

Ambassador Philip T. Reeker
Consul General

Amb. Philip T. Reeker took charge September 5, 2014 as United States Consul General in Milan, covering northern Italy.

From 2011 through 2013, Philip Reeker served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, focused on the Balkans, Central Europe, and Holocaust Issues. He was U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia from 2008 to 2011, and Deputy State Department Spokesman/ Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, under Secretaries of State Albright and Powell (2000-2004). Previous assignments include: Minister Counselor for Public Affairs under Amb. Ryan Crocker at the U.S. Embassy in Iraq (2007-2008); Deputy Chief of Mission in Budapest (2004-2007); and Director of Press Relations at the State Department (1999-2000). Reeker joined the Foreign Service in 1992, and served earlier tours in Hungary and Macedonia. In November 2017, Ambassador Reeker will take over as Civilian Deputy and Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commander of United States European Command (EUCOM), in Stuttgart.

Philip Reeker is the 2013 Recipient of the Robert C. Frasure Memorial Award for “his commitment to peace and the alleviation of human suffering caused by war or civil injustice” in the Balkans; the National Albanian American Council presented Reeker with its "Hands of Hope Award" the same year. He received the Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Public Diplomacy in 2003, and several State Department Superior Honor Awards. In June 2017 he was made “Commendatore” of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, by President Sergio Mattarella.

Ambassador Reeker is a graduate of Yale University (1986), and received an MBA from the Thunderbird School of International Management in Arizona (1991). Born in Pennsylvania, Reeker grew up in several U.S. cities and spent his high school years in Brisbane, Australia. His foreign languages are: Hungarian, Macedonian, Italian, and German. He is married to Solveig Johnson Reeker, who is also in U.S. Foreign Service.
