



TURKIC  
AMERICAN  
ALLIANCE



# TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE





# TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE

## TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE



*T*he US has attracted people in search of a share of 'the American dream' from all corners of the world. Because of the fact that the United States' history is one of immigration, American society has often been described as a 'melting pot' or a 'cultural mosaic'.

Composed of citizens from Central Asia, Anatolia and Balkans, the Turkic American community has a unique place in the United States of America as part of its cultural mosaic.

The Turkic American community became visible in the American Society after the 1960's. From its early arrivals till today, members of the community have founded their organizations in order to preserve their own culture while helping new comers with their integration process. New York, Metro DC, Chicago and Los Angeles were amongst the first cities that attracted thousands of Turkish Americans.

As we approached the 21st century, collapse of the Soviet Union and the economic reforms in Turkey after the 90's gave birth to a new wave of Turkish population in the United States. Mostly academicians, doctors, and engineers, people from every walk of life pursued their dream by benefiting from tolerant, welcoming and friendly, as well as the prosperous American Society.

The Turkic American community first founded small cultural centers to address the needs of the community, such as weekend schools for their children, ESL classes for the adults, festivals for the community at large to share the beauty of the Turkish culture.



Turkish President Abdullah Gul



Senator Robert Casey, Jr. (D-PA)



Delaware Governor Jack Markell and State Senator Joe Booth

# TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE

As the Turkic American community grew in size, so did the scope, number and type of the organizations serving the community. In the beginning, it was only small cultural organizations... Later, private schools, dialog centers and business associations have been formed to serve the community in different areas of their social, cultural and economic life.

While our schools have been educating the youth with ethical standards, values, and knowledge that every citizen of the 21st century needs to become a successful member of their communities, dialog centers have been bringing people of different faiths together for greater respect and understanding. Cultural centers have been organizing events to showcase the richness of our culture, whereas businessmen associations have been strengthening the economic ties between countries and bringing the gap among businessmen of different countries.

In 2009, these organizations gathered under six regional networks, which we called federation or council. However, a broader, nationwide alliance on Capital Hill was still missing to convene them. As a result, the Turkic American Alliance (TAA) has been initiated for better coordination of joint efforts among more than 180 organizations all around the U.S.

The Opening Gala Reception of TAA was held on May 12th, 2010 at the Willard InterContinental, bringing representatives of Turkish, Turkic and Eurasian peoples together with 54 Members of the Congress as well as US Senators Richard Lugar, Robert Casey, Frank Lautenberg, Jeff Bingaman, Roger Wicker, Mark Warner and Kay Hagan.

*Turkic American Alliance is a non-government, not-for-profit organization established under the 501(c) 3 laws within the United States with the mere purpose of promoting cultural understanding. The Alliance is established as a broader umbrella organization for federations, councils and similar entities which bear the qualities and share the objectives of establishing closer relations with the Turkic American community and the community at large and also with the members of other ethnic communities in the United States.*

[www.turkicamericanalliance.org](http://www.turkicamericanalliance.org)  
750 1st Street NE, Ste. 1125 Washington, DC 20002  
Tel: (202) 469 9292 , Fax: (202) 747 7637



Foreign Affairs Minister Ahmet Davudoglu



Rep Pete Sessions (R-TX)



Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)



Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA)



# MID-ATLANTIC FEDERATION OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS



Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)



Secretary of State Hillary Clinton



Rep. Donna Edwards (D-MD)



Rep. David Price (D-NC)

*M* ID-ATLANTIC FEDERATION OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION (MAFTAA) is a non profit and non political organization was established under the 501(c) 3 laws by Turkic Americans to promote intercultural prosperity and better understanding among Turkish, Turkic and American communities. MAFTAA facilitates activities that aim at advancing better understanding among different cultures regardless of the differences. MAFTAA recognizes differences as diversity which yields a long lived prosperity within a nation. As an umbrella organization MAFTAA sees its affiliate organizations as entitles through which community effectiveness is built to accomplish the goals that serve the society as a whole. MAFTAA sees the issues through a holistic perspective and brings people from all walks of life to the stage through activities conducted by its affiliate organizations. In doing so MAFTAA becomes capable of presenting alternative ways of handling the issues suggested through these diverse perspectives and understanding.

Our mission: By facilitating social, cultural, economic, educational and academic activities, MAFTAA aims at building venues through which better understanding among Turkish Turkic and American communities is accomplished for a coherent civil society.



Senator Jim Webb (D-VA)

www.maftaa.org  
750 First St. NE. Ste.1125  
Washington, DC 20002  
Tel: (202) 469 9292

# TURQUOISE COUNCIL OF AMERICANS AND EURASIANS



Turquoise Council  
of Americans and Eurasians

## *T*URQUOISE COUNCIL OF AMERICANS AND EURASIANS (TCAE)

is a non-government not-for-profit organization established under the 501(c)-3 laws within the United States with the mere purpose of bringing people with interest in the American, Turkish, Turkic, and Eurasian cultures together. TCAE is a leading independent umbrella organization committed to advancing the interaction among American, Turkish, Turkic, and Eurasian people to promote and encourage continuing good relationships and understanding through its affiliate organizations in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana regardless of their ethnic origin religion and other preferences. TCAE brings people together by hosting public programs and private events featuring leaders and experts with diverse views on a wide range of global and regional topics through task forces, executive forums, luncheons, conferences, studies and leadership dialogue.

Our mission is to promote the cultural educational academic business social and artistic relations and organize events and activities to bring together the American, Turkish, Turkic, and Eurasian communities within the US.

[www.turquoisecouncil.org](http://www.turquoisecouncil.org)  
9301 West Bellfort Street Houston, TX 77031  
Tel: (713) 974-1412



Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS)



Houston Turkic Fest



Turkish Olympiad Texas Finals



Houston Mayoral Debate



Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright



# TURKIC AMERICAN FEDERATION OF SOUTHEAST



Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL)



South Florida Anatolia Center Dialog Dinner



Turkish American Chamber of Commerce Southeast Meeting



Istanbul Center & Kennesaw State University Year of Turkey Project

*T*URKIC AMERICAN FEDERATION OF SOUTHEAST (TAFS) is a newly established federation whose members consist of Turkish and Turkic organizations in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Alabama, and Tennessee and has 22 members throughout the southeast. The members of the TAFS are non-profit and non-governmental organizations improving the IT relationship between Turkic and American communities through educational, cultural, business and other community endeavors.

**EDUCATION:** As one example of TAFS' educational programs, Istanbul Center in Atlanta, GA organizes its Annual Art and Essay Contest for middle and high-school students. Students are engaged in thinking "outside the box" in creative works of art or essays to better our society. The Contest is a co-curricular activity, and is co-sponsored by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the Georgia Department of Education.

**CULTURE:** Every spring, in downtown Ft. Lauderdale, tens of thousands of Floridians attend the Turkish Festival organized by one of our member organizations called the Anatolia Cultural Center. The Festival entertains crowd with contemporary and traditional varieties of Turkish music, performances, and historic Ottoman marchers. Turkish Festivals, such as this one in Florida, continue to grow, attracting more people each year to experience the rich and complex culture of Turkey and Turkic peoples.

**BUSINESS:** To increase trade between Turkish, Turkic, and US-based companies, one of our members, the Turkish American Chamber of Commerce of the Southeastern recently launched its first Annual Matchmaking Program (February 2010). Business owners and CEOs from more than 15 dynamic Turkish companies visited Atlanta, GA to explore import/export opportunities with local companies.

[www.turkicfederation.com](http://www.turkicfederation.com)  
6760 Jimmy Carter Blvd. Suite 110 Norcross, GA 30071  
Tel: (404) 543-5770

# TURKISH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MIDWEST



**TURKISH AMERICAN**  
FEDERATION OF MIDWEST

*T*urkish American Federation of Midwest is a non-profit and non  
TURKISH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MIDWEST (TAFM) is a non profit  
and non governmental organization dedicated to improve cultural,  
economic and social relations between the Turkish American communities  
and the people of Midwest. The Federation has more than 30 institutions  
under its umbrella. These institutions include community centers, dialog  
foundations, private schools, chambers of commerce and other  
associations established by the Bosnian, Albanian, Turkmen, Kyrgyz,  
Azeri and Kazakh communities in the region. These sister communities  
have had strong cultural and social bonds throughout the history. The  
Federation organizes several events through the community centers in  
order to meet the social needs of these communities whereas the dialog  
centers aim to build bridges among people in order for them to get to  
know each other better. Our educational institutions thrive to experience,  
which has proven success in many countries abroad. The chambers of  
commerce are ideal institutions to establish networking and create  
business opportunities between the US and the countries mentioned.



President Barack Obama with Turkish Americans



Rep. Russ Carnahan (D-MO)



Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN)



Chicago Turkish World Festival



Illinois Governor Pat Quinn



Turkish World Flags at Navy Pier, Chicago

[www.turkishfederation.org](http://www.turkishfederation.org)  
501 Midway Dr. Mount Prospect,  
IL 60056  
Tel: (847) 227-8380



# COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS



*C*OUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS (CTAA) is a New York based umbrella organization that brings associations in the North East of the United States together. As a civic organization, CTAA represents 43 member organizations in 9 states from Pennsylvania to Maine. CTAA aims to promote and establish closer relations with the Turkish American community and the community at large and with the members of the other ethnic communities in the United States CTAA brings people through public and private programs such as conferences panels luncheons and forums to address important issues that relate to Turkish American community and US-Turkish relations

Our mission: Council of Turkic American Associations is an independent umbrella organization devoted to strengthening cultural business social and educational ties between peoples of the United States and Turkey. CTAA aims to make a significant contribution to global peace and security by promoting tolerance respect understanding and unity. Council of Turkic American Associations is a not for profit 501 (c) 3 organization.

[www.turkiccouncil.org](http://www.turkiccouncil.org)  
535 Fifth Avenue 6th Floor New York, NY 10017  
Tel: (212) 696-1060



Former President Bill Clinton



Turkish PM Recep T. Erdogan and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton



Rep. William Delahunt (D-MA)



Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

# WEST AMERICA TURKIC COUNCIL



Orange County Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival



Los Angeles Gulen Conference



Oregon Nawrooz Festival



Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA)



Turkish Chorused West America Folk

*W*EST AMERICA TURKIC COUNCIL (WATC) is serving 21 affiliate organizations representing 12 states in the West, namely, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, California, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and Hawaii. WATC mission is to promote the cultural, educational, academic, business, social, and arts relations and to organize events and to bring together the American and Turkish, Turkic and Eurasian communities within the US.

The Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival was one of the events organized. Los Angeles based Pacifica Institute is the main sponsor of the festival and plans to make this an annual fixture in California. Other participants were the California Turkish American Chamber of Commerce (CATA) and the Organization of Istanbul Armenians (OIA).

A full sensory experience of the history of this region was provided. Visitors literally ate the food, saw the sights and heard the sounds that an ordinary Byzantine or Ottoman citizen experienced thousands of years ago. The festival showcased five major cities and 11 arches including a reconstruction of the Trojan Horse.

The sets were constructed in Istanbul over a six month period by a team of 50 carpenters under the guidance of historians and archeologists. They used 60 tons of steel, 20,000 square meters of vinyl and other materials to recreate landmarks such as Rumi's Museum in Konya.



[www.watc.org](http://www.watc.org)  
12228 Venice Blvd. Suite 496, Los Angeles, CA 90066-3814  
Tel: (949) 421-7676





TURKIC  
AMERICAN  
ALLIANCE



750 1st St. NE, Ste.1125

Washington, DC 20002

Tel: 202.469.9292

Fax: 202.747.7637

[www.turkicamericanalliance.org](http://www.turkicamericanalliance.org)