

## Ambassador Pearce visits the capital of Les Aurès

Ambassador David D. Pearce enjoyed a three-day visit to the Wilaya of Batna 12- 14 April, 2010. The Ambassador was pleased to have the opportunity to visit a region so full of culture and history. Ambassador Pearce met with the Wali of Batna, Abdelkader Bouazgui, as well as the Rector of Hadj Lakhdar University, Moussa Zerega, to explore possibilities for cooperation and exchange in the region. Ambassador Pearce then visited El Moudjahid Museum and the November 1<sup>st</sup> Mosque. The Ambassador also toured Timgad - a UNESCO world heritage site - including the ruins and museum of Lambaesis; Medracen, the oldest royal mausoleum in North Africa; and the remains of the ancient city of Zana.



Ambassador Pearce later paid a visit to the Embassy-sponsored El Badr English School, which joined the ACCESS program in 2008. At the end of his visit, Ambassador Pearce attended a lecture on the American Revolution at the English Department of Hadj Lakhdar University. This visit underscored ongoing U.S. commitment to strengthening cooperation, dialogue and mutual understanding between our two countries.