

Douglas MacArthur II

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Douglas MacArthur II (July 5, 1909 – November 15, 1997) was an American diplomat.

Ambassador to Japan, then Ambassador to Belgium, Assistant Secretary of State for congressional relations, Ambassador to Austria and then Ambassador to Iran. There, he escaped an attempted kidnapping. He retired in 1972.

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Life

MacArthur was the son of Captain Arthur MacArthur III and Mary McCalla MacArthur daughter of Bowman H. McCalla granddaughter of Col Horace Binney Sargent, great granddaughter of Lucius Manlius Sargent and was named for his uncle, General Douglas MacArthur. He was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.^[1]

He graduate from Milton Academy in Milton, Mass., and from Yale College, Class of 1932.^[2] He served as an Army officer and then began his Foreign Service career in 1935 and was given a post in Vancouver, Canada. MacArthur worked with the French Resistance during World War II and was held as a prisoner of war for two years. He became chief of the State Department's Division of Western European Affairs in 1949 and was Counselor of the State Department before becoming Ambassador to Japan.

He married Laura Louise Barkley on August 21, 1934, the daughter of future U.S. Vice President Alben Barkley.

Diplomatic career

Later in his life, he served as U.S. ambassador to the following nations (years):

Douglas MacArthur II



United States Ambassador to Iran

In office

1969–1972

Preceded by Armin H. Meyer

Succeeded by Joseph S. Farland

United States Ambassador to Austria

In office

April 5, 1967 – September 16, 1969

Preceded by James W. Riddleberger

Succeeded by John P. Humes

United States Ambassador to Belgium

In office

1961–1965

Preceded by William A. M. Burden

Succeeded by Ridgway B. Knight

United States Ambassador to Japan

In office

February 25, 1957 – March 12, 1961

Preceded by John M. Allison

Succeeded by Edwin Reischauer

Personal details

Born July 5, 1909

Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

- Japan (1957–1961)^[3]
- Belgium (1961–1965)^[4]
- Austria (1967–1969)^[5]
- Iran (1969–1972)^[6]

Died	November 15, 1997 (aged 88) <div>Washington, D.C.</div>
Spouse(s)	Laura Louise Barkley
Occupation	Diplomat

MacArthur died in Washington, D.C. in 1997.^[1]

Related themes

- Girard incident
- Security Treaty Between the United States and Japan
- Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States and Japan

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- Ambassadors to Belgium (http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/po/com/10390.htm)
- Ambassadors to Austria (http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/po/com/10369.htm)
- Ambassadors to Iran (http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/po/com/10884.htm)

External links

- 1982 interview with Ambassador MacArthur related to US diplomatic efforts related to Vietnam (http://openvault.wgbh.org/catalog/vietnam-4ab69e-interview-with-douglas-macarthur-1982)

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Preceded by John M. Allison	U.S. Ambassador to Japan 1957 – 1961	Succeeded by Edwin Reischauer
Preceded by William A. M. Burden	U.S. Ambassador to Belgium 1961 – 1965	Succeeded by Ridgway B. Knight
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Government offices		
Preceded by Fred Dutton	Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs March 14, 1965 – March 6, 1967	Succeeded by William B. Macomber, Jr.

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