

John Fry Biography

John had a very interesting and rich career which gave him the personal experience to write many of the fascinating stories that we will post in the near future. Rather than attempt to write John's biography, we decided to use his material in the 50-year book. Following is the bio in his own words:

My career evolved from sailor to oceanographer, diplomat, senior fellow and author. I served in destroyers and various staff positions until the mid-sixties when I was assigned to the White House as assistant to the President's Science Advisor. In June 1967, I retired as a US Navy Commander to work for Vice President Humphrey, then later the Department of State as Director of the Office of Scientific and Technical Affairs. After French Language training in 1980, Toni (John's wife – ed.) and I enjoyed diplomatic life in Europe for six years, first in Brussels and then Stockholm. On returning to Washington as a senior fellow at the National Defense University, I began research for my book, published in 1994, "Negotiating Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Helsinki Process." I retired from the Department of State as a career Foreign Service officer with the personal rank of Minister-Counselor of The United States of America in October, 1988.