

Ambassador Edward William Gnehm, Jr.

Edward William Gnehm, Jr., also known as “Skip”, was born November 10, 1944 in Carrollton, Georgia; but, he grew up in Albany, Georgia. He obtained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1959 and he "kept his Vigil" in 1963. Skip served on the Camp Osborn summer camp staff every year until he left for college.

Skip earned a bachelor's degree in International Affairs in 1966 and a master's degree in 1968 from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and Delta Phi Epsilon (The National Professional Foreign Service Fraternity).

Ambassador Gnehm joined the United States Department of State in 1969 and has served our country with distinction. He was a member of the Senior Foreign Service and held the rank of Career Minister at his retirement. His career record includes:

- 2001-2004, U.S. Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**
- 2000-2001, U.S. Ambassador to Australia**
- 1997-2000, Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Personnel for the Department of State**
- 1994-1997, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations (New York)**
- 1991-1994, U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait**
- 1989-1990, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of New East and South Asian Affairs**
- 1987-1989, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Near East and South Asia**
- 1984-1987, Deputy Chief of Mission, American Embassy, Amman, Jordan**
- 1983-1984, Director, Secretariat Staff, Department of State, Washington, D.C.**

- **1982-1983, Director, Junior Officer Division, Bureau of Personnel, Department of State**
- **1978-1981, Deputy Chief of Mission, American Embassy, Sanaa, Yemen Arab Republic**
- **1976-1978, Head, U.S . Liaison Office, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**
- **1974-1975, Deputy Principal Officer, U.S. Interest Section, Damascus, Syria**

Ambassador Gnehm has been a faculty member at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs since 2004. During his representing our country he still found time to volunteer his services. He served both on the Board of Trustees of George Washington University and as the vice president of the George Washington University Alumni Association. He received the 1992 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from George Washington University.

Throughout his worldwide travels, scouting has always been close to his heart. In addition to the normal volunteer work for scouting, Skip took time to return to Albany and host the retirement party of Ms. Ida Adams. Ms. Adams had been the Camp Osborn cook during his time on staff and the two had remained friends.