil Affairs Brigade in 1972, and in 1979 was assigned to the Iceland Defense Force Command as the Adjutant and Assistant Personnel Officer. He then served with the 443rd Civil Affairs Company, with a follow-on assignment as the Civil Military Operations Officer, Headquarters, U.S. Army Iceland. In 1990, while assigned to the 352nd Civil Affairs Command, he joined the planning cell for Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. As the executive officer for the Kuwait Task Force, he oversaw the creation of the Civil Affairs plan for the relief and reconstruction of post-liberation Kuwait. His plan successfully integrated resources from the Government of Kuwait, U.S. Government civilian agencies, non-governmental and international organizations, as well as numerous private sector companies to ensure a seamless transition from the U.S. military back to Kuwaiti control.

Recalled to active duty service with the Joint Staff at the Pentagon in 1993, Lt. Col. Natsios provided invaluable Civil Affairs advice on operations in Somalia and Bosnia, and was a member of assessment and planning teams to the two theaters. He also provided guidance to U.S. military personnel in Somalia on the transition of civil military operations from U.S. to UN control. He then rejoined the 352d Civil Affairs Command as the Deputy Chief, U.S. Central Command Civil Affairs Policies, Plans and Program Team. He retired from the Army Reserve in 1995.

His civilian career complemented his U.S. Army Civil Affairs career. Lt. Col. Natsios served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1975 to 1987, focusing on public finance and municipal government. Joining the U.S. Agency for International Development, he directed the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance from 1989 through 1991 and then as Assistant Administrator for the Bureaus for Food and Humanitarian Assistance for another two years. From 1993 to 1998, Natsios served as the Vice President of World Vision, where he was responsible for grant funding, public advocacy and management of humanitarian relief, micro credit, international health, food security and agriculture programs developed in third-world countries.

On May 1, 2001, Natsios was sworn in as the Administrator of the U. S. Agency for International Development. Simultaneously, he also held the positions of Special Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator for Sudan and U.S. Government Coordinator for International Disaster Assistance. He was responsible for operations in more than 80 countries, including three war zones (Iraq, Afghanistan and Sudan). He directed USAID response to humanitarian crises such as the Aceh Tsunami and the Pakistan earthquake. President George W. Bush appointed him Special Envoy to Sudan in 2006, a post he held until the end of 2007.

Lt. Col. Natsios graduated from Harvard University Kennedy School of Government with a master's in public administration. He served as Distinguished Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy and the advisor on International Development at Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service for six years. He is currently Executive Professor at the George H.W. Bush School of Government and Public Service and Director of the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs at Texas A & M University as well as a Senior Fellow on Foreign Policy and International Development with the Hudson Institute, Washington, D.C. Lt. Col. Natsios authored three books focusing on international humanitarian assistance, disaster relief operations and Sudan's history, 13 book chapters and 40 articles.

He is married to Elizabeth Natsios. They have three adult children and one granddaughter.