

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany
to the United States of America

Mr. Pauls was born on August 26, 1915 in Eckartsberga in Thuringia. His father was a high-ranking clergyman in the Protestant Church. After Mr. Pauls received his baccalaureat from High School (Gymnasium) in Naumburg in 1934, he entered the army as a soldier. At the end of the war, he was a major and has been severely wounded, suffering the loss of his left arm.

In July 1945, he was released as a Prisoner-of-War by the U.S. Army. He studied law at the University of Hamburg and in 1950 received his Doctor's degree in Jurisprudence.

In 1948 he became an assistant in the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Council in Bonn. When the Federal Republic of Germany was founded in 1949, he was attached to the Liaison Office to the Allied High Commission in the Chancellor's Office.

Mr. Pauls served as Consul and Secretary of Legation in Luxembourg in 1951 - 1952. For the next three years he was Personal Assistant to Professor Walter Hallstein, at that time State Secretary of the German Foreign Office.

In January 1956, Mr. Pauls was appointed Counselor and head of the Political Department of the German Embassy in Washington. He remained in that position until 1960, when he was named Counselor and Deputy Chief of Mission in Athens, Greece.

In January 1963, he became Deputy Chief of the Office of Economic and Development Policy in the German Foreign Office. From July 1965 until July 1968 Mr. Pauls served as the first German Ambassador to the State of Israel.

Before being appointed Ambassador to the United States on December 20, 1968, Mr. Pauls acted as Ambassador at Large in the Foreign Office.

Ambassador Pauls is married and has three sons.

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