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Ambassador Hill on U.S. National Day: We share a common vision

The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad hosted a “National Day” reception on Thursday afternoon, February 25 marking the 234th year of American independence.

In his remarks Ambassador Hill highlighted the strength of US-Iraqi partnership by noting: “We can really see that the plant of friendship has begun to grow. We have come to understand that our countries are united by a shared vision of the future.”

Ambassador Hill also emphasized that the United States is dedicated to a long-term relationship with Iraq long after our military departs. “We want all of our Iraqi friends to understand one very important thing: “As long as you want America in your country, we will be here.”

The audience of over 400 government officials, diplomats, business executives, civil society leaders and media were treated to American and Iraqi food, a U.S. Marine Color Guard ceremony the singing of the Iraqi and U.S. national anthems as part of the ceremony.

Pointing to the expansive grounds and buildings located on the U.S. Embassy compound, the Ambassador compared the hard work that went into their construction to the permanence and strength of the bilateral relationship, concluding:

“I am very confident that we are up to the task of working with our Iraqi colleagues to make sure that, together, we continue to build this relationship stone by stone, and brick by brick.”

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