

Ambassador Robert E. Hunter

Robert Hunter is Senior Advisor at the RAND Corporation in Washington, D.C. (1998 -), specializing in Europe and the Middle East – including NATO-Russia relations, NATO-EU relations, US-EU strategic partnership, NATO/Persian Gulf security, terrorism, non-proliferation, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, reform of the Georgian National Security Council, security requirements for a successful Palestinian state, grand strategy for the Middle East, health and foreign policy, and integrating US instruments of power and influence.



He is also Senior International Consultant to Lockheed Martin Overseas Corporation (Western and Central Europe, the Middle East, and Georgia). He is President of the Brussels-based Atlantic Treaty Association (the umbrella organization for NATO's 42 Atlantic Councils), Chairman of the Washington-based Council for a Community of Democracies, and Associate at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University. He served on Secretary Cohen's Defense Policy Board (1998-July 2001) and the Senior Review Panel to the Joint Staff, and he continues to serve on the Senior Advisory Group to the US European Command and as a Senior Concept Developer for NATO's Allied Command Transformation.

From July 1993 to January 1998, Robert Hunter was U.S. Ambassador to NATO and also represented the U.S. to the Western European Union. He was principal architect of the "New NATO" and led the North Atlantic Council in developing, negotiating, and implementing decisions of the 1994 and 1997 NATO Summits. These included the Partnership for Peace (PFP), NATO enlargement, NATO-Russia and NATO-Ukraine relations, NATO-WEU relations, NATO's internal civilian and military restructuring, and NATO's Mediterranean Dialogues. Ambassador Hunter led the NATO Council in obtaining nine air-strike decisions for Bosnia – the last of which ended the Bosnia conflict -- and secured NATO approval for both the Bosnian Implementation Force (IFOR) and the Stabilization Force (SFOR). He led in creating the first-ever institutional relationship between NATO and the European Union, and he initiated and negotiated renewed French military involvement in NATO. He was twice awarded the Pentagon's highest civilian decoration, the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service (Secretaries Perry and Cohen); and he has been decorated by the governments of Hungary, Poland, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Belgium, and France (Legion of Honor).

Prior to his appointment to NATO (1981-93), Ambassador Hunter was Vice President for International Politics/Regional Studies, Director of European Studies, and Senior Fellow in Middle East Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C. He also served (1983-84) as Special Advisor on Lebanon to the Speaker of the House of Representatives (Thomas P. O'Neill Jr.), Lead Consultant to the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America (the Kissinger Commission), and represented House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt on the first Congressional Delegation to Desert Shield (1990). He co-founded the Center for National Policy and helped organize the National Endowment for Democracy.

Throughout the Carter Administration, Ambassador Hunter served on the National Security Council staff, in charge of West European Affairs (1977-79) – including NATO and the European Communities -- and then in charge of Middle East Affairs (1979-81). He was the White House representative on the U.S. negotiating team for talks on the West Bank and Gaza, directed the 1978 NATO Summit, was a principal author of the Carter Doctrine for the Persian Gulf, and organized

presidential visits to London, Paris, Bonn, NATO, and the European Commission. Earlier, he was Foreign Policy Advisor to Senator Edward M. Kennedy (1973-77), Senior Fellow at the Overseas Development Council (1970-73), Research Associate at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London on Arab-Israeli and Persian Gulf issues (1967, 1968-69), and foreign and domestic policy advisor to Vice President Hubert Humphrey (1968-1970). He served on the White House staff (health, education, welfare, labor) in the Johnson Administration during the development of the Great Society (1964-65) and in the Navy Department on the Polaris Project (Washington and Admiralty-London, summers 1961-63).

Ambassador Hunter was educated at Wesleyan University (BA – 1962, High Distinction, Phi Beta Kappa) and the London School of Economics (PhD in International Relations - 1969, Fulbright Scholar). He has taught at the LSE (1966-69), and as adjunct professor at Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Washington College (Louis L. Goldstein Chair in Public Policy - 1989), and George Washington University (2000, 2006, 2007, 2008 – *NATO and European Security*). He serves on the Executive Committees of the American Academy of Diplomacy and Atlantic Council of the United States, and has served on the boards of Wesleyan University (now *emeritus*), the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, and the National Association for the Southern Poor, plus the Ambassadorial Advisory Board of the Executive Council on Diplomacy and the Board of the European Institute. He belongs to the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Institute for Strategic Studies, the Cosmos Club, Club Prince Albert (Brussels), and the Royal Canadian Military Institute (Toronto). He is a Governor of the Ditchley Foundation and serves on the Editorial Board of *International Politics*.

Among his many publications (more than 800), Ambassador Hunter is author of *Integrating Instruments of Power and Influence: Lessons Learned and Best Practices* (RAND and American Academy of Diplomacy 2008); *Building a Palestinian State: Security* (with Seth Jones, RAND 2006); *The European Security and Defense Policy: NATO's Companion or Competitor?* (RAND 2002); *Taking Charge: A Bipartisan Report to the President-Elect on Foreign Policy and National Security* (with Frank Carlucci and Zalmay Khalilzad, RAND 2001), *Security in Europe; Presidential Control of Foreign Policy; NATO: The Next Generation* (editor); *Grand Strategy for the West* (co-editor); *The Soviet Dilemma in the Middle East; Organizing for National Security*; and *Development Today: A New Look at U.S. Relations with the Poor Countries* (co-editor).

He has also written for *Foreign Policy*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The Washington Quarterly*, and many other journals; plus chapters in books and “op-ed” articles in the *Los Angeles Times*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Financial Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, and many other newspapers. He appears regularly on the media (CNN, Fox, MSNBC, CNBC, NPR, BBC, etc.), in the U.S. and abroad. He speaks extensively throughout the United States and abroad (more than 20 countries) and has traveled to more than 90 countries.

In U.S. politics, Ambassador Hunter has played a national policy role in 9 U.S. presidential election campaigns (including foreign policy advisor to the Democratic nominee in 1968, 1972, 1976, 1984, 1992, 2000, 2008), and been a speechwriter for three U.S. Presidents (Johnson, Carter, and Clinton), three Vice Presidents (Humphrey, Mondale, and Gore), and other senior U.S. leaders and candidates for 40 years.