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NUSACC's David Hamod Receives Outstanding Service Award in Paris

*"David Hamod Has Been a Constant Champion
of Americans Abroad Throughout His Career"*

David Hamod, President & CEO of NUSACC, was recently presented the "Outstanding Service Award" by the [Association of Americans Resident Overseas \(AARO\)](#) at the [George C. Marshall Center](#) in Paris, France. The presentation took place during a ceremony commemorating AARO's 50th anniversary as a preeminent advocacy organization for Americans living around the world.

"I am humbled to receive this distinguished award," Hamod said. "This special occasion recognizes the important work that Americans abroad do for our country, day in and day out, and I am very proud to be part of that."

"AARO created the Outstanding Service Award 23 years ago to recognize those whose efforts have advanced the rights of overseas Americans," noted Doris L. Speer, AARO's President. "David Hamod, who is only the sixth person to receive this award, has dedicated much of his professional life to serving Americans around the globe. AARO is most grateful to him for his unflinching support."



A copy of Hamod's acceptance speech may be found [here](#). A video of Hamod's acceptance speech may be found [here](#).

Doris L. Speer (right), President of AARO, presents David Hamod with the association's Outstanding Service Award (in service to Americans abroad).

Photo: AARO

Hamod has been an advocate for Americans abroad for more than three decades. From 1988 to 2003, he served as U.S. Representative of multiple American Chambers of Commerce (AmChams) around the world, including nine chapters of the American Business Council of the Arabian Gulf Countries (ABCGC).



In addition to presenting David Hamod (center) with the Outstanding Service Award, AARO President Doris L. Speer (second from right) recognized five AARO leaders for their service to the association over the years. These included (from left to right): Thomas Rose, John Fredenberger, Kathleen de Carbuccia, and Timothy Ramier. (Missing: Ms. Michael Adler)

Photo: AARO

In 1991, he expanded his service to Americans worldwide, beginning with AARO and an umbrella organization, the World Federation of Americans Abroad. He was then asked to serve as Executive Director of the Section 911 Coalition, a global advocacy group dedicated to enhancing U.S. competitiveness through tax reform.

“David has been crucial to AARO in its advocacy efforts for over 30 years,” said President Doris Speer. “During David’s tenure as AARO’s man in Washington, he advised us on policy and legislation, and he also organized AARO’s annual visits to Capitol Hill and multiple U.S. Government agencies. Many of AARO’s advocacy successes during that time arose from David’s efforts on AARO’s behalf.”

Hamod is best known for his many years of advocacy work on behalf of the U.S. business community. But his work with AARO covered a much broader array of topics: Citizenship (transmitting U.S. nationality to Americans born abroad); voting rights (counting the votes of overseas Americans); U.S. embassy employment (enabling private U.S. citizens overseas to work in U.S. embassies and consulates); extending full medical coverage to American veterans resident overseas; education (including expansion of the U.S. Department of Defense Dependents Schools [DoDDS] in emerging communities worldwide).

The many successes of Americans abroad that were achieved over the years had at least one thing in common: U.S. Presidents and Members of the U.S. Congress set aside any partisan differences to pass legislation and create laws with bipartisan support.

Ms. Michael Adler, Chair of the Citizenship Committee for many years, put it this way: “Whether the situation was good, bad or indifferent, we could count on David’s good judgement, generous spirit, and professionalism; above all, he was always positive and optimistic.”

Adler and four others were recognized during the 50th anniversary celebration for their decades of service as AARO members. These included John Fredenberger, Timothy Ramier, Thomas Rose, and Kathleen de Carbuccia.

De Carbuccia, a Past President of AARO and current Chair of the Citizenship Committee, nominated Hamod for the Outstanding Service Award. She said, “David has advocated for Americans abroad in Washington for many years . . . initially supporting associations of overseas Americans directly and, later, acting as a source of knowledge and expert advice.” She concluded, “David has been a constant champion of Americans abroad throughout his career.”



Distinguished Franco-American jazz pianist Jacky Terrasson opened the evening by improvising La Marseillaise and America the Beautiful, and he concluded the evening with an improv mini-concert.

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For five decades, the National U.S. - Arab Chamber of Commerce (NUSACC) has served as a commercial bridge between the United States and the Arab world. Widely regarded as the voice of American business in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, the Chamber serves over 50,000 members and stakeholders in the USA and across the Arab world. Awarded the E-Award for export excellence by the President of the United States, NUSACC is the only business entity in the USA that is recognized by the League of Arab States and the Union of Arab Chambers.

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