

"America and Iran: Endless Enemies? "

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Ambassador (ret.) John Limbert holds the Class of 1955 Chair of Middle Eastern Studies at the U.S. Naval Academy. During a 33-year career in the United States Foreign Service, he served mostly in the Middle East and Islamic Africa. He was president of the American Foreign Service Association (2003-05) and ambassador to Mauritania (2000-03). In 2009-2010, while on leave from the Naval Academy, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Department's Bureau of Near East Affairs. Before joining the Foreign Service he taught in Iran as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kurdistan (1964-66) and at Shiraz University (1969-72). He has written numerous articles and books on Middle Eastern subjects including *Iran at War with History* (Westview Press, 1987), *Shiraz in the Age of Hafez* (University of Washington Press, 2004), and *Negotiating with Iran* (U.S. Institute of Peace, 2009). Amb. Limbert holds the Department of State's highest award – the Distinguished Service Award – and the Award for Valor, which he received in 1981 after fourteen months as a hostage in Iran. Amb. Limbert holds his Ph.D. from Harvard University in History and Middle Eastern Studies.

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