

John David Breidenstine

In August 2003, John Breidenstine began his tour as the Commercial Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City. Before last fall's reconstruction-related assignment at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, John was the Commercial Counselor in Ankara, Turkey, from 1997 until 2002. While in Ankara, John and his team received the International Trade Administration's Bronze Medal for their work in promoting U.S. business interests in Turkey and the greater Caspian Region. As the Senior Commercial Officer in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 1994 until 1997, John established the American Business Center and Commercial Service operations there. From the end of the Gulf War in 1991 until 1993, he served at the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait in support of the country's reconstruction and re-supply efforts and won the Department of Commerce's Gold Medal for his work. John began his Foreign Service career in 1990 as a Junior Commercial Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Munich, Germany.

Before joining the U.S. Government, John worked as an Account Executive for International Paper in New York City and Atlanta. He is a 1984 Graduate of Davidson College and has completed Master's Degree work in international relations at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida and at the Free University of Berlin in Germany. John is married to Abaseh Mirvali of Tiburon, California.