

Meet our new Ambassador, Kristina A. Kvien

Kristina Kvien is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Minister Counselor. She arrived in Yerevan on February 16, 2023, to serve as the tenth U.S. Ambassador to Armenia.

Ambassador Kvien has dedicated three decades of public service to deepening U.S. relations with Europe, and with advancing the vision of a continent whole, free and at peace. Prior to her arrival in Armenia, Ambassador Kvien served as Chargé d’Affaires at U.S. Embassy Kyiv, Ukraine from 2020 until 2022.

Previously, she served as DCM at U.S. Embassy Kyiv, Acting Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs at U.S. Embassy Paris; Acting Deputy Chief of Mission and Economic Counselor at U.S. Embassy Bangkok; Economic Counselor at U.S. Embassy London; and Director for European Union, Ukraine, and Belarus Affairs at the National Security Council in the Executive Office of the President. Ambassador Kvien also served at U.S. Embassy Moscow; the U.S. Mission to the European Union in Brussels; the U.S. Embassy Manila; and Washington, DC, where she worked on European Union issues and on bilateral relations with Slovenia.

Ambassador Kvien is a native of California, with a BA in Political Science from Occidental College and an MS in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.



What is American Citizen Services, and how can we help you?

The Consular Section of the U. S. Embassy in Yerevan provides a variety of services for U.S. citizens. There are two units in the Consular Section: the U.S. Citizen Services Section and the Visa Section. Please note that American Citizen Services appointments are NOT for visa-related questions or issues. Additionally, do not make an appointment at the Embassy for Social Security issues. All Social Security issues must now go directly through the Federal Benefit Unit in Athens.



All American Citizen Services visitors should schedule your appointment [on-line](#). If you need immediate assistance, please contact the U.S. Citizen Services section via email at ACSyerevan@state.gov. Our phone number is (+374) 10 49 45 85. Please leave a voicemail and we will return your call within one business day. We cannot answer questions regarding visas. Calls regarding visas will not be returned. If you are an American Citizen requiring immediate emergency assistance after hours or on a weekend, please dial +10 49 44 44.

The U.S. Citizen Services Unit’s assistance includes, but is not limited to: passport services, notary services, and Consular Reports of Births Abroad. The U.S. Consulate General also assists in emergencies, including deaths, arrests, and crisis situations.

Please write to us at

ACSyerevan@state.gov

U.S Embassy, Yerevan
Consular Section/ACS
1 American Ave, Yerevan 0082
Voice Mail: (+374)10 49-45-85
Emergency Phone (after hours):
(+374)10 49-44-44

Fees for Services

Fees can be paid in USD or Armenian Dram (No Credit/Debit Cards)
Notarial service- \$50 per seal
Marriage letter notary- \$50
Consular Report of Birth Abroad-\$100

Adult Passport renewal- \$130

Minor Passport/ renewal- \$135

First time Adult; replacement lost/stolen passport- \$165

Visa Questions?

[Yerevan Visa Unit \(google.com\)](#)

Unfortunately, ACS is unable to answer visa related questions. Please follow the link for visa related information.

Information For American citizens

Helpful information for Americans living or visiting Armenia

Town Hall

Town Hall for American Citizens in Armenia. This is a great opportunity to meet the US Embassy’s new Ambassador Kristina A. Kvien. It is also a way to meet the ACS staff and other Americans living in Armenia.

When: May 10, 2023 from 5:00 to 6:00

Where: U.S Embassy, Yerevan
1 American Ave, Yerevan 0082

RSVP: Please email ACSyerevan@state.gov

Please **RSVP** at the above email if you plan to attend the event. Only people who RSVP will be allowed to enter the event.

Meet other American Expats living in Armenia

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/expatsarmenia>

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The above links are websites for expats living in Armenia. ACS and the US Embassy has no affiliation with the above websites. Sometimes living in a new country can seem lonely or frustrating no matter where you are from or where you are living. Reaching out to others who understand the transition can be helpful. If you are aware of any other websites to connect American expats in Armenia please write American Citizens Services at: ACSyerevan@state.gov

Embassy Yerevan is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions:

- ✔ Internships in the Human Resources and Community Liaison sections.
- ✔ Cashier/inventory coordinator in the American Embassy Yerevan Employee Association.

For more information, please visit:

<https://am.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/>



Remember to register in the STEP program.

The STEP Program: What it is and Why You Should Register

STEP is short for *The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program*. It’s a way for U.S. Citizen and nationals living and travelling abroad to register with the U.S. Embassy in any given country, and a way for the embassy to contact its citizens and nationals in the event of a political crisis or natural disaster, a mass evacuation, or even a family emergency. STEP is a way for family and friends to contact you during such events.

STEP is also the way the U.S. Embassy in Armenia communicates important Travel Advisories and Alerts via text and SMS, as well conveying information through newsletters and emails. Though visitors and those living in Armenia and elsewhere are not required to register for STEP, we highly encourage it. Have your passport and itinerary handy when you register: <https://step.state.gov>

Getting Married?

I am getting married in Armenia to an Armenian citizen, and the civil registry has told me that I need a form from the U.S. Embassy.

This is a service the U.S. Embassy in Yerevan provides. This service is available to U.S. citizens only. We provide two template affidavit forms for you, one in English and one in Armenian (the Armenian form must be filled out in Armenian). These forms are used to attest that you are free to marry. Make an appointment for a “notarial or other services” via our website.

The civil registry requires this form from **green card** holders as well, but the U.S. Embassy does not offer this service.

A U.S. permanent Resident can apply for a marriage record check from their county government offices **before leaving the United States** and must have an **apostille affixed to the document**, see this webpage for information on obtaining an apostille: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/records-and-authentications.html>

Without an apostille, Armenia will not accept the report.



Restaurants

Places to eat in Yerevan



© Sun_Shine Shutterstock.com Sweet dry fruits and nuts assortment on the market counter, Tashir market, Yerevan, Armenia

PIZZA PLACES**LIMONE CASCADE**

81 Tamanyan St., tel: 011-65-65-65
Website: www.limone.am

PIZZA HUT

1 Northern Ave., tel: 060-50-55-05
Website: www.pizza-hut.am

PIZZA TORIA

38 Tumanyan St., tel: 060-48-00-48
Website: www.toria.am

BAKERIES**BAGUETTE & CO**

20 Abovyan St., tel: 012-20-22-99
Website: www.baguetteandco.am

BRIOCHE

31 Moskovyan Str., tel: 011-56-11-11

CRUMBS BREAD FACTORY

37 Mashtots Ave., tel: 53-70-13
Website: www.crumbs.am

LOUIS CHARDEN CAFÉ AND BAKERY

11 Amiryan St., tel: 095-50-54-44

BURGER PLACES**BLACK ANGUS BURGER BAR**

2/5 Abovyan St., tel: 060-50-80-70
39/9 Mashtots Ave., tel: 096-50-80-40
Yerevan Mall
Website: <http://www.blackangus.am/>

COFFEESHOP COMPANY

4/5 Amiryan St., tel: 011-26-33-33
21/24 Tumanyan St., tel: 011-32-33-33
Cascade, tel: 011-28-33-33
Northern Avenue, tel: 011-27-33-33

DARGETT BREWPUB

72 Arami St., tel: 096-87-08-70

DORS CRAFT BEER AND KITCHEN

4/6 Amiryan St., tel: 044-12-01-12

SMOKING CHEF GRILL & WINE

51 Pushkin St., tel: 098-67-05-05

TAWOUK

39 Kokhbatsi St., tel: 094-24-20-00

BEER HOUSES**BEER ACADEMY**

8 Moskovyan St., tel: 060-50-45-04

DARGETT BREWPUB

72 Arami St., tel: 096-87-08-70

DORS CRAFT BEER

4/6 Amiryan St., tel: 044-12-01-12

LABEERINT BEER RESTAURANT CHAIN

33a Moskovyan St., tel: 094-90-36-30
2/2 Alek Manukyan St., tel: 096-80-08-00
Website: www.labeerint.am

PAULANER BREWERY YEREVAN

6 Tamanyan St., tel: 54-38-00
19 Teryan St., tel: 060-51-38-00

American Hot Wings

A community favorite

AMERICAN HOT WINGS:

29 Mesrop Mashtoc pokhota tel: 098 125525

American hot wings in a popular restaurant among the American community in Yerevan. When you are missing American food, this is the place to go.



Picture from American hot wings website

Reviews from website

“Honestly one of the best burgers in town, very tasty, juicy and just amazing! Definitely recommend!”

“The Hot Wings here gives you wings. Amazing place... With great food, ambience and service. Family friendly as well as youth friendly place.”

“This place is terrific. Great atmosphere, great service, and most important of all really tasty food. Tried Enchilada, Chicken Wings and Filet Burger, all three were great. Bit more pricy than the average burger place in Yerevan, but definitely worth it. p.s. try the white brownie + ice cream desert too”

Events Happening in Yerevan

Yerevan Info: <https://www.visiterevan.am/en/>

Events: <https://www.visiterevan.am/browse/things-to-do-events/en/>

<https://www.tomsarkgh.am/en/category/Concert>

Please follow the links to find events happening in Yerevan. Getting involved in events happening in your area is a great day to make you feel part of the community. Yerevan has many events happening throughout the year. Check out the links and mark your calendars for the upcoming events this year.



Quote by Rebecca Fox

Volunteer Opportunities

“Volunteering is an act of heroism on a grand scale. And it matters profoundly. It does more than help people beat the odds; it changes the odds.”- U.S. President **William J. Clinton**.



If you are aware of any volunteer opportunities in Armenia that you think American citizens may want to participate in, please contact American Citizens Services at: ACSyerevan@state.gov

Green Team

The Green Team performs environmental and conservation service projects in the local area. This includes participating in the Yerevan Municipality tree-planting events, coordinating with local farming groups to help harvest crops, and participating in the active recycling program. There are more events and programs the Green Team assists. Please email Naira Khachatryan at KhachatryanN@state.gov for information.

Mother Teresa Orphanage

A dedicated group of Catholic nuns run an orphanage for disabled children in Nork Marash, a neighborhood in Yerevan. They are always looking for volunteers to spend time with the children. They have a wonderful local staff and international visitors who come to work with the children.

For more information please contact Sarah Begbie at slbegbie@aol.com

Helping Hands Orran Center

The Orran Center works with underprivileged children ages 5-17 and is located in downtown Yerevan. If you or your family members have skills and talents to share with the children, the center could use you.

Helping Hands also accepts donations of gently used clothes and toys.

For more information, or to plan future activities for Helping Hands, please contact Maritsa at HovhannisyanM@state.gov

PAWSitive Rescue

PAWSitive is a NON-KILL animal rescue group that provides medical and relocation assistance to homeless, unwanted, and owner-surrendered animals. The organization has 5 main directives: 1. Reduce the number of homeless and abandoned animals; 2. Provide medical assistance to needy animals; 3. Increase the effectiveness of pet adoption across Armenia; 4. Develop spay/neuter programs; and 5. Give pet-care educational materials

Email info@pawsitive.am

