



# The Passport

World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area ([www.wacmb.org](http://www.wacmb.org))

September 2022

## *Russia's War on Ukraine*

### **The Honorable William B. Taylor**

**US Institute of Peace and  
former US Ambassador to Ukraine**

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

**11:30 am: Registration 11:50 am: Luncheon 1:00 pm: Program**  
**\*\* Monterey Conference Center, 1 Portola Plaza, Monterey \*\***

As the war between Russia and Ukraine enters its seventh month, causing serious destruction on many levels, the world struggles to find a resolution that will settle the conflict and ease the disruption it has caused globally. WACMB is fortunate to hear from the Honorable William B. Taylor, the US ambassador to Ukraine from 2006 to 2009 and chargé d'affaires in 2019. Ambassador Taylor will use his "boots on the ground" experience in the region to review what may be the world's most unsettling military and humanitarian event since World War II. He will discuss the present situation and analyze the near-term prospects for Russia and Ukraine.

If you've viewed Ambassador Taylor's *Quick Takes* video on Russian/US/Ukrainian relations as they were in August 2021, you know that his talk will be authoritative, enlightening, and timely. Don't miss this opportunity to hear him in person!



William Taylor is Vice President, Russia and Europe, at the US Institute of Peace in Washington, DC. In addition to serving as US ambassador and chargé d'affaires to Ukraine, he coordinated US assistance to the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. He was the US government's representative to the Mideast Quartet, which facilitated Israel's disengagement from Gaza and part of the West Bank. He served in Baghdad as the first director of the Iraq Reconstruction Management Office, and in Kabul as the coordinator of US and international assistance to Afghanistan.

Ambassador Taylor is a graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point and of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He served in the US Army as an infantry platoon leader and combat company commander in Vietnam and Germany.

**Please note: Ambassador Taylor's talk will take place at the Monterey Conference Center. See page 2 for further details.**

## When It's Time to Renew

When you joined the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area, you became part of an organization of thoughtful and engaged global citizens who seek to learn more about contemporary world affairs. ("World affairs": it's right there in our name!) But there are additional advantages to membership:

- Your *Passport* is delivered straight to your inbox every month. This means that you're the first to learn about WACMB events.
- You receive discounted prices for those WACMB events.
- You can get a free subscription to *The Daily Chatter*, America's largest daily newsletter devoted to world news.
- *Something of Interest*, WACMB's curated digest of links to articles about world affairs, is emailed to you regularly.
- You have access to programs of the World Affairs Councils of America, such as its international travel program and annual national conference, both of which were featured in the August *Passport*.

Given rising prices everywhere, it has become necessary for WACMB to increase its annual dues. This is the first time in more than a decade that rates have gone up. They still remain quite reasonable, however—an Individual membership is just \$50 per year—and we think you'll agree that you get great value for your WACMB investment!

We have also restructured our membership levels, so if you'd like to renew at a higher level, now is a great time to do that. If you renew at the Dual level or above, you'll receive two memberships for one price! Check the back page of this *Passport* to see the new rates and levels.

## We're Trying Something New!

WACMB luncheons can be intimate affairs. But this month, we're trying something new. Ambassador William Taylor's talk is on such an important and timely topic, we're expanding our usual format by moving the luncheon to the Monterey Conference Center and throwing open the doors to 170 attendees. The luncheon will be held in Steinbeck Ballroom 1 on the second floor; look for signage to guide you there. Paid parking is available in the city parking structure on the corner of Franklin and Tyler Streets.

The luncheon will be catered by the Marriott, and is sure to be delicious. As usual, wine and beer will be available at a cash bar. Please note that the cost of this special event will be \$64 for members and \$69 for guests.

Please also note that the Covid protocols outlined on page 4 will be in effect: all attendees must be fully vaccinated, with at least one booster.

Given the level of interest in Ambassador Taylor's talk, this luncheon will likely sell out quickly. So don't delay: get your registration in now!

## Bring a Friend!

Invite your friends and neighbors to attend Ambassador Taylor's talk with you. You'll be talking about this event for weeks afterward; imagine the insights you'll gain and the discussions you'll have.

Once your friends have a taste of what our organization is all about, they may want to join WACMB, too - and they'll be able to do that right at the luncheon. Our organization grows when our members invite new members. We encourage you to do just that at this innovative and timely WACMB program!

## RESERVATION FORM

***Reservations due September 19. Luncheon is at the Monterey Conference Center.***

Registration: 11:30 am

Mail form and check to:

Members @ \$64 \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon: 11:50 am

WACMB, PO Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942

Guests @ \$69 \_\_\_\_\_

Program: 1:00 pm

or register online at [www.wacmb.org](http://www.wacmb.org)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note: credit card information can no longer be mailed in.*

*If you wish to register using a credit card, please do so online.*

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Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vegetarian Entrees \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: No refunds or credit will be given for cancellations received after the due date*

## Discussion Groups

WACMB Discussions Groups now have their own email: [discussiongroup@wacmb.org](mailto:discussiongroup@wacmb.org)  
Please use it for any Discussion Group-related communications.

The WACMB monthly Discussion Group usually meets on the first Monday of the month. Meetings are held on Zoom, and all WACMB members are invited to participate. If you have never attended this Discussion Group, email a request to receive log-in information. Background materials for each meeting are posted on the WACMB web site at <https://www.wacmb.org/discussion-groups/>

The WACMB/OLLI Discussion Group will meet virtually on the second Monday of each month through December. The program is free, but registration through OLLI is required. Go to <https://olli.csUMB.edu> to sign up.

Come join the conversation!

## LUNCHEON MENU

- Butter Lettuce with Feta, Roasted Tomatoes, Crostini, and Vinaigrette
  - Roasted Garlic and Lemon Chicken with Jus and Chevre
- Smashed Potatoes with Parmesan
  - Grilled Asparagus
  - Fresh Bread and Rolls
  - Fruit Tart
  - Coffee and Tea

## VEGAN OPTION

Paella with Black Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Chickpeas, Zucchini, and Cilantro-Lime Vinaigrette

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- Dual ..... \$80
- Single ..... \$50
- Student/Enlisted \* ..... \$20

The Dual level and above include two memberships.

Make checks payable to WACMB and mail to WACMB, PO Box 83, Monterey, CA, 93942

(Dual and above, please include both names)

OR join online at [www.wacmb.org](http://www.wacmb.org)

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\* Student rates are for full-time students at accredited colleges, universities, or graduate schools, as well as for enlisted military personnel in Grades E1 to E4.

## Vaccination Requirements

- All those attending WACMB in-person events must show proof of full Covid-19 vaccination, including a booster.
- To prove your vaccination status, you can present either your vaccination card or your State of California QR code.
- You only need to present such proof once. Your documentation will be noted, and that box will be automatically checked for future meetings.
- *For the time being, no auditors will be permitted to attend any WACMB in-person meetings. This is to ensure that every person in the room has been vaccinated and boosted.*
- Thank you for your cooperation with our efforts to keep our members healthy!

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