



August 29, 2011

LTC Keaven M. Stevenson
MIL USA ANC/POG OSA
Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia 22211

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Stevenson,

Hello, my name is Corey Taylor. I'm one of the individuals with Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington DC (RPCV/W) you met with on August 18th at Arlington National Cemetery. I would like to submit this formal letter of request, asking for permission to allow RPCV/W and the families of Fallen Peace Corps Volunteers (FPCVs) to conduct a Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the gravesite of President John F. Kennedy, on the morning of September 25, 2011 during the Peace Corps 50th Anniversary Event at Arlington National Cemetery.

Our organization is composed of individuals in the Washington DC, Maryland, and Virginia area who served in the Peace Corps since the agency was founded in 1961. A separate entity from the Federal agency, RPCV/W was founded in 1979 and incorporated in 1990, in the District of Columbia. RPCVW is a nonprofit 501c3 and represents more than 700 returned Peace Corps volunteers, Peace Corps staff, Peace Corps families and supporters. This request is put forth to honor President Kennedy for his leadership in creating the Peace Corps, which has inspired the service of nearly 200,000 U.S. citizens to commit to two years of volunteer work in nearly 140 countries. On the morning of September 25th just outside Arlington National Cemetery, individuals who served in the Peace Corps will briefly note President Kennedy's vision in creating this agency, and the work achieved in Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Africa. We will also memorialize the 279 Fallen Peace Corps Volunteers before entering the cemetery and laying the wreath at President Kennedy's grave.

RPCVW has conducted wreath-laying ceremonies in honor of President Kennedy before, and we will do everything required to accommodate the rules and regulations of Arlington National Cemetery. On behalf of RPCVW, I would like to express my sincere thanks for reading our request. If you have any questions or comments for me, I can be reached by cell at 202-375-4654, or email at coreyquinlan@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Corey Taylor
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