

## Mission

Nonsectarian and nonpartisan, the American Task Force for Lebanon (ATFL) is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization of prominent Americans of Lebanese heritage, who advocate for the strengthening of the historic U.S.-Lebanon relationship. The mission and objectives of ATFL shall always be in the best interest of the United States, and will promote the national unity, independence, and prosperity of a democratic and multisectarian Lebanon.

## Priorities

The ATFL board has specified three priorities for Lebanon and the U.S.-Lebanon relationship:

- **support for the Lebanese Armed Forces and security services**
- **broadening Lebanon's capacity to cope with the enormous numbers of Syrian refugees**
- **protecting vulnerable Middle East religious communities**

ATFL mobilizes its access to senior U.S. and Lebanese government officials, Congress, and the Congressional Caucus on U.S.-Lebanon Relations, toward these priorities. ATFL advocacy has helped result in \$1.3 billion in overall U.S. security assistance for Lebanon since 2007 and \$964.5 million in U.S. assistance for the Syrian refugees in Lebanon and the Lebanese host communities since 2012.

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## The American Task Force for Lebanon (ATFL)

What do former U.S. government officials, industry leaders, ambassadors, and professionals have in common? Well, if you're thinking of former Senator and Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, former Ambassadors Selwa Roosevelt, Thomas Nassif, and Edward Gabriel, and former Chairman and CEO of Occidental Petroleum Dr. Ray Irani, among others, they are leaders in the American Task Force for Lebanon (ATFL), the premier organization promoting U.S.-Lebanon policy.



Congressional Caucus on U.S.-Lebanon Relations, on House floor.

ATFL brings together leaders in our community in an exclusive organization focused on ensuring robust and enduring ties between the United States and Lebanon.

Lebanon needs a strong, durable, and proactive relationship with the U.S., and that is ATFL's mission. Without aligning with any particular groups, we work to ensure Lebanon's security and stability by supporting effective and sustained U.S. assistance to Lebanon. ATFL led the effort to lift the travel ban to Lebanon and is working with the U.S. government and international agencies to remove cluster munitions and landmines left behind by combatants on Lebanese soil.

We made a commitment to the Clinton Global Initiative to bring e-learning opportunities to Syrian children missing out on their education, and social entrepreneurship projects to marginalized communities. To counter the hateful ideology of ISIS and al-Qaeda, we want to bolster Lebanon's best traditions of religious tolerance and moderation, freedom of worship, and non-discrimination.

We Lebanese-Americans are proud of our Lebanese heritage AND our achievements as Americans. For generations, this country has given us opportunities to excel and serve our communities. Annually, we award members of our community for their leadership and achievements. Among those recognized are scientists, business leaders, entertainers, professionals, and military and political leaders.

Where else but the ATFL Gala will you find a stage shared by luminaries including:

**The Hon. George J. Mitchell**, *former Senate Majority Leader*

**The Hon. John H. Sununu**, *former White House Chief of Staff*

**Jamie Farr**, *star of M\*A\*S\*H\**

**Sara Ganim**, *Pulitzer Prize winner*

**Paul Anka**, *singer/songwriter*

**Ralph Nader**, *public interest advocate*

**General George A. Joulwan**, *former NATO Supreme Allied Commander*

**Ray R. Irani**, *former Chairman, President and CEO of Occidental Petroleum Corporation*

**Charles Elachi**, *Director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory*

**Dr. Huda Zoghbi**, *renowned geneticist*

Membership is by invitation-only. ATFL needs your commitment and energy to aid Lebanon at this most difficult time. Threats to Lebanon are growing, and we must greatly increase our efforts by using our access to U.S. policy-makers to ensure Lebanon's survival as a free, democratic, and secure country.



L-R: Generals John Abizaid, George Joulwan, & Richard Cody.



L-R: Gloria & Emilio Estefan & daughter Emily.

Think about it. There is so much to gain from becoming part of this effort on behalf of the countries we love – the United States and Lebanon. ATFL offers that opportunity to share in this vital effort with Lebanese-American leaders from across the country. You will be part of an exclusive organization that has direct access to policy makers, analysts, officials, and experts who regularly meet with our membership to keep us aware and committed to keeping the relationship strong and viable.

Thank you for taking the time to consider how you can make a difference and strengthen U.S.-Lebanon ties.