

### **Ambassador Edward Walker**

Ambassador Edward 'Ned' Walker possesses a unique depth of knowledge and experience in the issues of the Middle East. Throughout a diplomatic career spanning 35 years, he served Republican and Democratic Administrations alike in key Ambassadorial positions, including Egypt, Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and at our UN mission in New York. He served as Assistant Secretary for the Middle East under both the Albright and Powell State Departments. Ned has personally worked with and maintains a relationship with every current Middle East leader, except in Libya, with whom the US has relations. His corporate work includes the design and implementation of the Gore-Mubarak economic development program for Egypt, advising Israeli companies on prospective US investors, business development strategies for US companies considering expansion in the region, as well as numerous interventions with Arab governments for major US corporations with interests in the Middle East. After retiring from the US Government, Ned became the President of the Middle East Institute ([www.mideasti.org](http://www.mideasti.org)); a 60-year-old Washington-based non-governmental organization. He held this position for five years. He recently resigned to take up the position of Christian A. Johnson Distinguished Professorship of Global Political Theory at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY. He now divides his time between Washington, DC and Clinton, NY. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Hamilton College and a Master's degree in International Relations from Boston University. He is the recipient of various US Government honors and has an honorary doctorate from Hamilton College.