

***RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, July 2, 2014.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.***

AMBASSADOR TOM NILES

RUSSIA, PUTIN, WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?



Winston Churchill famously remarked: "I cannot forecast to you the action of Russia. It is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma; but perhaps there is a key. That key is Russian national interest." That quote is from 1939, and it is still true today. In 1989, the Berlin Wall was torn down; in 1991 the Soviet Union dissolved and the Commonwealth of Independent States was established; and in 2013, the Soviet

Union intensified its involvement in the Ukraine. To even begin to understand where Russia is today, we need to take a step back and take a longer view—definitely since the end of the Second World War, and perhaps looking back over the centuries.

Ambassador Tom Niles believes that the policies followed by President Obama and his predecessor toward Putin's Russia clearly have not worked. Why is that? Based on his experience and insights gained over 36 years in the United States Foreign Service, Ambassador Niles will try to answer that question for us and suggest alternatives that would better advance American interests. Ambassador Niles would be pleased to respond to questions on other current foreign policy matters.

Ambassador Niles served as Ambassador to Canada (1985-89), Ambassador to the European Union (1989-91), Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Canada (1991-93), and Ambassador to Greece (1993-97). Earlier in his career, he served in Belgrade, Moscow (twice), and the United States Mission to NATO in Brussels as well as in the Department of State. In 1999 he became President of the United States Council for International Business (USCIB) which advances the global interests of American business both at home and abroad, promoting an open system of world trade, finance, and investment. It is the U.S. affiliate of the International Chamber of Commerce, the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the International Organization of Employers. In April, 2005 he retired as President of USCIB and became its Vice Chairman.

Our business meetings begin at 10, and our speakers are scheduled for 10:30. No Charge, and No Reservations are required. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com. See our website greenwichrma.org.