



American Citizens Abroad (ACA) Announces Death of Founder Andrew P. Sundberg

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Sundberg was born in 1941 and grew up in Japan and Germany. A graduate of the United States Naval Academy, he was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford and served in the Navy in Cuba and Vietnam before moving to Geneva in 1968. In 1977 he and others in Geneva founded the American Children's Citizens Rights League, after they discovered that their children born abroad would not have American citizenship. Sundberg's efforts with Congress led to a change in U.S. legislation which made it easier for children born abroad to Americans to acquire American nationality. In 1978 he founded American Citizens Abroad to address the broad range of issues specific to Americans outside of the United States. He devoted much of his work to encouraging the United States to change from a citizenship-based taxation system, with its highly negative impact on Americans living abroad, to a residence-based system like that of virtually every other country in the world. A history enthusiast, Sundberg compiled a complete historical review of U.S. taxation impacting Americans abroad.

Sundberg founded local organizations of both Republicans and Democrats Abroad in Geneva, served as the worldwide chairman of Democrats Abroad from 1980 to 1985, and as a member of the Democratic National Committee from 1981 to 1988. He raised the profile of Americans abroad when he ran for President of the United States in 1988, in the worldwide overseas Democratic Party primary.

In addition to his enormous work on behalf of Americans abroad, Sundberg for many years was an international business consultant for public and private sector clients worldwide. He also founded an internet company, and worked for a number of years to develop new micro-finance projects in Africa in partnership with African diaspora groups in Europe.

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