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Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
of Washington, DC

Peace Corps 50th Anniversary Event
September 25, 2011 - Arlington National Cemetery

The Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington, DC

commemorate

50 Years of the Peace Corps

Sunday, September 25, 2011

Arlington National Cemetery
Memorial Amphitheater

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Thoughts about...

"The Peace Corps opens a window to the world for many people. I went through that window and became President of my country."

Alejandro Toledo
Former President of Peru

"It's funny how small, seemingly insignificant moments in our lives can take on such meaning later."

Jeff Fearnside
Kazakhstan (2002–2004)

"In the Peace Corps, we present a different image of America. The Peace Corps breaks down the stereotypes and turns an American into a fellow human being."

Robert Taft
Tanzania (1963–1965)
Former Governor of Ohio

"I realized that my work wasn't about directly creating change, but motivating change in others."

Beth Genovese
Panama (2002–2004)

"Our lives, and certainly our perspectives, were changed forever."

Ron Tschetter
India (1964–1968)
17th Director of the Peace Corps

"We learned to appreciate what we have as Americans, and how as global citizens we have a responsibility to others who are less fortunate."

Nancy Tschetter
India (1966–1968)

"I slowly began to realize that the best chance I had for success was simply to start with the question: How can I help?"

Steven Biedermann
Republic of Kiribati (2002–2004)

"The Peace Corps, I would learn, is a constant source of adapting."

Mark Huffman
Morocco (2005–2007)

"What matters is a willingness to share, ungrudgingly and without hesitation."

Kara Garbe
Burkina Faso (2001–2004)

"I've learned to love in a way more profound than I've ever known before."

Christina Luongo
Bolivia (2002–2004)

"I think I've learned less about me and more about the human condition."

Caroline Chambre
Burkina Faso (2002–2004)

"In all these lessons, I'm the student. Yet, according to my job description, I'm supposed to be the teacher."

April Simun
Moldova (2003–2005)

"I knew that I was making a difference in their lives. What I didn't realize at the time was how significant of a difference they were making in my life."

Diana Schmidt
Ukraine (2000–2001)

"The greatest hurdle [in deciding to join the Peace Corps] is often a mental one: stepping into the unknown and hoping to find the strength, commitment, and flexibility to see it through."

Dillon Banerjee
Cameroon (1994–1996)
*Author, So, You Want to Join
the Peace Corps... What
to Know Before You Go*

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington, D.C., we welcome you to the Peace Corps 50th Anniversary Arlington Presentation and Walk of Flags. We are delighted to share this occasion with you.



Today we reflect not only on the first 50 years of the Peace Corps, but on the next 50. We honor half a century of building global friendships and cultural understanding, helping others help themselves, and bringing our service back home. Over 200,000 Volunteers have served in the Peace Corps; and our experiences have touched more lives across the world and within our communities than we will ever know.

We take this opportunity to reflect not only on what we've gained, but what we've lost since the founding of the Peace Corps. We honor the legacy of President John F. Kennedy, who signed the Peace Corps into being, as well as our first director, Sargent Shriver, the visionary leader who built the Peace Corps from the ground up. We honor the 280 Volunteers who gave their lives in service to the ideals of the Peace Corps. We are all humbled by their sacrifice in service to our country and our global community.

Today's events are being put on entirely by volunteers. Throughout the planning process, we relied upon the qualities that we refined in the Peace Corps -patience, perseverance, cooperation, and relentless optimism. Success meant listening to you, the RPCV community, about previous events and anniversaries, and we are grateful for your guidance. To all of these volunteers and mentors, thank you for the time and energy you've given.

We would also like to thank all our sponsors, as well as the Peace Corps, the National Peace Corps Association, the Fallen Peace Corps Volunteer Memorial Project, the National Park Service and the United States Army, which manages the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery. Most of all, we want to thank all of you for being here today to commemorate what we all have in common, the Peace Corps.

Sincerely,

Chris Austin
Kenya 2003-2005
RPCV/W President

Kristina J. Owens
Bolivia 2000-2002
RPCV/W 50th Anniversary Event Manager

... The Peace Corps

Program

Instrumental Prologue - Halley Shoenberg & Aaron Myers

National Anthem and Honor Guard

Welcome - Maureen Orth

Aaron Williams

Kyle Chow

Pamela Cameron

Duke Ellington School of the Arts

Chris Austin & Kevin Quigley

Al Guskin

Maeve Kennedy McKean & Joseph P. Kennedy III

Caitlin Givens

Vice President of Liberia Joseph N. Boakai

Duke Ellington School of the Arts

Senator Chris Dodd

Walk of Flags

Speaker Biographies

Maureen Orth

Ms. Orth is an award winning journalist, author and a Special Correspondent for Vanity Fair Magazine. She began her career as the third woman writer at Newsweek, became a Senior Editor for New York and New West Magazines, a correspondent for NBC News and has also written for the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal Magazine and Vogue among others. In the sixties she served as a Peace Corps community development volunteer in Medellin, Colombia, where she helped build a school named for her, Escuela Marina Orth. Today the Marina Orth Foundation has brought a unique public-private partnership program to three schools in the Medellin area, including Escuela Marina Orth, where 1200 children are able to have their own laptop computers, learn English and practice leadership skills. Ms. Orth is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley where she currently serves as a trustee of the UC Berkeley Foundation. She received her masters degree in journalism and documentary film from UCLA. For the Peace Corps 50th anniversary she has raised the money and produced a series of short "video postcards" showcasing the work of volunteers past and present, worldwide.

Aaron Williams

Peace Corps Director Aaron Williams served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Dominican Republic from 1967-1970. After Peace Corps, he coordinated minority recruitment for the Peace Corps in Chicago. His career has focused on international development, including positions such as Vice President for International Business Development with RTI International, Senior Manager at USAID, where he attained the rank of Career Minister in the U.S. Senior Foreign Service, and Executive Vice President of the International Youth Foundation. In 2009 he was sworn in as the eighteenth Director of the Peace Corps and only the fourth director to have served as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Kyle William Chow

Mr. Chow was born on March 9, 1990, the youngest of three brothers; Daniel and Joseph. His brother Joseph served in Kenya from 2007 to 2008 and Tanzania from 2008 until his death in September 2009. Kyle graduated from Fordham Preparatory School ('08) and is currently enrolled in Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., majoring in International Political Economic (School of Foreign Service, 2012). He is the captain of the Hoyas Swimming and Diving Team.

Pamela Levin Cameron

Ms. Cameron is the mother of Peace Corps Volunteer, Matthew Costa. Matthew served in Chad from 2003-2005 and then extended his service to Mali from 2005 until his death in September of 2006. Ms. Cameron also has a daughter, Danielle Butkiewicz, and a granddaughter, Taylor, who was born on Matthew's birthday in 2009. She is married to George Cameron, Matthew's stepfather. She is currently a trial attorney at a small law firm in the New Haven, Connecticut area. Since 2008, Ms. Cameron has been co-leader of the Central Connecticut Chapter of the Compassionate Friends, an international support group for parents who have lost children.

Chris Austin

Mr. Austin was recently elected President of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington, D.C. (RPCV/W), succeeding former RPCV/W President Tamar Lechter. Chris served in the Peace Corps in Kenya from 2003-2005 as a Health Education Resource Volunteer. Chris is the Legislative Director for Congressman John Garamendi of California. Congressman Garamendi served in the Peace Corps with his wife Patricia Garamendi in Ethiopia from 1966-1968. Chris holds a B.A. in Geography from the University of Missouri, and is currently pursuing a Masters of Public Administration from American University, part-time.

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Kevin F. F. Quigley

Dr. Quigley leads the National Peace Corps Association—www.peacecorpsconnect.org, the national membership organization for individuals influenced by the Peace Corps experience, whose mission is to foster peace through service, education and advocacy. In recent years, Quigley has worked to use the 50th anniversary to generate more resources for the Peace Corps and encourage the next generation of Volunteers. He is one of the architects of the Building Bridges and Service World Coalitions, which seeks to expand international service opportunities.

Al Guskin

An alumnus of the University of Michigan, Mr. Guskin, was a leader of the Americans Committed to World Responsibility, the student group credited with inspiring President Kennedy to move forward with establishing the Peace Corps. In 1961 he joined the Peace Corps staff in Washington, DC and in 1962, Mr. Guskin and his former wife Judith joined the Peace Corps as Volunteers in the first group to go to Thailand. In 1964, after his Peace Corps service, Mr. Guskin was one of the founding staff members of VISTA, the domestic Peace Corps. He was VISTA's first Director of Selection and then led a poverty program for migrant farm workers in Florida. Mr. Guskin went on to receive a Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the University of Michigan and pursued a life in academia, including serving as chancellor of Antioch University. Currently at age 74, Mr. Guskin is a Distinguished University Professor in Antioch University's innovative Ph.D. Program in Leadership and Change.

Caitlin Givens

Ms. Givens served as a Peace Corps Volunteer from 2007-2009 in the Sahel Desert of northeastern Senegal. Before joining the Peace Corps, Caitlin earned a B.A. in Sustainable Human Development and Dance at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and a Master's degree in Population and Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science. After Peace Corps, Caitlin returned to the U.S. to become a certified nurse midwife. She currently works as a certified birth doula while pursuing her studies at Georgetown's graduate nursing program. Caitlin is the winner of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington, D.C. essay contest and will be presenting her winning essay today.

Maeve Kennedy McKean

Ms. McKean is granddaughter of Robert F. Kennedy. Maeve is the first member of her family to serve in the Peace Corps. She served as an English teacher in Mozambique. Maeve currently works at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as a Senior Advisor in the Office of Global Affairs. Maeve graduated from Georgetown University where she received a joint degree from Georgetown Law as well as a Master's Degree from the Walsh School of Foreign Service. After law school she spent a year as a legal fellow through Georgetown's Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program working to secure reproductive rights for HIV-positive women.

Joe Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy is an Assistant District Attorney serving Middlesex County, Massachusetts. Before becoming a prosecutor, Joe attended Harvard Law School, where he served on the board of a student-run pro-bono law firm and co-founded a class at a Boston public school dedicated to helping at-risk youth. Joe served in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic from 2004-2006, where he helped create a community-led ecotourism business. The first of its kind in the Dominican Republic, the business used a national park as an economic engine for a rural community by reinvesting entrance fees back into the local community. Before departing for the Dominican Republic, Joe worked at the United Nations Development Program with the Millennium Development Secretariat, a UN commission dedicated to eradicating poverty.

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Joseph N. Boakai Sr.

Vice President of Liberia, Mr. Boakai was influenced by Peace Corps Volunteers at an early age. Born in the remote village of Worsonga in the Foya District, Mr. Boakai came from humble conditions to pursue a 37-year career in business and government; including serving as Chief Executive Officer and the first Liberian President Manager of the Liberia Produce Marketing Corporation, Managing Director of the Liberia Petroleum Refinery Company, and Minister of Agriculture. A graduate of the University of Liberia where he studied Business Administration, Vice President Boakai has completed studies in Grain Storage and Marketing from Kansas State University.

Christopher Dodd

Senator Dodd, currently the head of the Motion Picture Association of America, served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Dominican Republic village of Monción from 1966-1968. After joining the US army reserve, Dodd served in the United States House of Representatives from 1974-1980 representing Connecticut's 2nd Congressional District. In 1980, he won a seat in the United States Senate and served five terms. During his time in the Senate, Dodd was a major supporter of increasing and improving the Peace Corps and in 2010 was awarded the Peace Corps Champion Award by the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington, DC.

Performer Biographies

Duke Ellington School of the Arts

The Duke Ellington School of the Arts is a unique partnership of arts and education institutions in Washington, DC. Supported by The Ellington Fund, Duke Ellington is a vital community resource that contributes to the growth and development of arts activity throughout the District of Columbia. The show choir has performed around the world and for former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. They have also received the honor of performing at President Barack Obama's inauguration.

Halley Shoenberg

Ms. Shoenberg is an accomplished multi-instrumentalist who plays clarinet, saxophone and flute, and whose style is collected from several sources of jazz, theatre and popular music. In addition to being the leader of her own Halley Shoenberg Jazz Octet, Quartet and Trio, she performs and has recorded with the Tom Cunningham (swing) Orchestra, the James Bazen (modern-style) Big Band, the La Salle (1920's and 30's jazz) Dance Orchestra and the Bitter Dose (gypsy jazz) Combo. Halley has produced two CD releases, Love Goes Round and Someday, which include several of her original compositions.

Aaron Myers

Mr. Myers is an accomplished pianist who started playing the piano at the age of 3 and opened for an event, with 15,000 people in attendance, at the age of 13. He served in the United States Army where he was the Brigade Minister of Music. After leaving the Military Aaron broadened his artistic horizon by attending Navarro College and majoring in Theatre. He is currently the vocal lead/pianist for the Black Fox Ensemble and resident artist at the Black Fox Lounge, located on Connecticut Avenue in Washington, DC. Aaron is also the Minister of Music at Covenant Baptist UCC, Washington, DC.

Tribute to John Fitzgerald Kennedy



In the early hours of October 14, 1960, Presidential candidate John Fitzgerald Kennedy arrived at the Ann Arbor campus of the University of Michigan. Weeks away from election day and locked in an electoral toss-up with his opponent, Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, Kennedy was touring the country in a final push to counter Nixon's effective effort to define him as inexperienced, naïve, and weak on the issue that defined the race: the rapidly escalating cold war on global communism.

Earlier that year, a U.S. spy plane had been shot down over Soviet air space; its pilot captured, and the U.S. humiliated. Vice-President Nixon had recently met with Fidel Castro and been so alarmed by his radical efforts to make government serve the poor that the U.S. was five days from severing all diplomatic and economic ties with Cuba. Kennedy was under tremendous pressure to demonstrate that he would be a calculating and forceful commander-in-chief capable of aggressively meeting the Communist threat. In Michigan, his advisors gave the exhausted candidate a cautious, carefully vetted statement that would satisfy the student reporters and whoever else was still on campus at 2 a.m.

When Kennedy took the makeshift podium, he met 10,000 waiting students. As they cheered, he discarded his notes and delivered an extemporaneous foreign policy address in 381 words. It was defined by a challenge: "How many of you who are going to be doctors are willing to spend your days in Ghana?"

A few days later, Kennedy received his answer: a petition signed by 1,000 Michigan students who wanted to serve their country overseas. On Nov. 1, just days before the election, Kennedy gave a speech using the term "Peace Corps" for the first time. He received more than 25,000 letters in response. As one of his first presidential acts, President John F. Kennedy signed an executive order that created the Peace Corps. When Congress officially authorized the organization on Sep. 22, 1961, hundreds of Peace Corps Volunteers were already serving in Ghana and Tanzania.

When Kennedy encountered those screaming Michigan students at two in the morning, he articulated a vision of America's power that transcended the metrics of its nuclear arsenal, gross domestic product, or strategic alliances. Kennedy recognized that if the United States government failed to channel the talents, goodwill and independent initiative of its people, it would squander a strategic asset that no country on earth could match. Forty years before the internet, Kennedy had the clarity of vision to imagine a world in which international relationships could be defined not by treaty-certified "friendships" between states that were, for the moment, at peace, but by the genuine article, the bonds that exist between individuals, forged through common struggle, open communication, and resolute compassion.

"Nothing carries the spirit of American idealism and expresses our hopes better and more effectively to the far corners of the earth than the Peace Corps," Kennedy said in his final State of the Union address. And if the Peace Corps is not Kennedy's greatest legacy, it is certainly his most astounding. John Fitzgerald Kennedy made the government of the United States the most effective and efficient organization in the world at placing hundreds of thousands of people in the most remote locations on earth for the express purpose of serving their country by serving the citizens of other countries.

Tribute to Robert Sargent Shriver

The day after his inauguration, when President Kennedy telephoned his brother-in-law Sargent Shriver and asked him to organize the Peace Corps, no one knew if the "towering task" could actually be accomplished. But Sarge embraced the challenge as he embraced everything he did, with boundless optimism, relentless energy, and irresistible charisma.

From the start, he wanted the Peace Corps to be a different kind of agency—a place where ingenuity and results were valued over process. As Harris Wofford has said, to "Shriver-ize" something soon entered the Peace Corps vocabulary as code for doing something fast, and making it big and bold. With a politician's skill, a salesman's persistence, an idealist's faith, and a cheerleader's pep, Sarge made people believe that anything was possible, and inspired them to action.

And when we look back on what Sarge accomplished, it's almost inconceivable: A whole new agency, with global scope, envisioned and assembled from scratch.


By December 1961, the Peace Corps had sent more than 500 Volunteers to 9 countries. Today, 50 years later, more than 200,000 Volunteers have served in 139 countries worldwide—fighting malaria in Senegal, engaging youth in Jordan, empowering women through microenterprise in Thailand, promoting computer literacy in Ukraine, and paying tribute to Sarge's vision and idealism every day.

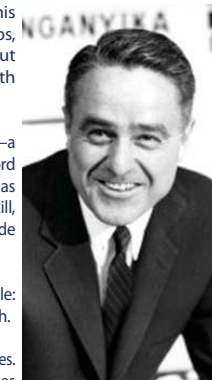
Sarge understood that, by living and working shoulder-to-shoulder among the people they serve, not only would Peace Corps Volunteers offer assistance in a direct and personal way, but they would be transformed themselves. Indeed, one of the Peace Corps' greatest achievements is the impact it's had back home, as thousands of Americans bring their sense of mission and responsibility back to the United States—for as one Volunteer put it, "The thing about the Peace Corps is it doesn't last two years: It lasts a lifetime."

Sargent Shriver's legacy shines in countless other arenas as well. After seeing the Peace Corps through its first five years, he led the charge in President Johnson's War on Poverty, creating Head Start, VISTA, the Job Corps, Foster Grandparents, and Legal Services for the Poor. He served as U.S. Ambassador to France; advocated for those with special needs through Special Olympics; and was a consummate public servant who never failed to answer his country's call. Throughout, he remained the Peace Corps' most irreplaceable booster and greatest friend.

As he once explained, "Peace Corps Volunteers . . . have come to realize . . . that the world is a real community. They have learned that people can cross barriers of language and culture and customs. They've learned foreign languages, yes, but more important they have learned to hear the voice of the human heart in any language."

We miss his presence, but Sargent Shriver's spirit will live in our hearts forever.


Director, Peace Corps



To honor the memory of the men and women who died in service as Peace Corps Volunteers

David Crozier	Colombia	1962	Virginia Zink	Nigeria	1968	John Davidson	Ecuador	1972	Timothy J. Matthews	Sierra Leone	1979
Lawrence Radley	Colombia	1962	William J. Ackerman	Colombia	1968	Steven Messer	Costa Rica	1973	Lois Ann Lane	The Gambia	1979
David Mulholland	Philippines	1962	Thomas Laffey	Malawi	1968	Linda Fink	Zaire	1973	Thomas D. Lockhart	Sierra Leone	1980
Dale Swenson	Brazil	1962	William Hellyer	India	1968	Rene C. Courtward	Benin	1973	Lynne J. Masover	Fiji	1980
Nancy Boyd	Philippines	1963	Patrick J. O'Reilly	El Salvador	1969	Wilburn Johnson	Senegal	1973	Marian A. Baciewicz	Ghana	1980
Philip Maggard	Philippines	1963	Michael Kotzian	Colombia	1969	Gregory Baker	Dominican Republic	1973	Mitchell D. Woodward	Ecuador	1980
Frederick Detjen	Colombia	1963	Henry G. Shuler	India	1969	Roderic Turner	Ethiopia	1973	Thomas C. LeSuer	Lesotho	1980
Roger McManus	Philippines	1963	Jeannette Stafford	Philippines	1969	Linda Robinson	Niger	1973	David Ira Rubin	Micronesia	1980
Bruce McKeen	Nepal	1964	Sandra Smith	Bolivia	1969	Dennis D. Pfost	Peru	1974	Diana P. Fillmore	Gabon	1980
Cynthia Myers	India	1964	Susan Losikoff	Malaysia	1969	Bethanne Bahler	Jamaica	1974	Theodore Cooper	Philippines	1981
Joy Darling	Bolivia	1965	Henry Farrar	Afghanistan	1969	Denise Blake	Afghanistan	1974	Harry Hushaw	Thailand	1981
Don Humphrey	Chile	1965	Frederick A. Schwartz	Swaziland	1970	Denise Rosser	Cote d'Ivoire	1974	Philip Cyr	Nepal	1981
Stanley Kowalczyk	Nigeria	1965	Susan Davey	Liberia	1970	Robert Parker	Dominican Republic	1974	Margaret Carmona	Philippines	1981
Francis Kirking	Iran	1965	Marilyn McKay	Liberia	1970	Curtis Jacoby	Dominican Republic	1974	Daniel Greenwald	Philippines	1981
Gareth Simmons	Dominican Republic	1965	Martha Merrill	Liberia	1970	Gerald G. Robillard	Zaire	1974	Brian K. Edens	Senegal	1981
Robert Zech	Dominican Republic	1965	John L. Wills	Jamaica	1970	Robert A. Pastuszak	Cote d'Ivoire	1975	Janis Hyatt	Swaziland	1981
James Hughes	Ecuador	1965	David McCarthy	Micronesia	1970	Jacqueline Chezem	Costa Rica	1975	John Marshall	Mali	1981
John Parrott	Kenya	1965	Judith Bosch	Iran	1970	Grace M. Russomanno	Liberia	1975	Paul Chaljub	Chile	1981
Johannes Vonfoerster	Nigeria	1965	Gail L. Gross	Peru	1970	Diane M. Fahey	Liberia	1975	Marshal C. Haggard	Nepal	1981
James Driscoll	Togo	1965	Marie Clutterbuck	Peru	1970	Harold R. Summers	Benin	1975	Jeanne Corbin	Jamaica	1981
Judith Corley	Cameroon	1965	Daniel S. Jandorf	Malaysia	1970	Cecil Perkins	E. Caribbean	1975	Darryl A. Adkins	Jamaica	1981
Curtis Larson	Ecuador	1966	Susan Rodgers	Kenya	1970	Barbara F. Christie	Benin	1975	Bridgette D. McClellan	The Gambia	1981
Pevery D. Kinsey	Tanzania	1966	David R. Bogenschneider	Kenya	1970	Stephen W. Hamer	Malaysia	1975	Steven W. Presnal	Ecuador	1982
William H. Olson	Ethiopia	1966	Paul Overholtzer	Mauritius	1970	Roy O. Prior	Honduras	1975	Robert R. Long	Liberia	1983
Florice Barnum	Togo	1966	Joseph Nonnemacker	Micronesia	1970	Thomas M. Cronin	Philippines	1975	Kimberly Morken	Botswana	1983
Paul L. Bond	Ecuador	1966	Ronald Kuhn	Sierra Leone	1971	H. Benjamin Gamber	Kenya	1975	Joseph G. Sheriff	Micronesia	1983
Gerald F. Flynn	Ecuador	1966	Linda Manke	Kenya	1971	Francis Gavitt	Honduras	1975	Michael D. Wood	Guatemala	1983
Troy M. Ross	Peru	1966	Terry Lawyer	Togo	1971	Thomas L. Carpenter	Sierra Leone	1976	Kathryn Crotty	Mali	1983
Thomas Hassett	Nepal	1966	Kalman Hahn	Ghana	1971	George Bradfield	Chile	1976	Diana L. Hess	Kenya	1983
James Redmann	E. Caribbean	1966	Philip Holland	India	1971	James E. Hoffman	Liberia	1976	Terry J. Strong	Lesotho	1983
Thomas A. Ashton	Iran	1966	Agatha Thornton	Liberia	1971	Charles H. Pinney	Malaysia	1976	Mark T. Edstrand	Niger	1983
Lowell E. Dunn	Thailand	1966	Ann Kenney	Micronesia	1971	Stephen W. Malone	E. Caribbean	1976	James Wood	Togo	1983
Robert F. Weland	Nepal	1966	Richard Leahy	Ecuador	1971	Roseanne Provini	Honduras	1976	Shaun T. O'Brien	Philippines	1984
Henry George Shine	Nigeria	1966	Marsha Ragno	Liberia	1971	Paul E. Johnson	Guatemala	1976	Mark A. Streb	Niger	1984
Diane Nitahara	Nigeria	1966	Robert Whitfield	Ghana	1971	Robert E. Davis	Burkina Faso	1976	Jennifer L. Rubin	Togo	1984
David Larson	Dominican Republic	1967	Valerie Roberts	Liberia	1971	Richard L. Mulvihill	Cameroon	1976	Ronald Cecchini	Thailand	1984
Dennis Pearson	Turkey	1967	Michael Periard	Liberia	1971	June Cross	Liberia	1976	Charles Turner	Philippines	1984
Marcia Pearson	Turkey	1967	James Henrietta	Liberia	1971	Deborah Gardner	Tonga	1976	William J. Mathis, Jr.	Zaire	1984
Rose Anne Crimmins	India	1967	Craig Pollock	Ecuador	1972	Polly Zimmerman	Morocco	1976	Peter H. Wolfe	Guatemala	1984
William Reiser	Ghana	1967	Dennis Ota	Togo	1972	Louise A. Wolf	Morocco	1976	Lesa Sanftleben	Lesotho	1984
Bruce Gould	Philippines	1967	Robert Ritger	Ecuador	1972	Gary D. Wilcox	Fiji	1977	William Schaffer	Nepal	1984
James Stout, Jr.	Morocco	1967	Alan C. Banner	Western Samoa	1972	Florence A. Krok	Kenya	1977	John Wright	Ecuador	1985
Peter Nelson	Iran	1967	James O. Weeks	Mauritius	1972	Lester Gliessman	Kenya	1978	Audrey Copeland	Ecuador	1985
Susan Traub	Ethiopia	1967	James B. Ryan	Ethiopia	1972	Jerry Dean Bryan	Brazil	1978	Raymond Kruger	Morocco	1985
John R. Blum	India	1967	Louis W. Morton	Uganda	1972	Christopher E. Luecke	Liberia	1978	Audrey Smith	Philippines	1985
Mark Raymaker	Tanzania	1968	William E. Challed	Iran	1972	Richard Lee Kelly	Belize	1978	Joseph Teates	Guatemala	1987
Alexei Zbitnoff	El Salvador	1968	Paul Spratt	Zaire	1972	Robert D. Warren	Honduras	1978	Scott Glotfelty	Togo	1988
Salvador Vazquez	Colombia	1968	Elizabeth Aldrich	Kenya	1972	Christine M. Thompson	Ecuador	1978	Danuta Kossowska	Thailand	1988
John O'Brien	Fiji	1968	William L. West	Kenya	1972	Robert K. Jonas	Colombia	1978	Matthew Sherman	Honduras	1988
John Beckner	Malaysia	1968	Robert H. Lillig	Nepal	1972	Robert L. McFate	Chile	1978	Andrew E. Karrer	Micronesia	1988
						Dennis M. Stilson	E. Caribbean	1978	Brenda Crawford	Swaziland	1988
						Robert H. Benson	Tonga	1978	Juanita Quito	Swaziland	1988
						Robert Owens	Morocco	1978	Steven L. Butler	Tunisia	1988
						Debora G. White	Togo	1978	Michelle Drabiski	Paraguay	1989
						Eugene Galgas	Ghana	1978	Dorothy Osborne	Dominican Republic	1989

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Margaret E. Schutzius	Chad	1989	Jesse Patrick Thyne	Guinea	2000
Daniel F. Ohl	Kenya	1990	William DiDiego	Cote d'Ivoire	2000
David Schaeffer	Tanzania	1990	Judith A. Pasmore	Lesotho	2000
David John Edwards	Namibia	1991	Jennifer Leah Rose	Malawi	2000
Gloey Wiseman	Bolivia	1991	Natalie Waldinger	Tanzania	2001
Susan Harding	Cote d'Ivoire	1992	Carlos Amador	El Salvador	2001
Varina Rogers	Malawi	1992	Wyatt Pillsbury	Tanzania	2001
William M. Nordmann	Nepal	1992	Jang K. Lee	Uzbekistan	2001
Mary K. Johnson	China	1993	Larisa Jaffe	Zimbabwe	2001
Karren Waid	Togo	1993	Susan Fagan	Ghana	2001
Michele Sylvester	Senegal	1993	Elizabeth Rachel Bowers	Zambia	2002
Layne Pfaffenberger	Guatemala	1993	Ronald McDearman	Kenya	2002
Thomas Barakatt	Western Samoa	1994	Zachary T. Merrill	Mali	2003
Lucille Ann Rose Raimondo	Guatemala	1995	Meghan R. Vaughan	Mali	2003
Donald L. Weber	Hungary	1995	Gregor V. Baker	Ecuador	2004
Andrew Shippee	Cameroon	1995	Melissa L. Mosvick	Morocco	2004
Jeffrey Orton	Niger	1995	Erik (Rik) Weiss	Philippines	2004
Laura Stedman	Swaziland	1996	Patricia Scatoloni	Macedonia	2005
Nancy Coutu	Madagascar	1996	Wyatt Dean Ammon	Zambia	2005
Robert H. Lindstrom	Poland	1996	Tessa M. Horan	Tonga	2006
Annika L. Rodriguez	Honduras	1996	Justin W. Brady	Mali	2006
Kyrstin Scharninghausen	Namibia	1996	Matthew S. Costa	Mali	2006
Jeremy A. Rolfs	Lesotho	1997	Julia Cecele Campbell	Philippines	2007
Elizabeth V. Livingston	Costa Rica	1997	Marilyn W. Foss	China	2007
Jeremiah Mack	Niger	1997	John Douglas Roberts	Vanuatu	2007
Chad Nettesheim	Dominican Republic	1997	Blythe Ann O'Sullivan	Suriname	2007
Kevin Leveille	Cote d'Ivoire	1998	Catherine Saltwick	Botswana	2008
Joie Kallison	Namibia	1998	Bertie Lee Murphy	Belize	2008
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Tributes

FOR CYNTHIA ANN MYERS 1941-1964: Cynthia was like a dear sister to us. We miss her. Her spirit lives on in our hearts and in those of the Indian people who knew her. Cynthia worked to improve human conditions.

Peace Corps India, Group 4
(1963-1965)

Honoring Peace Corps Colombia: 1961-1981, 2010-present; "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

John F. Kennedy
Anonymous PCV
Colombia (1963-1965)

In honor of Tunisia and all Peace Corps Volunteers who served there.

Mary Pendleton
Tunisia (1966-1968)

In honor of Moldova and all Peace Corps Volunteers who have served and are serving there now.

Mary Pendleton
Tunisia (1966-1968)
U.S. Ambassador to Moldova (1992-1995)

Luis Fernando Sanchez, Executive Director of the Marina Orth Foundation is my selfless and hardworking partner for deserving children in three schools and helps keep the spirit of the Peace Corps alive every day.

Maureen Orth
Colombia (1965-1967)

In honor of RPCVs who incorporate the third goal into their lives to better their communities.

Tamar and Jonathan Lechter
Uzbekistan/Ukraine (2001-2003)

We have always strongly believed in the Peace Corps' mission and are proud of the dedication of all the volunteers. That especially includes our son Kevin (Niger '07-'09, Togo '09-'10). May the Peace Corps serve on!

The Souza Family

In gratitude to Sarge who started it all and to the people of Barrio Simon Bolivar in Santo Domingo from whom I received so much.

Anonymous PCV Santo Domingo,
Dominican Republic (1963-1965)

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Walk of Flags

Start time ~12:30pm

To begin immediately following the ceremony.

To participate in the Peace Corps Walk of Host Country Flags, make your way to the flag staging area on Memorial Drive.

The walk will proceed across the Memorial Bridge and finish just north of the Lincoln Memorial where there will be opportunities for photos.

Participants walking with country flags:

Flags will leave from Memorial Drive in alphabetical order. Please check this list to know your flag's order of departure. Plan to arrive promptly at the flag staging area, as soon as the ceremony has finished.

Countries represented in the Peace Corps 50th Anniversary Walk of Flags

Afghanistan	Dominican Republic	(Republic of)	Sao Tome/ Principe
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Anguilla	East Timor	Malawi	Seychelles
Antigua & Barbuda	Ecuador	Malaysia	Sierra Leone
Argentina	El Salvador	Mali	Slovak Republic
Armenia	Equatorial Guinea	Malta	Solomon Islands
Azerbaijan	Eritrea	Marshall Islands	Somalia
Bahrain	Estonia	Mauritania	South Africa
Bangladesh	Ethiopia	Mauritius	South Korea
Barbados	Fiji	Mexico	Sri Lanka
Belize	Gabon	Micronesia (Federal States of)	St. Kitts & Nevis
Benin	The Gambia	Moldova	St. Lucia
Bolivia	Georgia	Mongolia	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Botswana	Ghana	Montserrat	Sudan
Brazil	Grenada and Caracou	Morocco	Suriname
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