

**COUNTRY SQUIRES PRESENTATION FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2020**

**Demystifying Diplomacy**

**Speaker: Ambassador Tom Hull**

As America's diplomatic arm the Foreign Service normally shuns the limelight. Some consider it part of a "deep state," while others view it as our "first line of defense." In shedding more light on the Foreign Service Ambassador Hull will give his first-hand account of diplomacy as a profession and as a key element of our national security. He will also explain how the Foreign Service creates, articulates and implements our foreign policy, including its role in reporting on other countries and protecting American citizens and interests abroad.

*Tom is a fellow Squire who spent 34 years in the Foreign Service under seven Presidents before retiring as Ambassador to Sierra Leone, where he began his career as a Peace Corps teacher. He received his undergraduate degree from Dickinson College and graduate degrees from Columbia University. Before the Foreign Service, he worked in New York as an aide to former Senator Fulbright at the Institute of International Education.*