The U.S. Diplomatic Courier Service safeguards and escorts diplomatic pouches containing classified and sensitive materials between 275 U.S. diplomatic missions overseas and the U.S. Department of State.

- **1918**
  Gen. John Pershing authorized U.S. Army Maj. Amos Peaslee to organize a courier detachment, the "Silver Greyhounds."
  Amos Peaslee was the first official U.S. diplomatic courier.

- **1919**
  Silver Greyhounds established routes to U.S. embassies across war-ravaged Europe.

- **1941-45**
  Increased cooperation and overlap of duties between diplomatic and military couriers.

- **1941**
  First Chief of Couriers Edwin Schoerlich named and courier service HQ established.

- **1950s-60s**
  Diplomatic couriers depicted as dashing secret messengers in movies and TV shows during Cold War.

- **1955**
  Nathaniel Ragsdale became first black courier.

- **1974**
  Susan S. Carter becomes the first woman courier.

- **1990s**
  The Diplomatic Courier Service established hubs around the world to improve efficiency.

- **2008**
  Deborah Glass became the first female director of the Diplomatic Courier Service.

- **2018**
  100 U.S. diplomatic couriers operate from 10 regional hubs around the globe.