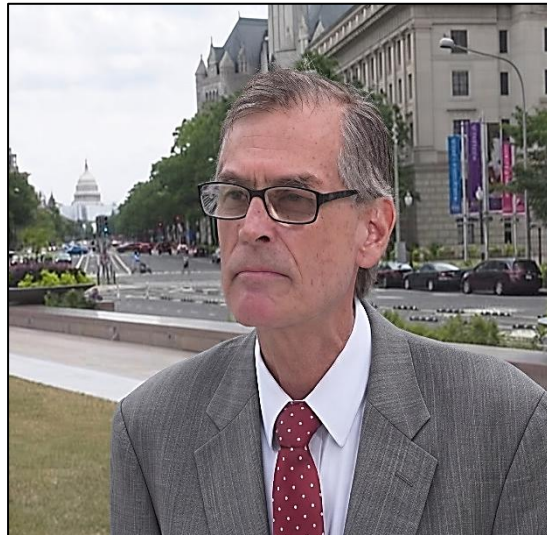


Vincent M. Campos

Vincent Campos, 69, a career American diplomat, decorated Coast Guard officer, and devoted friend to many, passed away on June 5, 2026, in Alhambra, California. His life spanned an extraordinary breadth of service, beginning as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Coast Guard, including five years as Riverine Program Coordinator at the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru. After the Coast Guard, Vincent began a second career as a Foreign Service Officer serving in Iraq, Chile, Bulgaria, Bahrain, and Romania.



Vincent loved Iraq, where he served four separate tours. He was especially proud of his work in Kurdistan, where he supported the 2005 constitutional process and elections, and advised Kurdish officials in designing and implementing civil society programs. His affection for Iraq never waned after his 2022 retirement. As a Senior Contributor at the Washington Kurdish Institute, he remained a tireless advocate for the Kurdish people, championing their development and their place on the world stage until the end of his life.

Away from diplomacy, Vincent was an avid tennis fan who found a second calling in the sport. As Senior Advisor to the President and Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Bulgarian Tennis Federation, he helped bring the Sofia Open to life and worked to open doors for young players across the Balkans to enter and thrive in competitive tennis.

Those who knew Vincent remember a warm, outgoing man with friends across every continent he served — a skilled diplomat, yes, but above all someone who genuinely cared. He had a special heart for the disadvantaged, especially Hispanic youth, and he put that care into action as a major donor and champion of the Marie Maxey Foundation's scholarship program in memory of Dulce Deinken — a friend from his Lima days who passed away from cancer. “I want people to remember Dulce’s warmth and love for everyone,” he remarked when he funded her scholarship.

In honor of that generosity, the Marie Maxey Foundation is establishing a \$1,000 scholarship in Vincent Campos's memory, to be awarded to a student pursuing the kind of opportunity he worked his whole life to give to others. Vincent Campos lived a rich, multi-varied life in service of his country, the Kurdish people, the disadvantaged, and the young people he mentored in tennis and beyond. He will be deeply missed.

A Celebration of Life honoring Vincent and his brother, Jim Campos, will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026, in Alhambra, California.