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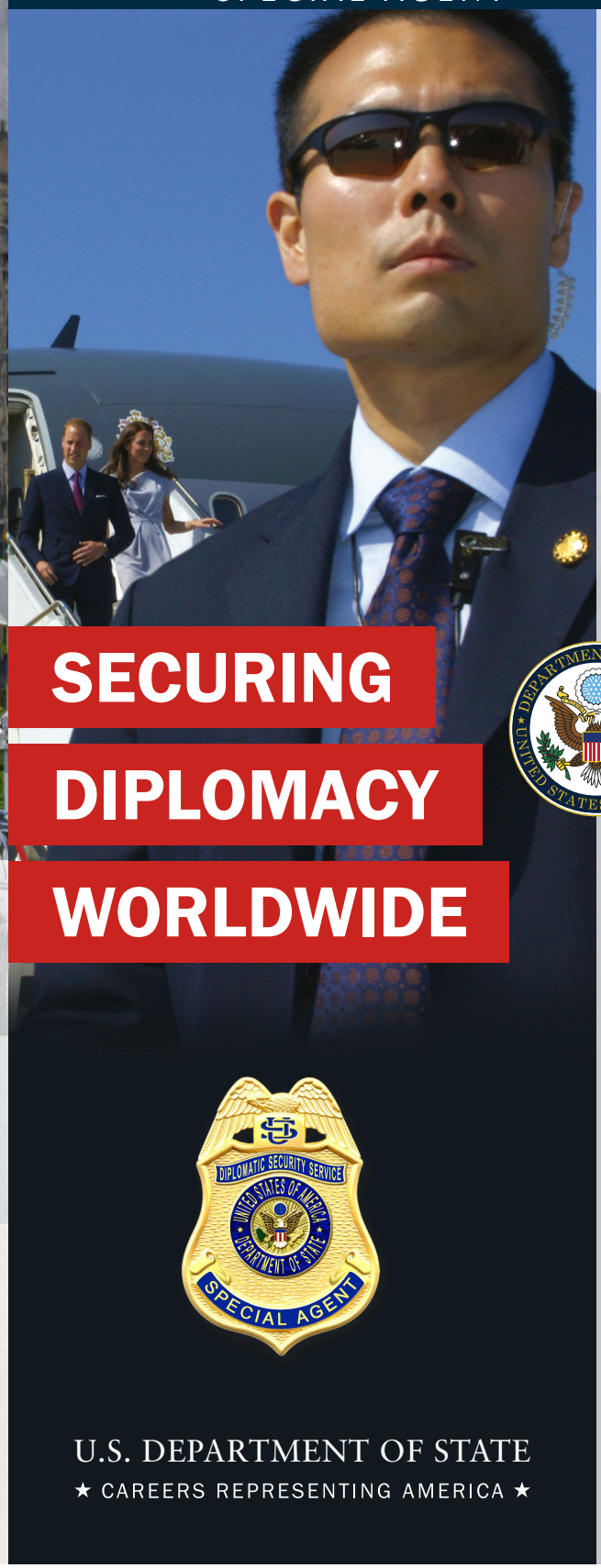

SECURING DIPLOMACY WORLDWIDE

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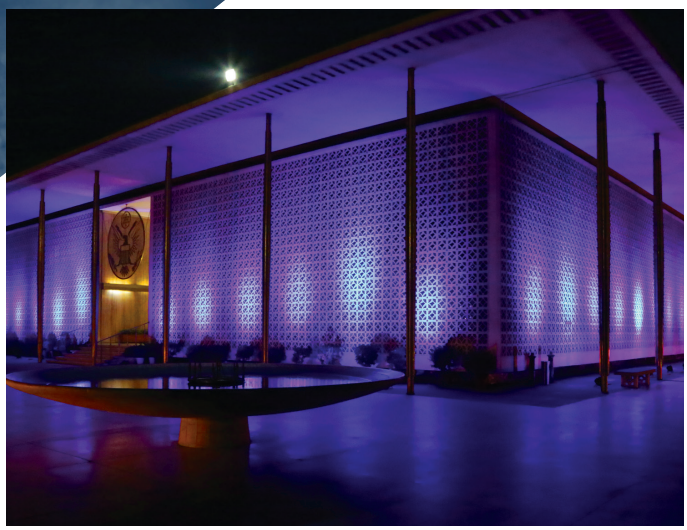
SERVE YOUR COUNTRY AND PROVIDE SECURITY GLOBALLY AS A DSS SPECIAL AGENT

DIPLOMACY PROTECTS THE WORLD

BE PART OF OUR LEGACY

The Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) is the law enforcement and security arm of the U.S. Department of State, which operates on a global platform to ensure that our nation can safely and securely conduct diplomacy. Every U.S. diplomatic mission in the world operates under a security program designed and managed by DS. As sworn federal law enforcement officers, Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) Special Agents manage programs created to safeguard U.S. interests domestically and overseas.



As a member of the team, you will be responsible for continuing our legacy of safety and security, and for meeting the challenges of protecting personnel and sensitive information at diplomatic locations worldwide.

DIPLOMACY PROTECTS THE WORLD

SERVE OUR NATION AND PROTECT DIPLOMACY

Part diplomat, part law enforcement officer, and part security expert, DSS Special Agents ensure more than just safety—they play a critical role in leading and managing U.S. security programs, whether serving stateside or overseas. They safeguard U.S. diplomatic missions, working tirelessly to protect personnel, facilities, and sensitive information from harm.

When assigned domestically, DSS Special Agents conduct complex passport and visa fraud investigations, serve on multi-agency task forces, and protect the U.S. Secretary of State and visiting foreign dignitaries. Special Agents' longstanding history of domestic and overseas service, and their comprehensive security training, uniquely positions them within the U.S. Department of State and extends their duties beyond those of traditional law enforcement. They conduct complex international investigations, lead robust security initiatives, and build capacity by training foreign law enforcement and security officials. The job is a daily challenge that Special Agents meet with enthusiasm, serving a singular mission to protect our nation's people, property, and information.

Throughout your career, you will be responsible for leading and managing U.S. diplomatic mission security programs, conducting counterintelligence and counterterrorism investigations, implementing programs that safeguard classified information, assessing security threats, and leading security training and training assistance programs. You will serve in multiple challenging worldwide assignments and enjoy the reward of protecting diplomacy and those who make it possible.

MAKE A POSTIVE IMPACT ON PEACE

As a DSS Special Agent, you will play a vital role in protecting more than 270 diplomatic missions and their personnel across the globe. This demanding role presents unique opportunities to make a positive impact while experiencing new cultures.

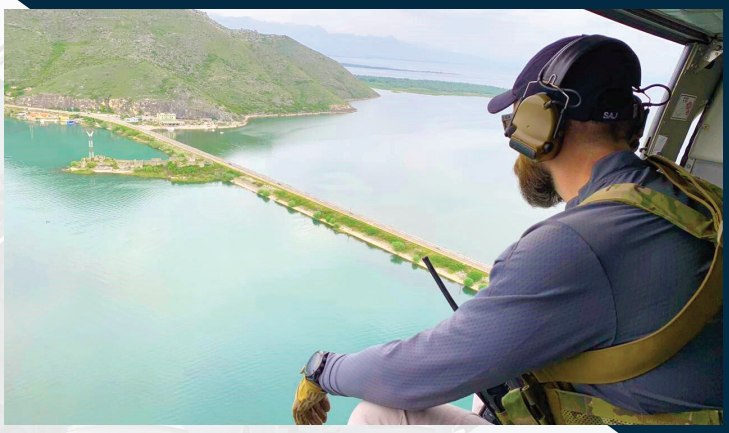
DIPLOMACY DEFEATS TERRORISM

As a DSS Special Agent in the Foreign Service, you will have unique opportunities to:

- **Serve, protect, and secure** – the U.S. Secretary of State, visiting foreign dignitaries, U.S. athletes at international sporting events, and U.S. diplomatic facilities across the globe.
- **Investigate and apprehend fugitives** – involved in passport and visa fraud, terrorism, and human trafficking in order to protect and secure U.S. borders and fight the war on terror.
- **Teach and train** – lead and manage security-related training and training assistance programs for personnel, police, and security officials of U.S. and designated foreign governments.
- **Experience new cultures** – learn a foreign language, tackle continually changing assignments, and live in diverse environments throughout the world.
- **Explore new horizons** – serve in domestic offices as well as U.S. embassies and consulates worldwide.

As a member of the U.S. Department of State's Foreign Service, DSS Special Agents are eligible for:

- **Education and training** – opportunities to learn new skills such as foreign languages, protective security operations, criminal law and investigations, security management, and U.S. embassy operations.
- **Generous federal benefits** – including a federal retirement plan, vacation and sick leave, and life and health insurance.
- **Special pay and incentives related to law enforcement status and overseas asignments** – e.g., 25% Law Enforcement Availability Pay, danger pay, moving expenses, rest and recuperation leave, paid housing or a housing allowance, and paid education for dependent children (K-12).



A DSS Special Agent career is never the same, be it day-to-day, month-to-month, or even year-to-year. DSS Special Agents are available for assignment anywhere in the world at any time — always ready for a new and exciting opportunity, wherever that may be.

To apply, you must be a U.S. citizen with at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college and be at least 20 years old when applying and 21 years old when appointed.

You must be appointed to the Foreign Service prior to the month in which you reach 37 years old (preference eligible veterans excepted). All candidates must be prepared to carry a firearm and use it if necessary. You must be able to obtain a Top Secret security clearance.

To learn more about the requirements, visit **careers.state.gov/ds.**

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DIPLOMACY EMBRACES DIVERSITY

> **The strength of this organization is truly exemplified by its investment in and fostering of differences.**
>
> Marcus | Special Agent

STRENGTH THROUGH INCLUSION

The U.S. Department of State is committed to creating a workforce that represents the diversity of America and aims to recognize its employees' rich experiences, talents, knowledge, and personal characteristics.

Diversity and inclusion are vital to the Department's global mission. They bring innovation and creativity to the workplace, encourage fresh perspectives that inspire new ideas, and spark positive change—both at home and abroad.

DSS Special Agents are a diverse group of individuals who represent all cultures, races, religions, and backgrounds. They are adaptable, strategic thinkers from all walks of life. Given that travel and supporting others highlight their careers, DSS Special Agents benefit from their unique points of view and cultural awareness while serving in unique and challenging environments.