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announced the establishment of the Ryan C. Crocker Award for Outstanding Achievement in Expeditionary Diplomacy. In 2004, President Bush conferred on him the personal rank of Career Ambassador, the highest in the Foreign Service, having served as a U.S. ambassador six times in his career. Born in Spokane, Washington, Crocker grew up in an Air Force family, attending schools in Morocco, Canada, and Turkey, as well as the U.S. He received a BA in English from Whitman College (Washington).

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