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Mack F. Mattingly, Senator, Diplomat

Mattingly joined the Air Force in 1951 at age 20 and left four years later after attaining the rank of staff sergeant. After discharge, he graduated from Indiana University and moved to Georgia. There, Mattingly entered politics and, in 1980, became the first Georgia Republican since Reconstruction to be elected to the US Senate, where he served one term. In 1987, the Georgian was chosen to serve as NATO assistant secretary general for defense support in Brussels, Belgium, a position he held until 1990. Mattingly later served as US ambassador to the Seychelles, 1992–93. He is active in both the Georgia Republican Party and the national GOP and works as a speaker and author on defense, foreign policy, and economic issues. In 1998, he became chairman of the Southeastern Legal Foundation.