



## Honoring Peace Corps at 50 Suggestions for Individual RPCVs and Affiliate Groups

There are several ways that individual RPCVs, affiliate groups and other members of the Peace Corps community can help document and preserve the unique and important history of Peace Corps and our legacy of service around the world.

### Peace Corps Projects—Digital Library

Individual RPCVs can now submit a story and up to five photos from their service to the Peace Corps 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Digital Library project. Collected materials will become part of a digital library accessible to the general public via the Peace Corps website, and will be offered to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for long-term preservation.

Detailed guidelines and an online submission forms are available at [www.peacecorps.gov/50](http://www.peacecorps.gov/50). Note that only one personal story and up to five photos will be accepted per contributor. Peace Corps will not accept any other materials—such as journals, letters, or videos—from individuals.

### Other Projects

#### Efforts by ‘Friends Of’ and Affiliate Groups

Peace Corps anticipates that many ‘Friends Of’ and other affiliate groups will create or otherwise make available historical materials timed to correspond with the Peace Corps 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please note that the agency cannot provide funding or assistance with developing materials. Materials created by affiliate groups will not be considered Peace Corps agency documents.

However, if your group is interested in increasing access to and long-term preservation of its Peace Corps-related historical materials, please consider the following:

#### *Inclusion in the Peace Corps Digital Library*

Peace Corps may consider including a link to your group’s materials in the agency’s Digital Library if your group:

- Confirms in writing that it holds the copyright to the materials or has a license to publish the materials on its website. The United States Copyright Office at the Library of Congress has further information on copyright compliance: [www.copyright.gov](http://www.copyright.gov).
- Does not include, without permission, personal information such as email addresses, street addresses or phone numbers in the materials;
- Is sensitive to the privacy concerns of individuals, including host country nationals;
- Is not defamatory to the Peace Corps, or any other group or individual;
- Is historically accurate; and
- Places the material on a webpage hosted by a ‘Friends Of’ group or affiliate group.

#### *Preservation of Print Materials*

Although Peace Corps cannot serve as a permanent archive, the agency will work in conjunction with NARA to facilitate long-term preservation of Peace Corps-related print materials. Affiliate groups may send Peace Corps two printed copies of any historical materials they create or otherwise make available. These materials will be offered by Peace Corps to the National Archives in College Park, Maryland. Materials will be subject to the Freedom of Information Act and NARA policies and procedures. Note that electronic submissions of affiliate group materials will not be accepted.

For further information on contributing materials, please contact [digital@peacecorps.gov](mailto:digital@peacecorps.gov).

#### Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Archival Project at the John F. Kennedy Library

Through its Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Collection, the John F. Kennedy Library provides a repository for RPCV letters, journals, oral histories and other historically significant materials related to the Peace Corps experience.

Interested members of the Peace Corps community should contact the Kennedy Library directly for guidelines on how to donate materials. For more information, visit the Kennedy Library’s website at [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org).

