



U.S. Strategic Command Biography



*Mr. Eric Madison
Foreign Policy Advisor*

Mr. Madison is assigned to United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. He is currently the Foreign Policy Advisor for the command.

Mr. Madison was born 18 August 1954 in Washington, D.C. He graduated third in his class from Calvin Coolidge Senior High School in 1972. He graduated from Dartmouth College (summa cum laude) with a B.A. in French Literature in 1976. After graduation, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and earned a diploma in German Literature from the University of Konstanz, the Federal

Republic of Germany. In 1985, Mr. Madison completed the Department of State's intensive nine-month Economics course (B.A. equivalent) and obtained a Masters in Economics from George Mason University in 1987. In 1991, Mr. Madison completed the Department of State's intensive two-year Chinese language program and was awarded the Department's "Sinclair Award" for outstanding performance as a language student.

Mr. Madison's professional career began in 1978 at the National Security Agency where he worked a French linguist and was trained in Modern Standard Arabic. Mr. Madison joined the Department of State in 1979.

Mr. Madison spent the first eleven years of his career as a Foreign Service Officer in Arabic speaking countries with tours in Jeddah (Consular Officer), Khartoum (Economic/Commercial Officer), and Tunis (Political Officer/Labor Attaché). He also served a Sudan Desk Officer in the Africa Bureau of the Department of State. As a Consular Officer in Jeddah, he helped American citizens in distress in the aftermath of the siege of Mecca in 1979. In Khartoum, he reported on the rise of the petroleum sector and was one of the last official Americans to conduct an overland survey of Southern Sudan, predicting the turmoil that was soon to erupt there. Mr. Madison was in Tunis when President Bourguiba was deposed and reported on the rise of the new regime there. In Tunis Mr. Madison also advised Washington on the rise of the Islamic movement and was a participant in the short-lived U.S.-PLO dialog.

From 1992-1995, Mr. Madison served as Economic Section Deputy Chief at the American Institute in Taipei. Mr. Madison successfully advocated for U.S. firms in Taiwan's burgeoning financial sector and covered the surge in Taiwan investments in mainland China that accelerated in the early 1990s.

Because of Mr. Madison's proficiency in German, the Department selected him to participate in the "Fellowship of Hope" program, which consisted of working for a year in the German Foreign Ministry, European Expansion Unit. Mr. Madison was the European Expansion Unit Desk officer for Hungary and Poland. After this exchange program, he served as Economic Officer in Bonn, the Federal Republic Germany. His activities on Bonn focused on transportation issues, primarily aviation. Mr. Madison joined the National Transportation and Safety Board team that investigated the 1998 Eschede train disaster in Lower Saxony, Federal Republic of Germany.

In 1999, Mr. Madison returned to Washington where he served six years the Economic and Energy Bureau in three different assignments: Aviation Negotiations, Public Diplomacy, and the Iraq Task Force. As part of the Department's Aviation Negotiations office, Mr. Madison was part of the team that negotiated with the Russian Federation to open transpolar routes for U.S. airlines. On the Iraq Task Force, he played an important role in planning for the donors' conference that netted \$34 billion for Iraq reconstruction.

In 2005, The Department assigned Mr. Madison as Economic Section Deputy in Beijing. For the following three years, Mr. Madison advised and participated in virtually every significant discussion the U.S. Government had with the PRC on trade and investment issues during that period, including the launching of the historic Strategic Economic Dialog.

Mr. Madison was promoted into the Senior Foreign Service in 2008, and has held the rank of Minister-Counselor (2 star equivalent) since 2012. As a Senior Officer, he served as Economic Section Chief/Acting DCM in Riyadh (2008-2009), Deputy Director at the American Institute in Taiwan (2009-2012), and Deputy Chief of Mission in Kinshasa (2012-2016). In Kinshasa, Mr. Madison was Chargé d'affaires during a critical period in 2013 that saw a dangerous escalation of fighting in the eastern provinces. During that critical juncture, Mr. Madison engaged with Congolese and the United Nations Peace Keeping Force to avert a broader conflict.

Mr. Madison has three grown children. Christopher (1988) graduated from Wayne State College, joined the Navy in 2014 and is now assigned to the USS George Bush. Rachel (1990) also graduated from Wayne State. She is currently studying Russian at the Department of State and will join her partner at the US Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine. Leona (1992) graduated from Marymount Manhattan College and is currently working for an accounting office in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Mr. Madison is an avid tennis player. He captained his high school to Washington, DC public school championships in 1971 and 1972. He was the runner-up in the Jeddah Open of 1979. *Current as of July 2013*